

Trinity 13
Pentecost 14
August 29th, 2010

Praying With Sacred Texts

Sacred texts are much more than a set of books,
to be read, and believed,
or used in evidence of a particular belief system.

Sacred texts capture the essence
of what humankind has struggled to express to God.

Whatever your own faith background,
the world's sacred texts can be a powerful resource for
prayer.

We can soak ourselves in just a single phrase,
savouring it until we have imbibed its meanings.

Or we can enter into the stories,
as if we were actually there,
letting them affect us
as they affected those
who were physically present at the time.

by Margaret Silf

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)
Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Helen Belcher
Lay Reader: Al Both
Lector: Wendy Both

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Alternative Services*)
Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Helen Belcher
Lay Readers: David McKeown and Jeff Oneski

Nursery is open at this service

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn: **#450 *You Call Us, Lord to Be***

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 **To you all hearts are open,
 all desires known,
 and from you no secrets are hidden.
 Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
 by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
 that we may perfectly love you,
 and worthily magnify your holy name;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Author and Giver of all good things,
**graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us in all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

(Collect of the Day)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 2:4–13

Barbara Jean Moore

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, “Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?” I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, “Where is the Lord?” Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children’s children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 81:1,10–16

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New Testament Letters: Hebrews 13:1–8,15–16

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Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?” Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit

of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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: Luke 14:1,7-14

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

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Reader: **The Gospel of Christ**

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

Homily

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

Peace

Offertory Hymn: **#646 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers**

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Prayer Over the Gifts

Merciful God, **receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #2

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The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

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

Almighty God, **you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #394 ***Eternal, Unchanging***

Dismissal Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the Risen Lord. Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia

Prayers

- In our Worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Most Rev. Gregory James Venables, Bishop of Argentina.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. George's in the Pines, Banff and their clergy The Rev. George Belcher and The Rev. David Ellis.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for Holy Trinity, Castries with St. Mary LaCaye and their clergy The Ven. Randolph Evelyn.
- 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: The Reverend Maurice Buck, Dennis Moore, Edith Cowan, Shelagh Innes, Virginia Goodman, Marguerite Dimmer, Fran McWilliams, Connie Hill, Peggy Peckover, Paulette Sinkinson, Peggy Brookes, Bunny Hale, Ken Willis, Annis Siddall, Tony Luca, Elma, Blaine Bonner, Mariam Jacobs, Pat Clayton, Emily Sharpe, Teresa & Geoff Dawe, 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.

- We remember Claire White and her family on the passing of her father on August 23rd in Stevenage, England.

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

- Peter and Pamela May in memory of loved ones and in thanksgiving.

Raju Paul is Warden on Duty today.

The Rector Search Committee has now been formed. The members are: Raju Paul (chairman), Alan Flanders, Rita Leigh, Clyde Elford, Lynne McKeown, and Carol Kyle.

SPIRIT ZONE (Children's Programs)

- **Nursery** –The nursery located on the lower level is available during the 10 am service.
- **Sunday School** will resume on Sunday, September 12th.
- Do you like working with children? Teachers are always needed. Joan can help you to job-shadow for a few weeks with an experienced teacher. Please contact Joan if you would like to participate in this very important ministry.
- **Vacation Bible School** – *"Baobab Blast. God's Great Get Together"* was held this past week and once again was a huge success with 49 children in attendance. Thank you's to Lois Ellis for setting out snacks, Bonnie Sinclair for making fabulous elephant, giraffe and oatmeal cookies, Julienne Hendrickson and Olive Holgate for the hot dog lunch, Dave Cormack for leading games and to Kevin Lane as helper, Jennifer Lane and Kaja Werth for attending the little ones in the nursery, Helen Belcher for opening prayers and Rev. Maurice Buck for closing prayers and grace before lunch. Our special thanks to Joan Hanna for organizing this outstanding week. Donations of the coffee cans were much appreciated. Please note that we no longer need these items.

