

# 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

August 7, 2011



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

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Helen Belcher  
 Lay Reader: Rosemary Bishop  
 Lector: Elaine Montgomery  
 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*

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**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**  
**Processional Hymn: #9 Today, I Awake**

*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 sent your Holy Spirit  
 to be the life and light of your Church.  
 Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
 that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
 in love, joy, and peace;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 who is alive 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:** Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to

them.” He answered, “Here I am.” So he said to him, “Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.” So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, “What are you seeking?” “I am seeking my brothers,” he said; “tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.” The man said, “They have gone away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

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

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

Psalm 105:1–6, 16–22, 45c

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**New Testament:** Romans 10:5–15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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

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

**Gradual Hymn: #365 Glory to God on High**

**Gospel:** Matthew 14:22–33

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

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

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

*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: #466 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord**

**THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED**

Prayer Over the Gifts *(together)*

Father, **receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in this eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit. We ask this 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)*

Eternal God, **grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus**

**Christ the Lord. Amen**

The Blessing

Announcements

**Recessional Hymn: #387 All Praise to Thee**

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 Remo, Nigeria and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Michael Fape.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. Theodore, Taber and their clergy, The Rev. Wil Stonehill.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. Matthew, Biabou with St. Sylvan and St. Mark and their clergy, The Rev. Clive Thomas.
- 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:

- Emily Sharpe in loving memory of her family and friends 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.
- **Prayer group continues over the summer at 7:30 pm on the last Tuesday of each month. The next one will be on August 29<sup>th</sup>.**
- **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, and if you would like me to order you a copy, I would be glad to do so. I will place an order on Aug. 8 and delivery is usually within a week.(note - I will be away July 29 - Aug. 2) 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. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1-7 pm, free admission, St. Peter's Anglican Church. Call Agatha 403-796-9617.

**Thank You** - On behalf of the Hunte Family, I would like to extend a sincere Thank You to St. Peter's Anglican congregation. Your love, commitment and overwhelming willingness to assist during this devastating time will never be forgotten. Though our love and loss of Lisa brought us pain; we are comforted by the love and support from our brothers and sisters at St. Peter's. The joy, pleasure and blessings that you have all offered continues to help our family with the grieving process. With the Lord's assistance, we will triumph as one unified family. God bless and thank you again! Brad Hunte.

The Reverend Christine Conkin will return from holidays on August 9<sup>th</sup> and The Reverend Helen Belcher will leave for vacation on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual Golf Tournament** will be held on September 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The Children's Chapel** is now open. Please visit it in Room 7 and give thanks to Carolyn Houghton-Grabill and Neuchatel Home Enhancements who made this space possible.

**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:**

- Office hours starting Monday, May 23<sup>th</sup> until August 21<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be no Christian Meditation until Mon., Sept. 12 and Wed., Sept. 14.

**Fisherman's Catch – very *important* notice to all committees and groups;** the deadline for all announcements for the September issue of the newsletter is August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Please email to [avril@stpeterscalgary.ca](mailto:avril@stpeterscalgary.ca)

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