

**5th Sunday of Easter  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Easter (BCP)**

May 22, 2011

**Love is as hard as nails by C. S. Lewis (1898-1963)**

Love 's as warm as tears,  
Love is tears:  
Pressure within the brain,  
Tension at the throat,  
Deluge, weeks of rain,  
Haystacks afloat,  
Featureless seas between  
Hedges, where once was green.

Love's as fierce as fire,  
Love is fire:  
All sorts - internal heat  
Clinkered with greed and pride,  
Lyric desire, sharp-sweet,  
Laughing, even when denied,  
And that empyreal flame  
Whence all loves came.

Love's as fresh as spring,  
Love is spring:  
Bird-song hung in the air,  
Cool smells in a wood,  
Whispering 'Dare! Dare!  
To sap, to blood,  
Telling 'Ease, safety, rest,  
Are good; not best.'

Love's as hard as nails,  
Love is nails:  
Blunt, thick, hammered through  
The medial nerves of One  
Who, having made us, knew  
The thing he had done,  
Seeing (with all that is)  
Our cross, and his.

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

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Maurice Buck

Lay Reader: Al Both

Lector:

8:00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Heritage Park

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Helen Belcher

Lay Reader: Rosemary Bishop

Lector: Mike Armstrong

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

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Helen Belcher

Lay Readers: The Reverend Julienne Hendrickson and Lorraine Grant

*Nursery is open at this service*

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**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Processional Hymn: #224 Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice**

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

**And also with you.**

Almighty God, *(Collect of the Day)*  
**your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.**  
**Give us grace to love one another**  
**and walk in the way of his commandments,**  
**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**  
**one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Children's Talk – The Reverend Helen Belcher

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Old Testament Acts 7:55–60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named

Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1–5,15–16

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**New Testament:** 1 Peter 2:2–10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn: #239 Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now**

Gospel: John 14:1–14

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

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

*Reader:* **The Gospel of Christ**

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

**Homily** – The Reverend Helen Belcher

Prayers of the People  
Peace

**Offertory Hymn: There Is a Redeemer**

There is a Redeemer,  
 Jesus, God's own Son,  
 Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
 Holy One,

Jesus my Redeemer,  
 Name above all names,  
 Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
 O for sinners slain.

*Refrain:*

Thank you oh my Father,  
 For giving us Your Son,  
 And leaving Your Spirit,  
 'Til the work on Earth is done.

When I stand in Glory,  
 I will see His face,  
 There I'll serve my King forever,  
 In that Holy Place.

**THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED**

Prayer Over the Gifts (*together*)

Gracious God, **you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you.... (celebrant continues)

... we glorify your holy name, ever more praising you and singing,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise you, merciful Father.... (celebrant continues)

... confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit on us.... (celebrant continues)

...and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, Now and forever. **Amen!**

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

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 love, **in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life.**

**May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.**

**Amen**

The Blessing

Announcements

**Recessional Hymn: #300 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

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

**Marg McKay** is warden on duty today.

Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the church of Northern Argentina and for their search for new clergy.

- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for Christ Church, Calgary and their clergy; The Ven. Ansley Tucker, The Rev. Tara Livingston and The Rev. Mishka Lysack.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. Patrick, Barrouaillie with St. David. Our Lady of Perpetual succor, All Saints, St. Mary Magdalene and their clergy, 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: Martin Cull, Margo Brisbin, Edith Lenko, 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, Annis Siddall, Tony Luca, Elma, Mariam Jacobs, Emily Sharpe, Win Ferrie, 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:

- Edith Lenko in memory of her sister, Joan.

#### **SPIRIT ZONE (Children's Programs)**

- **Nursery** –The nursery located on the lower level is available during the 10 am service.
- **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.

**Stephen Ministry:** The 2011 Stephen Minister class will complete their 18<sup>th</sup> Module this coming week. The title is "Follow Me" and will be a culmination of their hard work over the past 21 weeks. The evening will include a special time to praise God for His faithfulness and guidance over that time. At this point in their course, the Stephen Ministers are ready to be commissioned and assigned a Care Receiver. Our new Stephen Ministers will be commissioned on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The next seven Modules will be covered as Continuing Education over the next few months. Please pray for them as they reach out and offer support and a listening ear to those in crisis in our parish.

**ACW** – Will be going to the Saskatoon Berry Farm for lunch and to look at plants on Saturday, May 28, 2011. All ladies welcome. If you are planning to attend, please sign up at the ACW table in the Cormack Hall today or call Mary Anne at 403-271-2285. Carpooling can be arranged. This event is in lieu of our annual pot luck and will be the last event till September.

**The Spring Rummage Sale** Once again our great, but small team of volunteers have had a most successful sale, raising \$5774.69 including book sales of over \$1300.00. We are indebted to our regular helpers and the 'first times who joined us this time. Very many thanks to all who

gave of their time and energy, in particular, Dave Cormack, without whom the sale would almost be impossible. Join the team for our next sale – September 22/23/24. Vera Apletree.

**EVENING OF MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT JUNE 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM.** – The two Chancel Renewal Task forces are sponsoring an evening of enjoyment and celebration. The event will include music, special desserts and a silent auction of unique items. Chris Fullerton is our Program Producer. More information about details, content and ticket availability to come. Keep this date open to help the celebration of our Project. Any questions please see Rudy Janzen.