Youth, set aside this special date: **MANNA** Calgary Anglican Youth Gathering, Saturday, September 25th, 2010 from 10 am to 4 pm at Christ Church in Calgary. To register, contact Jill Thompson at 403-249-3014 or email jillian_anna@hotmail.com.

Confirmation is Coming! Join OneBody for a unique confirmation experience. Beginning Sunday September 12th, 2010 the youth from **St. Peter's**, Good Shepherd, St. Laurence and St. Martin's will meet weekly to explore their faith in a fun and interactive way. All classes will take place at Knox Presbyterian, unless otherwise noted. Cost is \$50, which includes a study Bible and meals on the Sunday evenings. Here are the dates!

- Sunday, September 12th, 6-8pm – Introduction
- Sunday, September 19th, 6-8pm – Joan of Arcadia
- Sunday, September 26th, 6-8pm –Prayer
- Sunday, October 3rd, 6-8pm – Spiritual Gifts
- Sunday, October 17th – Outreach Event TBA
- Sunday, October 24th, 6-8pm – Baptismal Covenant
- Friday, October 22nd – Visit to a synagogue
- Saturday, November 6th – Mini day retreat
- Sunday, November 7th – Confirmation Evening Service at Good Shepherd

For more information, or to register, contact your parish priest or Jill Thompson (jillian_anna_@hotmail.com or 403.249.3014). Have a fantastic summer! See you in the fall!

Hello Youth of St. Peter's. I am Aaron Havens and I am anxious to meet all of you and get to know you over the next little while. On Friday Sept 17th I was hoping that we could all get together and get to know each other, perhaps attempting our hand at a bit of baking in the church kitchen. I have a surprise for the following Friday which I will reveal then, so come on out and see what its all about. On Sunday, Sept. 12th, it would be wonderful if we could get together for some treats, on me of course, in the fireside room and perhaps discuss what interests, questions, if any, some of you may have pertaining to the Bible, life or anything else for that matter. The following Friday is going to be a bit of a surprise as I mentioned so please come on out on Friday, Sept. 17th, to find out what it is. The 2nd Sunday (Sept.19th), we will continue our discussions from the 1st Sunday and hopefully develop a bit more direction of where it is everyone would like to go. So please come on out, bring a friend or two, or three or more, whatever you like and let's get to know each other. I really can't wait to meet you all. Until then God bless and take care.

Aaron

Remember these two important dates on your calendar:

- **Special 50th Anniversary Dinner and Celebration on October 2 at the Carriage House. Surprise guest speaker.**
- **Special 50th Anniversary Celebration Service on Sunday October 3.**

St. Peter's will be holding its **8th ANNUAL golf tournament** on September 4th at Turner Valley. Anyone interested is invited and if anyone has parents, brothers or sisters or daughters or sons who want to join us they are welcome. T-time would probably start at 1:00 P.M. They can contact me at ph. 265-7070 (B) or 278-0317 (R). Dinner will be Prime Roast Beef Dinner. Cost \$120.00 per golfer. Anyone who wants to join us for dinner only the cost is \$35.00 and they are welcome. The Cost of \$120.00 includes green fees, driving range privileges, dinner, prizes golf carts, GST and Gratuities. All you have to bring is a smile and your clubs and be ready for a fun day on the links. It is hoped this will be a special Anniversary tournament. I have assurances the weather will be great. Garth Dymond

Vignettes – If anyone has items of interest regarding the history of St. Peter's that they would like inserted as a vignette into the bulletin, you can submit it to Dave Cormack, Jim Denis, Pam Grigg or Garth Dymond. (This can be an incident, a hi-light, an experience they or their parents or grandparents experienced at St. Peter's, something of significance for them or their family or parents that is memorable about St. Peter's.)

Chancel Guild: A reminder to members of the next Chancel Guild Meeting, Sept 11, 9:30am in Room 9. If you are unable to attend, please let Pam know. 403-217-1988 or ppmay@shaw.ca

Christian Meditation. Weekly group sessions will re commence on Monday, September 13th at 7:00 PM and Wednesday, September 15th at 3:00 PM. All regulars will be welcomed back as will

anyone interested in learning more about this form of prayer. For more information please contact Rosemary Bishop at 403-254-9606.

