

13th Sunday After Pentecost

September 11, 2011

Talking to God

By Olive Holgate on Sept. 14, 2001- The Day of Mourning

You know too well the outcome when you gave us all freewill.
But when You saw those towers fall and lives return to you
You said "I'll turn this horror, from the nightmare that it is, to a
soul-redeeming purpose for those who now will live".

The courage of the medics and the firemen who tried in vain to
rescue those that were suffering and feeling so much pain.
Their task was superhuman and each one did his best.
They toiled on for hours not wanting to take a rest.
You heard the anguish of the frantic as they searched for loved
ones and friends.
How long will it last and will it ever end?
Always to remember- never to forget what their hearts are feeling,
their mind will not admit.
We may not know your purpose but to alleviate the pain
We must keep faith for those who died or all will be in vain.
There is more goodness in this world than we shall ever know
But it's the evil, sickness and horror that always seems to show.
Keep us in your loving care as life goes daily on
Heal the minds of those who grieve so they are not alone.
Incline our hearts to brotherhood so brothers we shall be
To overcome the hatred that so recently we've seen.
Always to remember. Never to forget
Your loving arms surround us and Your grace is infinite.

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

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Helen Belcher
 Lay Reader: Wendy Both
 Lector: John Ink

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

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Helen Belcher
 Lay Readers: Connie Kadey and Shelagh Innes
 Deacon: The Reverend Julienne Hendrickson
Nursery is open at this service

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn: #577 God of Grace and God of Glory

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 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.**

Children's Talk – The Reverend Helen Belcher

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament: Exodus 14:19–31

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The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the

Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 114

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Gradual Hymn: #576 For the Healing of the Nations

Gospel: Matthew 18:21–35

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

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

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then

he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Reader: **The Gospel of Christ**

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

Homily – The Reverend Helen Belcher

A moment of silence for peace and reconciliation in the world.

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution – page 191

Peace

Offertory Hymn: #455 Dear God, Compassionate and Kind

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Prayer Over the Gifts *(together)*

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.**

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)*

and cookies will be served in the Cormack Hall following the 10 am service for the children and anyone who is young at heart.

- Please make sure you fill out a Sunday school registration form for your child in Cormack Hall following the 10 am service.
- **VBS** – A huge thank you to all parishioners of St. Peter's and other volunteers who volunteered their time and talents to Vacation Bible School this past summer. We were blessed with close to 40 children who came to *Panda Mania* to hear about how "God is wild about them".
- **"Communion Studies"** is an opportunity for young people and their parents to explore the sacrament of Holy Communion together. While our church recognizes baptism as full membership into the Body of Christ, meaning that no further education is required to be welcome at the Lord's Table, we also recognize the value of on-going reflection. This is particularly important for the development of faith as children grow and change. As such, in early November we are inviting children, parents (and anyone else who's interested) to an exploration of Holy Communion in Spirit Zone. Families are encouraged to read together some preparation material that will be provided prior to November. Please contact Christine (christine@stpeterscalgary.ca) for this booklet and for more information.

Upcoming Events:

- **Name Tag Sunday Today** -please wear your name tags. If you do not have one and would like to have one, please contact Lois Ellis at 403-252-9503.
- **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.
- **Garage Dogs** – St. Peter's will be hosting a hot dog lunch for the students of Henry Wisewood School welcoming them back for the fall semester on September 13th at 11:30 am.
- **ACW** – Memory Lane Vintage Fashion Show will be held on September 19th at 7:30 pm in the Lower Hall. Everyone Welcome.
- **St. Peter's Bridge Club** will host their season opening Fall Wine and Cheese Bridge party on Saturday, September 17th, from 6:30 - 10:30 pm in Cormack Hall. New members are welcome. We play bridge every second Saturday in members' homes starting Saturday, Oct. 1st until early May. For more information contact Pam Milne @ 258-3042 or Paula Bishop @ 238-5218.
- **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.
- **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

- **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.
- **New this fall!** Join Betty Nadurak for a ten week Bible study of the Book of Esther, running Oct. 4 to Dec. 6. This in-depth study will take place Tuesdays mornings, 9:30 - 11:00AM. assuming we have a sufficient number of people. The cost for participants will be \$16-18 per person and the **deadline for registration is Sept. 6.** Register now by contacting Betty at 403-686-1110.
- **Christian Meditation** will resume Mon., Oct.17 at 7 pm and Wed., Sept. 14 at 3 pm.
- **FALL RUMMAGE SALE**

Drop off of articles –	Sept. 12-21 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Set up and sorting –	Sept. 19, 20 10 am - 4:00 pm
	Sept. 21 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sale	Sept. 22 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm
	Sept. 23 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
	Sept. 24 9:30 am - 3:00 pm
Clean up	Sept. 26 10:00 am

