

6th Sunday After Pentecost

July 24 , 2011



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

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Helen Belcher

Lay Reader: Rosemary Bishop

Lector: Wendy Both

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

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Helen Belcher

Lay Readers: Shelagh Innes and Lorraine Grant

Deacon: The Reverend Julienne Hendrickson

Nursery is open at this service

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn: #10 We, the Lord's People

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 O God,

All **the protector of all who trust in you,
 without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy,
 increase and multiply upon us your mercy,
 that with you as our ruler and guide,
 we may so pass through things temporal,
 that we lose not the things eternal;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Children's Talk - The Reverend Helen Belcher

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament: Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is

completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country —giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105:1–11, 45c

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New Testament: Romans 8:26–39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height,

nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: #476 God, You Have Caused to Be Written

Gospel: Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

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

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

Jesus put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Reader: **The Gospel of Christ**

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

Homily – The Reverend Helen Belcher

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution – page 191

Peace

Offertory Hymn: #619 Fairest Lord Jesus

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHAREDPrayer Over the Gifts *(together)*

God of grace, **accept all we offer you this day, as we look toward the glory you have promised. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #2 – page 196

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread - page 212

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

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)*

God of grace, **we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #378 Crown Him with Many Crowns

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 Southern Africa and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Nceba Bethlehem Nopece.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for All Saints, Medicine Hat, St. Ambrose, Redcliff and their clergy, The Rev. Ronda Ploughman.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. Paul, Calliaqua with St. John, Belair.
- 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: Corey Lee, 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.

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

- Betty and John Nadurak 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.
- **VBS (Panda Mania)** will be held August 15-19, 2011. Ages 3-11 are welcome. We are looking for volunteers to help out, especially for crafts, games and music. We are also looking for junior leaders, age 12 and older. Call Joan Hanna at 403-252-0393 for more info.

Upcoming Events:

- **Theology and a Pint** will resume in September.
- **Great summer reading:** Mitch Albom's book, Have a Little Faith, is a charming true story of two people who contribute to Mitch's faith journey in very positive ways. It is a quick, delightful read and is appealing to young adults as well, as it addresses some basic questions related to one's faith. Come and join us as we enjoy an informal chat about a lovely book - Sunday afternoon, July 24 at 4:00 PM. Let's meet outside in the courtyard if the weather is good, or in the Fireside Room, if it is not! Barb Crawford.
- Prayer group continues over the summer at 7:30 pm on the last Tuesday of each month. July 26th and August 29

Fisherman's Catch – 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

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.



Happy Birthday to Ellen Lee, Edith Lenko and Dave Cormack who are all celebrating their Birthday this week.

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.

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

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