Hunger For Healing - The Hunger for Healing group, using the 12 Step program for Christian Spiritual Growth as grown so we need to split into two groups. We will still meet Wednesdays at 11:30 with a bag lunch, then separate at noon. One group will study the Hunger for Healing book and the other group will study The Sermon on the Mount. We will come together again to close the meeting. Place: St. Peter's Anglican Church - Wednesdays 11:30 pm to 1:30 pm - Contact: Avril at St. Peter's 403-252-0393 or Gwen Smith 403-238-0105.

First Friday Club is starting up for the fall and winter activities. Our first function will be a "Wine and Cheese" evening at the Church on Friday, September 17th at 7 pm. This is open to all St. Peter's people, so just show up and enjoy a social evening together. We will discuss the rest of the years activities during the evening. We have quiet and events and active events and we are starting off with a quiet event. Call Doug or Carol at 255-7932 if interested.

Help Wanted – Do you have 2 hours to spare on the 4th Wednesday of each month, September to June from 9:30 am to 11:30 am? Help is required to push clients to communion service at the Beverly Care Centre, 90th Ave. opposite Glenmore Landing. If you can assist, please contact Joan Siddall at 403-238-7588.

Fall Rummage Sale – Our next sale will run from 1pm Thursday, September 23rd until 3pm Saturday, September 25th. We shall take in clean clothing, household items, shoes, books, etc. during office hours, 9am-3pm, Tuesday to Friday from September 13th – September 21st. We begin setting up and sorting on Monday, September 20th, 10am-4pm; Tuesday 10am-4pm; Wednesday 10am-6pm, Thursday 10am-12pm. The sale will run from 1pm-7pm Thursday, 10am-7pm Friday and 9:30am-3pm on Saturday. Clean up will be on Monday, September 27th. Please come out and help us get the job done in record time. Joan Dunn (266-4316) and Bonnie Sinclair (253-8098) will be calling our regular helpers, but please call them if you would like to help in any capacity. Lunch will be provided on Wednesday and Thursday.

Reminders

- To 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.
- Please remember to phone or email to book all events and meetings at the Church with Avril – even if you have traditionally always been booked on a certain date.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S www.stpeterscalgary.ca **Phone 252-0393**

Monday	7:00 pm	Small Group Bible Study
Wednesday	11:30 am	Hunger For Healing
Friday	9:30 am	Yoga

Fall Events at St. Peter's

September

- 5 Heritage Park Service 11:30 am
Bishop Gary Woolsey preaching at 10 am
Baptism of Cynthia Thacker with lunch for congregation to follow
- 9 9:30 am Chapel Service resumes
- 12 **Home Coming Sunday**
Sunday School Classes resume
Welcome luncheon for Christine Conkin and Aaron Havens
- 16 Garage Dogs at 11:30 am – Lunch with youth from Henry Wisewood
- 17 Friday night youth group resumes
- 19 Market Place Sunday following the 10 am service
- 23-25 Rummage Sale
- 26 Dave Cormack's "50th Anniversary "Show and Tell" following 10 am service

October

- 2 Starfish Café – Workshop for novice songwriters and budding musicians
Time: 9 am – 12 noon
- 2 50th Anniversary Dinner at the Carriage House Inn
- 3 50th Anniversary Service
Heritage Park Service 11:30 am
- 7 Food For Thought Study following 9:30 Chapel begins
- 10 Thanksgiving Sunday
Heritage Park Services 8:00 am and 11:30 am
- 23 Fall Fair

**Auditions for St. Peter's Players "My Fair Lady" will be held:
September 28th-7:30 pm; October 1st-7:30pm; October 2nd-2pm; October 3rd-2pm**
For more information, contact Dave Cormack at 403-255-5867.