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“You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church.” Matthew 16-18

Sunday, October 22, 2017

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Prayer

Changes Things

Diocesan Bishop:	The Right Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Peddle
Rector:	The Reverend Jean Smith (On Leave)
Interim Administrator	The Reverend Irving Letto
Parish Deacon:	The Reverend Dr. Bonnie Morgan (On Leave)
Organist/Choir Director (Interim)	Andrea Powell
Parish Wardens	Ralph Drover
	Robert Hilliard
Office Administrator:	Jack Morgan

8:30am Book of Common Prayer: 10:30am Book of Alternative Services

LECTIONARY: Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114, (BCP p479; BAS p862); Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

COLLECT Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

HYMNS FOR 10:30 SERVICE

Processional: (#381) **Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven**
Gradual: (#435) **Take My Life, and Let It Be**
Offering: (#505) **Be Thou My Vision**
Closing: (#522) **Rock of Ages**



“Pastoral Message” – Each Sunday I plan to write a short message in the bulletin on some topic that I’ve been thinking about and that I would like to share with you. I invite you also to send me an email or simply ask me something that you would like me to write about sometime. What I write is never meant to be the last thing that can be said on the subject and would probably be different if I wrote about the same thing on another day. In some cases you may disagree or be more confused about something than you were before you read my message. I would appreciate your response. Below is my first message.

Pastoral Message

"Prayer changes things." This was the saying that was printed in glitter on one of the blue "mottos" I used to sell when I was a teenager. And it is very true. Nearly everyone prays sometimes. Many of us pray regularly because we believe it makes a difference in our lives.

Prayer is neither magic nor superstition. It does not even need to be expressed in words. At its deepest level it is "the soul's sincere desire."

Often our prayers are nothing more than asking God to do something for us. I'm sure God understands our need to do this, but prayer should chiefly be about discerning God's will. It is a way of relating with God, and through that relationship receiving the faith, courage and strength to change something in ourselves or the world. Prayer is a way of being with God.

C.S. Lewis in the movie *Shadowlands* speaks about why he prayed, especially when his wife was dying of cancer. He said, "I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It does not change God. It changes me."

Each Sunday there are several Prayer Cycles mentioned in our bulletin. "How can I pray meaningfully for all these people?" you might ask.

Here is a way to use the Cycle. Take the bulletin home. Place the list on your fridge or some prominent place where you will see it often. Here are a couple of suggestions for praying using these cycles..

Among the Church leaders is "Ronald, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada." Unless you are very knowledgeable about church organization you may not know who this is. Besides naming him in a prayer, you might want to check out who this person is. What is the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada? What is a Metropolitan? You could google these terms on the internet or ask someone to explain the terms. By doing this you will become more aware of who this is. Who can say what God can do with something that I take an interest in?

You could follow a similar approach to the individuals who have asked us to pray for them. Chances are there are several there whom you do not know. Besides simply repeating their names in a prayer, perhaps you could ask about who a certain person is. For someone you know, you could give them a phone call or send them a card or visit. If we can say "Prayer is the soul's sincere desire," then this could be a very effective practical prayer..

In the church we are joined together by the invisible love of God. As we get to know the people of the church near and far, barriers break down. As we bring them before God in our prayers, we are united and strengthened. God will help us discover new ways of understanding and helping one another.

This week we are praying for:

All Church Leaders, especially +Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; +Fred, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada; +Ronald, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, +Geoffrey, our Bishop; Jean+, our Rector; Bonnie+, our Deacon, and Irving+, our interim administrator.

In the Anglican/Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, ACC Bishop Melissa Skelton, clergy, and people of the Diocese of New Westminster ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the Atlantic Conference of the Eastern Synod.

In the Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, the people and Clergy o the Parish of St. Mark, Shearstown/Butlerville and the Parish of St. Mark the Evangelist, St. John's.

In the CBS Ministerial Cycle of Prayer we pray for the unity of all Christians; and for all clergy and members of the church communities of Conception Bay South.

We pray for our Alongsiders, Eva Adams and Evelyn Morgan.

Those who are sick or otherwise in need, especially: Rodney Andrews, Payton Best, John Bradbury, Janet Butler, Mary Dawe, Muriel Fowler, Brian Gosse, Deneal Haines, Mackenzie Jones, Marion Morgan, Glenys O'Brien, Pat Reid, Lucy Thistle, Chris Gillingham, Mary Bussey, Eileen Shaw (N.B.), Kevin Lawlor, Violet Batten, Margaret Eastman, Paul Stone and Rev. Jean.

Today's Bulletin is Given in Loving Memory of:

Laura Porter (remembering her birthday on October 28th). Peggy, Pauline and families and friend Linda

Ross MacLennan (Brother in law of Brenda Morgan (Jack), who passed away of October 17, 2017.

Johnny Tibbo (remembering his birthday on October 21st). Ruby and family.

The Reverend Frederick R. Rowsell+. Isabelle, Elizabeth, Brenda and families.

+Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.'