

8th Sunday After Pentecost

August 14, 2011



8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Christine Conkin
 Lay Reader: Wendy Both
 Lector: Rosemary Bishop
 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Alternative Services*)
 Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Christine Conkin
 Lay Readers: David Gravells and Jeff Oneski
 Deacon: The Reverend Julienne Hendrickson
Nursery is open at this service

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn: #5 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
All **you have broken the tyranny of sin
 and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son.
 Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
 that all people may know the glorious liberty
 of the children of God;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Children's Talk – The Reverend Christine Conkin

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament: Genesis 45:1–15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are

five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.**

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133

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New Testament: Romans 11:1–2a. 29–32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.**

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: #560 God, Whose Almighty Word

Gospel: Matthew 15:21–28

Reader: **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Reader: **The Gospel of Christ**

Response: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Homily – The Reverend Christine Conkin

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution – page 191

Peace

Offertory Hymn: #292 We Cannot Measure How You Heal

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Prayer Over the Gifts (*together*)

Loving God and Father, you have adopted us to be your heirs. Accept all we offer you
this

day and give us grace to live as faithful children. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #2 – page 196

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread - page 212

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ

We, being many, are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

The Communion

All are welcome to join in the sacred feast of Holy Communion. If you would prefer to

come forward for a blessing, please do so. All are invited to draw near the table of the Lord.

Prayer after Communion (together)

Eternal God, **we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #306 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Dismissal Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia

Barry O'Flynn is warden on duty today.

Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the church of New South Wales, Australia and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Douglas Stevens.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. Francis, Airdrie and their clergy, The Rev. Gordon Jackson.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. Patrick, Barrouallie with St. David. Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, All Saints, St. Mary Magdalene and The Rev. Coleridge Brooker.
- In our own parish let us ask for God's healing love to uphold and sustain all who are in any kind of need, especially: Al Both, Martin Cull, David Whitton, Trish Bentz, Fred Harshman. Pat McNamara, The Reverend Maurice Buck, Edith Cowan, Virginia Goodman, Marguerite Dimmer, Peggy Peckover, Paulette Sinkinson, Peggy Brookes, Bunny Hale, Elma, Mariam Jacobs, Emily Sharpe, Eileen Williams, Eapen Mathew, Garnet Wallace, Andrew Howe, Elric Hicks. Let us also pray for Yphande Jean, our Church-school sponsored child in Haiti.
- Today we remember Rita Leigh's family. Rita passed away August 6th and her funeral was held on August 11th.

Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God by:

- Maurice and Julienne Hendrickson with loving memory of two special young women, Lisa Hunte and Taley Jones. Also in celebration and thanksgiving for marriages, anniversaries and birthdays in the Hendrickson and Woodely families.
- Al and Wendy Both in loving memory of their parents, Otto and Gertrud Both and Carl and Sheila Hester.
- Dot Weins (Sanderson) in memory of loved ones and in thanksgiving.

SPIRIT ZONE (Children's Programs)

- **Nursery** –The nursery located on the lower level is available during the 10 am service.
- Please note that Sunday School will resume September 11th, 2011.

Upcoming Events:

- **Theology and a Pint** will resume in September.
- **Prayer group continues over the summer at 7:30 pm on the last Tuesday of each month. The next one will be on August 29th.**
- **St. Peter's Reads - "Faith Interrupted"** by Eric Lax has been suggested as our next book to read. It is a true, sensitively written account of an American man, the son of an Episcopal priest, who questions his faith as he reaches his mid-thirties. Lax humbly examines his religious conviction as related to life events and as related to the viewpoints of significant people in his life. There are a few copies available at the Calgary Public Library, a few copies at Chapters locations throughout the city, and a few floating around the parish. This book is available online or as an ebook. Let's meet in the courtyard again, while the weather is still nice (just maybe no snow) on Monday, Sept. 19 at 1:00 PM. Everyone is always welcome! Call Barb Crawford at 403-281-2578
- **St. Lucia Calgary Cultural Association** invites you to Cultural & Creole Day – Sept. 10th, 1-7 pm, free admission, St. Peter's Anglican Church. Call Agatha 403-796-9617.
- **ACW** – Memory Lane Vintage Fashion Show will be held on September 19th at 7:30 pm in the Lower Hall. Everyone Welcome.
- ACW Silver Cross Service and luncheon, September 17th, 11 am with lunch to follow at Cathedral Church of the Redeemer. Members will be given a reminder call.

The Reverend Helen Belcher will be on vacation beginning August 12th.

Congratulations to Lois and Barry Ellis as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Annual Golf Tournament will be held on September 10th at Turner Valley. The cost for golf, including cart, green fees, dinner and prizes is \$120 per player. The cost for the Roast Beef Dinner only including GST and gratuity is \$35.00 per person. The tee times start at 1:30 PM. Anyone who wants to donate prizes would be welcome to do so. Please contact Garth Dymond at 403-278-0317.

The Children's Chapel is now open. Please visit it in Room 7 and give thanks to Carolyn Houghton-Grabill and Neuchatel Home Enhancements who made this space possible.

Found – An ipod has been found in the lower hall under some furniture. If you have lost yours, please call the office at 403-252-0393 to identify.

Fragrance Free – Owing to the increase in fragrance allergies, please refrain from wearing fragrance to the Church (men and women). Thank you.

SUMMER SCHEDULE:

- Office hours starting Monday, May 23th until August 21th will be from Tuesday to Thursday, 9 am until 1 pm and on Mondays Ellen Lee will be in the office from 9 am until noon and on Fridays, our new office volunteer, Steve, will be answering the phone and taking messages from 9 am until 11 am.
- Please have all bulletin announcements into the office by Wednesday morning.
- There will be no nursing home services in July and August and the last fellowship tea and service prior to September will be June 15th.
- There will be no Christian Meditation until Mon., Sept. 12 and Wed., Sept. 14.

Fisherman's Catch – very *important* notice to all committees and groups; the deadline for all announcements for the September issue of the newsletter is August 18th, 2011. Please email to avril@stpeterscalgary.ca

Horn of Africa Drought Relief

The Canadian government has created the East Africa Drought Relief Fund to match donations made by Canadians to eligible charities retroactively from July 6 to Sept. 16 this summer. They are matching all donations for the Horn of Africa drought dollar for dollar.

PWRDF is responding to the famine through the ACT Alliance and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. ACT is a global coalition of 111 churches and agencies engaged in development, humanitarian assistance, and advocacy. The current needs as discussed with ACT members are as follows:

Kenya: Food distribution; supplementary feeding for nutrition targeting children, the elderly and nursing mothers; and water supply are the needs during the crisis phase. Farmers will need seeds, fertilizers and livestock restocking for the recovery process.

Ethiopia: Food distribution, water supply-- including the rehabilitation of water points and water harvesting; livestock restocking, and rehabilitation of pasture and growing of future animal feed.

Somalia: The Program Coordinator for the Somali Refugee Program who was in the Dadaab refugee camp, which hosts 370,000 people and is currently receiving about 1300 new arrivals a day, communicated on July 13, "Here, things are changing by the hour and the situation has never been this bad".

You can donate to this relief effort by writing a cheque to PWRDF and writing "Horn of Africa Drought" on the memo line. If you put this cheque in the collection plate [St. Peter's](#) will forward it to PWRDF for you. Alternatively you can donate through Canada Helps by following the links on www.pwrdf.org

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