Joan Dunn (403-256-4316) and Bonnie Sinclair (403-253-8098) will call our regular helpers but please call them if you can help. You will be most welcome. Lunch will be provided on Wednesday and Thursday.
- **First Friday Club Fun** - Any adult(s) may come at any time, but it is helpful to get your name on a phone list so you can be informed of any changes or special plans, as some evenings have to be pre-booked, or pre-registered, usually a week in advance. Drop-ins are welcome with one week RSVP. Four activities are planned this fall:
 - Friday, Sept. 16th, "Wine and Cheese" to kick off the new year, at 7PM in the Cormack Hall, hosted by Mike and Ann Bright, RSVP 249-4075 by Sept. 9th.
 - Friday, Oct. 14th, TBA, possibly Floor Shuffleboard at 7PM in Cormack Hall. Host(s) needed. RSVP Shaw's below.
 - Friday, Nov. 25th, attend St. Peter's Player's evening of three One Act plays at 7:30 pm. Sheila and Peter Leigh host. Book tickets after 10am Sunday services in November. Phone 403- 281-1376.
 - Sunday, Dec. 4th, Christmas Carols at Mike and Mary Anne Armstrong's at 7pm. RSVP 271-2285.
 - For further information phone Keith & Marilyn Shaw 252-9238.

We are looking for three people to set up on September 30th and take down on the evening of October 1, chairs and tables for the Synod Meeting on October 1st at St. Peters. Please contact Helen if you are able to help out.

Missing – St. Peter's is missing lobster burners and 2 round tablecloths from the church. If you know their whereabouts, please contact Diane Mockridge at 403-540-9852.

Gas Rototiller Needed – please call Martin Cull at 403-281-4405 if you have one the Church can borrow.

Fellowship of the Least Coin – A reminder that we need your pennies. They can be put into the ACW box in the office or mailbox #308 or directly to me, Joyce Willis. Thank you for your support.

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.

This Week at St. Peter's

Wednesday	11:00 am	Chinook Care Centre
	11:30 am	Hunger For Healing
	3:00 pm	Christian Meditation
Thursday	9:30 am	Chapel Service
	7:00 pm	EFM
Friday	9:30 am	Yoga
	7-10 pm	1 st Friday Club
	10:00 am	Baptism Preparation
Saturday	6-11 pm	St. Peter's Bridge Club

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We love to hear from you:

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Wardens

Rector's Warden Raju Paul Rector's Deputy Warden Barry O'Flynn

People's Warden Marg McKay People's Deputy Warden Claire White

To check out St. Peter's Website – www.stpeterscalgary.ca

We now have wireless access in the Church – stpeterswireless – password peterswireless Phone 403-252-0393



WELCOME BACK ST. PETER'S YOUTH!

I hope that your summer has been filled with fun and sun! I'm looking forward to hearing about all of your adventures and having more over the coming seasons. The first official Sunday back is the 11th of September and I do hope that you'll all make it out.

Youth will be happening on Wednesday nights, but for September we'll be juggling it around a bit. As always there is a volunteer opportunity every Thursday evening at JLYS church downtown. This will commence ASAP and I encourage all of you to come out for great opportunities to meet other youth and enjoy some of the best home cooked meals I've ever tasted.

A late night movie night will be a lot of fun on Friday the 16th. Everyone and whoever you'd like to bring is welcome to come out and meet at St. Peter's around 9 pm. From there we'll go check out a flick, either at a theater or on St. Peter's "Big Screen!"

On Sunday the 18th after service, St. Lawrence's Anglican church will be hosting a Youth Bbq, and it would be cool if we piled in the "soccer van" and headed over there for 12-12:30ish to hang with some fellow youth and enjoy a Bbq. Knox Presbyterian church will also be hosting "Youth Drop-In" on Tuesdays, starting September 20th and I encourage you all to feel free to drop in there between 3-6 pm for fellowship with other youth as well. Who knows, you might actually meet people you have something in common with?

On Friday the 23rd we will test our wall climbing skills again at the University of Calgary's climbing wall. We could all meet at the U of C at 8:30 pm and climb for a couple of hours. If anyone needs directions on how to get there please just contact me, I'm easy to get a hold of.

Wednesday, September the 28th will be the 1st of many exciting Youth Group nights with a little something special planned. Youth will run from about 6:30 pm to about 9ish. More will be announced in the not so distant future and as always I am open to all your ideas so please brainstorm as to what and where you'd like to see your youth group go. I can't wait to see all of you and please bring your friends out if you like. See you soon. Blessings. Aaron

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