**Upcoming Events:**

- **THERE WILL BE AN 11:30 AM SERVICE AT HERITAGE PARK TODAY, MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>**
- **Theology and a Pint** – Monday, May 23, 7pm, Limerick's Pub (7304 MacLeod Trail S) – Come hang out and talk about life and faith. For more information, contact Christine: [christine@stpeterscalgary.ca](mailto:christine@stpeterscalgary.ca)
- **Blessing of the Wheels** – A wonderful time to give thanks for the wheels in your life--- bicycles, scooters, wheel chairs, walkers, baby strollers, motorcycles, teen's 1<sup>st</sup> car, etc. Sunday, May 29th, 10 AM at St. Martin's Anglican Church (Calgary Academy School), 1677 – 93 Street SW. Please join us and "**Bring Your Wheels**".
- **I would like to invite all youth in the Diocese of Calgary to an exciting event!** On Saturday, June 4th, 2011 we will be having a Diocesan Youth BBQ at Christ Church in Calgary. This event will take place from 11am-3pm and will include lunch. After lunch, we will have an "Amazing Race"!!! The cost for this is \$2. Please register and RSVP by Friday, May 20th, 2011.
- **The First Friday Club** is holding their Windup Potluck Supper on Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 PM at the Church. It is a bit different this year as we are having a Chef Cook-off, with 2 top notch Chefs cooking to see which one tickles your taste buds the best. We members will be bringing appetizers, vegetables and desert. The Chefs cook the meat. Our phoners will be calling you --- but if you don't get called, call Carol or Doug Kyle at 403-255-7932 to be included. WE DON'T WANT ANYONE LEFT OUT FOR A GREAT EVENING!
- **Reminder** – The *Pregnancy Care Centre* baby bottles to be filled with loose change, that were distributed on May 8th, are due back by June 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have not already picked one up, there are extras in the Narthex. Please help support this worthwhile group who counsel and support mothers and mothers-to-be.

**Only 2 Weeks Left** - Our annual **lobster dinner** will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Lobster Dinner - \$35.00, Lasagna Dinner - \$15.00, Extra Lobster - \$20.00. Tickets available after services from Diane Mockridge. For further information call Diane at 403-257-3543.

**Attention Co-op shoppers:** If you have any extra stickers from Co-Op's 'Free Kitchen Knives' program, please consider donating them to the Fall Fair's "Red Can" Fundraiser by Sunday, June 5. Contact Deena Janzen for more information at 403/271-0278.

**Pianist** – we are currently looking for someone to play the piano for the service we do every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Beverly Care Centre. If you can help us out, please call Joan Siddall at 403238/-7588.

In preparation for welcoming our new rector, **we are refreshing and cleaning our space.** The weekend of May 27-29, our refreshment team will be in the Lower Hall. On Friday at 9 am all the closets will be emptied and cleaned. The contents will be placed according to groups on tables in the lower hall. Saturday and Sunday 1-4 pm group members are encouraged to sort and purge their belongings. On Monday, the sorted and reorganized items will be placed back into the storage area. Groups that may be affected are: Flower Arrangers, Chancel Guild, Church School, St. Peter's Players, Fall Fair, Quilters, Events, Bridge Club and ACW.

**The Three Cantors'** For the first time, in Alberta, St. Laurence Anglican Church, Calgary in conjunction with The Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, Calgary are bringing the Canadian renowned 'The Three Cantors' to Calgary for a concert in support of PWDRF. This not to be missed event will take place Friday June 10th at 7:30 pm, at the Cathedral, with a large percentage of the proceeds from the concert and all CD sales going to support PWDRF. A link on the PWDRF website and the Wisdom Centre website will allow the parishioners in your parishes to purchase tickets online at the low cost of \$25! <http://www.pwdrf.org/our-work/3-cantors/>.

**The Canadian Badlands Passion Play in Drumheller;** July 15,16,17,21,22,23,24 is offering to all churches a 20% discount for tickets purchased at the same time (one time only). If any groups would like to go and receive this discount, please call Avril at 403-252-0393. Brochure is on the bulletin board.

**To check out St. Peter's Website – [www.stpeterscalgary.ca](http://www.stpeterscalgary.ca)  
We now have wireless access in the Church – [stpeterswireless](mailto:stpeterswireless) – password [peterswireless](mailto:stpeterswireless)  
Phone 403-252-0393**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S**

Monday	7:00 pm	Bible Study with Christine
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Book Study
Wednesday	2:00 pm	Fellowship Tea and Service
	11:30 am	Hunger For Healing
	3:00 pm	Christian Meditation
Thursday	9:30 am	Chapel Service
	9:30 am	Yoga
Friday	7:00 pm	Youth

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING SUMMER SCHEDULE:**

- Office Hours from May 24-August 21, 2011 will be Tuesday to Thursday from 9 am – 1 pm.
- There will also be a volunteer in the office on Monday and Friday mornings to answer the phone.
- Please have all bulletin announcements into the office by Wednesday morning.
- There will be no nursing home services in July and August.
- There will be no Thursday Chapel services in July and August.

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**We would love to hear from you:**

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**Wardens**

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Rector's Deputy Warden	Barry O'Flynn
People's Deputy Warden	Claire White