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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost **September 5, 2021**

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people.
Matthew 4:23

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (The Book of Alternative Services)

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Susan Oliver
Preacher: Alison Hurlburt
Reader: Barb Norton

*The flowers on the altar are offered to the glory of God and in loving memory of
my parents and grandparents from Majorie Anderson.*

We are Treaty people of Treaty 6 Territory; a covenant between Nations, witnessed by the Creator. We commit ourselves to the sharing of this land and its sacred gifts together in peace by welcoming all peoples and genders in the spirit of Treaty and wâhkôhtowin, as all our relations.

Prelude

Opening Hymn: #397 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

*Praise the one who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light.*

*Praise the one who frees the prisoners,
turning blindness into sight.*

*Praise the one who preached the gospel,
healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.*

*Praise the one who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word.*

*Praise the one who drove out demons
with a piercing two-edged sword.*

*Praise the one who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand.*

*From this well comes living water,
quenching thirst in every land.*

*Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory,
praise the One who makes us one.*

The Gathering of the Community

(Please stand)

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Children's Talk

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Psalm: A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester by L. J. White
Duet by Joy Berg and Jessica Heine

Second Reading: James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Gradual Hymn #715 Alleluia

Refrain: *Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The Word of the Lord lasts forever. What is the Word that is living?
It is brought to us through his Son Jesus Christ. R
God brings the world to himself, now through his Christ reconciling;
he has trusted us with the news of redeeming love. R
The Word of the Lord is alive, the Word of God is active –
it can judge our thoughts, bring us closer to the Father. R*

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark (7:31-37).

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven,

he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Sermon

Alison Hurlburt

The Apostle's Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and

we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

(Please stand)

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

*We offer the peace of Christ collectively, rather than individually.
Please feel free to smile at your neighbour, but refrain from shaking hands.*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offeratory Hymn #569 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast,
such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.*

Prayer over the Gifts

(Please stand)

Celebrant: Great and holy God,

People: accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.



Music during Communion #612 Healer of Every Ill

Refrain: Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness.

Spirit of all comfort: fill our hearts. R

In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,

give us all your vision: God of love. R

Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother.

Spirit of all kindness: be our guide. R

You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing.

Spirit of compassion: fill each heart. R

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand)

Celebrant: Father,

All: your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn #450 You Call Us, Lord, to Be

*You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart,
to feel with thoughtful mind and think with tender heart.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.*

*You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbour too,
to take the risk, and dare to show what love can do.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.*

*You call us, Lord, to be good stewards of the earth;
to tend to it as a place of blessedness and worth.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.*

*You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live,
to know we best receive when joyfully we give.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

This week we pray for: Diocese of Kootenay: the Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton, Archbishop (Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of BC and Yukon). The retired clergy of the Diocese of Edmonton: Karen Hunt; Ed Kostyk; Michael Lawson; Joyce Mellor; Charles Mortimer (s. Lois); Joanne Neal; Ann Marie Nicklin (s. Owen); Helen Northcott (s. Rod), Susan Ormsbee (s. Charles); William Patterson; Bob Peel (s. Patricia); Fred Peirce; Jim Plambeck (s. Olga); David Prowse; Paul Robinson (s. Pat). Buyé Diocese, Buringanire Parish: Evariste Nsabimana, Rector. Alexander First Nation.

Readings for Next Sunday

Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 15; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

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