

10th Sunday After Pentecost

August 21, 2011



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

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Christine Conkin

Lay Reader: Rosemary Bishop

Lector: Wendy Both

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Alternative Services*)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Christine Conkin

Lay Readers: Lorraine Grant and David McKeown

Deacon: The Reverend Julienne Hendrickson

Nursery is open at this service

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn: #645 Come Down, O Love Divine

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 **we are taught by your word
that all our doings without love are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtue;
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: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was

named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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Gradual Hymn: #357 Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

Gospel: Matthew 16:13–20

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

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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: #460 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining**THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED**Prayer Over the Gifts *(together)*

God of glory, **receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #5 – page 204

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)*

Living God, **increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #384 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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

Raju Paul is warden on duty today.

Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the church of Ruwenzori, Uganda and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Benezeri Kisembo.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for Holy Trinity, Calgary and their clergy, The REv. Stephen Hambidge.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. Mary, Bequia with Holy Cross, Pagent Farm; St. Michael Canouan, Mustique; St. Matthias, Union Island and their clergy, The Ven. Charles Adams.
- 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: Pam Hodgson, Al Both, 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.

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

- David Cormack in loving memory of Barbara and Eric Cormack.

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:

- **Take It Forward:** Join us after the 10:00 AM service on Sunday, Aug. 28, as Christine leads us through an informal discussion about the week's lessons and homily. It's a great opportunity to ask questions as we contemplate how to take forward our service to God, into the coming weeks.
- **Theology and a Pint** - returns Monday, September 12, 7:00pm, Limerick's Pub on McLeod Trail. Bring your most burning questions and theological opinions! For more information, please contact Christine.
- **Prayer Group** - The next meeting will be August 30^h at 7:30 pm
- **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.
- **Starting August 22**, the office will once again be open from 8:30 am until 3:15 pm., Tuesday to Friday. All bulletin announcements should be sent to the office by Thursday morning. avril@stpeterscalgary.ca
- **Fall Fair Meeting** will be held on Sunday, September 11th following the 10 am service for all involved and for those that are interested. Questions to Peter Leigh (chair) at 403-301-7048 or 403-281-1376, Arnold Williams (co-chair 403-251-4610). The Fall Fair will take place October 29th, 2011.
- **Pastoral Care Committee Lunch**, August 30th – 11am – 2pm.

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

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.

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:

- 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.

Multi-Faith Alliance-There will be a Multi-Faith Alliance Picnic on Sunday, September 4 from 12:30-2:30 at Edworthy Park Picnic Site #2. This will be a fun event and an opportunity for people from different faith communities in Calgary to meet one another. We are looking to the faith communities to organise groups of people to come to this event. Please think about how you can get a group of people together to come along. The site has a shelter etc. so this will be a rain or shine event. Please bring along a picnic and plan on meeting others from the Calgary faith community and learning about our efforts to create a Multi-Faith Alliance here in Calgary.

Secondly, we are very pleased to be able to offer two free community organising training sessions. These sessions are intended to develop the leadership skills necessary for bringing about social change through community organizing. They will be led by Joe Chrastil, a community organizer currently based in Seattle with over 25 years experience. The same training will be offered twice. Friday, September 23 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm or Friday, September 23 from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm and Saturday, September 23th from 9:00 am -3:00 pm.

Both trainings will take place at St. Laurence (5940 Lakeview Dr. SW). There is no cost for these trainings but we'll be asking for a \$10 contribution to cover the cost of the food. Registration deadline September 7th. Descriptions of both the trainings and the Alliance are below. For more information or to register please phone or email Anna Greenwood-Lee at 403-249-6184 x. 2 or rector@stlaurence.ca. Yours faithfully, Anna Greenwood-Lee, Ryan Andersen, Howard Voss-Altman, Dave Holmes, Clint Mooney, Debra Faulk, Murdo Marple and Jake Kroeker.

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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