

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Harvest Festival
October 4th , 2009



The lands around my dwelling are more beautiful
from the day when it is given me
to see faces I have never seen before.
All is more beautiful and life is thankfulness.

Inuit Poem

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)
Celebrant and Preacher: The Venerable Richard LeSueur
Lay Reader: Al Both
Lector: Mike Armstrong

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Alternative Services*)
Celebrant and Preacher: The Venerable Richard LeSueur
Lay Readers: David McKeown and Connie Kadey
Nursery is open at this service

Prelude

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn #258 *We Plough the Fields and Scatter*

Greeting

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.

Creator of the fruitful earth,

(Collect of the Day)

Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

The Children's Talk

Archdeacon Richard LeSueur

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Haggai 1:1-8

Doug Kyle

In the second year of King Darius, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest: Thus says the LORD of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the LORD's house. Then the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Is it a time for you yourselves to live in your panelled houses, while this house lies in ruins? Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider how you have fared. You have sown much, and harvested little; you eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill; you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and you that earn wages earn wages to put them into a bag with holes. Thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider how you have fared. Go up to the

hills and bring wood and build the house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honoured, says the LORD.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

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New Testament Letters: 1 Timothy 2:1–7

Carol Kyle

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all Godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #403 *Let All Things Now Living*

Gospel: Matthew 6:25–33

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

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

Jesus said, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

**we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn #399 *Now Thank We All Our God*

Dismissal

Postlude *Nun Danket Alle Gott* by Karg-Elert

Prayers

- In our Worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the people and congregations of Swansea, Wales and their Bishop, John Davies,
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. Luke, Blairmore and their clergy The Rev. Bill Inglis and The Rev. Nicky Keyworth.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for Grace Church, Riviere Dorce with St. Paul and Christ the King and their clergy The Rev. Ashton Francis.
- 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: Rachael Patrick, Paulette Sinkinson, Jim Denis, Doreen Thomson and family, Nan Fowler, Marguerite Dimmer, The Rev. Maurice Buck, Valerie Knobbe, Peggy Brookes, Bunny Hale, The Rev. Kerry Bourke, Aileen Reese, Ken Willis, Annis Siddall, Laurie Houghton-Evans, Norman Knowles, 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, and for Dawn, Dale and Kaitlyn Wilson. Let us also pray for Yphande Jean, our Church-school sponsored child in Haiti.
- We give thanks for the life of Bob Thomson who died on September 28th, 2009. His funeral will at St. Peter's on Monday, October 5th at 1:00 pm. Please pray for his wife Doreen and their family.

Rita Leigh is warden on duty today.



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

- Elaine Montgomery in loving memory of her parents, Arthur and Effie King.

THANK YOU for the written responses to the trial arrangement last Sunday of a "nave altar" and the choir relocated into the present sanctuary. If you were present and have observations you can share please be sure to send your comments into the church office by email or mail. All comments are being gathered together by the Chancel Renewal Task Force as we continue in this exploratory phase.

The report summarizing the feedback received from the congregation in June is still available on the "Welcome" table in the narthex.

Harvest BBQ – Thank you to members of Vestry; Julienne, Gavin and Gaston Hendrickson, Mary Dymond, Dave Cormack and Diane Mockridge for all their help with preparation and clean up.

St. Peter's Players will hold a 'try out reading' today, October 4th at 2pm in the Cormack Hall.

Christian Meditation – Monday evening Christian Meditation sessions will resume on November 2nd at 7 pm.

Christian Education this Fall

STARTS THIS WEDNESDAY "FANTASY, REALITY, HEAVEN AND HELL" with The Rev. Helen Belcher. An exploration of the role of imagination and fantasy in conversion, belief and faith understanding. Four Wednesday evening workshops on the life and work of **C.S. LEWIS** will be held October 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th at 7:00 pm in the Cormack Hall. Please contact Helen Belcher for further information. There will be no registration – all are welcome to attend.

BIBLICAL, ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP TODAY

David Gravells will be presenting a one evening session on November 4th at 7:00 pm.

SPIRIT ZONE (Children's Programs)

- **Nursery** –The nursery located on the lower level is now available during the 10 am service.
- Do you like working with children? Teachers are always needed for the fall term. 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.
- **Prayer Partner Pot Luck** – Sunday, October 18th in the lower hall following the 10 am service.
- **Family Service** – Sunday, October 25th at 10 am.

O GIVE THANKS

Last Sunday St Peter's Players presented cheques of \$3000 for the Operating Fund and \$1500 towards a stained glass window, bringing total donations from St. Peter's Players in 2009 to \$6000 for the Operating Fund and \$3000 for a stained glass window. In addition, St. Peter's Players purchased \$2000 worth of new chairs for the lower hall – with comfy seats! Thanks to Britt Mockridge and Dave Cormack for moving in the chairs.

What is the Prayer Partner Project All About?

Adults and older youth are asked to make a commitment for one year to be a Prayer partner for a child from the Church School. They are asked to lift the child in prayer daily, greet the child when they see them in church, acknowledge high days and holy days such as birthdays Christmas and Easter with a phone call or card. The primary nature of this relationship is spiritual. However, if the partners feel so inclined they can explore other ideas together. If you are interested in this special ministry, please speak to Joan Hanna.

THE SHOE BOXES are here. Calgary shoe boxes will be going to countries such as Bolivia, Chile, El Salvador, Paraguay and Sierra Leon. Although we think of these countries as having a warm climate they also have a cool rainy season. Mitts, socks, toques, t-shirts, etc. would be appropriate items to add to the boxes. Also, there is a pamphlet included in the box that lists what can and cannot be included in the shoe boxes. There is a marked basket in the narthex for (extra) donated items for the boxes. Please return all full boxes to St. Peter's by Sunday, November 15, 2009. Questions? Comments? Please contact Joan Hanna at 252-0393.

The First Friday Club will be hosting a wine and cheese evening on October 2, 2009 at 7:30 pm in Cormack Hall. A warm invitation is extended to all. Please call Mary Dymond at 403-278-0317 if you would like to attend.

FLOWER ARRANGERS – We are looking for someone with experience in creating floral arrangements. If you fit the bill, please call Pam Hodgson at 403-720-2145.

Do It All In Jesus' Name: Stephen Ministers bring distinctively Christian care to those in need. They use both words and deeds to express Christ's care for others – listening and comforting, calling the training they have received and employing the tools of faith. If this job description fits your personal goals for ministry, consider becoming a Stephen Minister. A training class is starting soon. Pray about God's plan for your life and consider learning many useful skills so that you, too, can reach out, with confidence, to others in need. For more information contact Rev. Helen Belcher at the church or Al and Wendy Both at 403-281-5657. They will be willing to answer all your questions and give you details about the Stephen Ministry Program. The rewards in making this commitment are life-changing. Sign up now for the new class that will commence in January 2010. Information leaflets are on the cupboard at the top of the stairs in the Narthex.

STEVE BELL IN CONCERT– Hosted at St. Peter's !

Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 7:30 pm at St. Peter's Anglican Church. Join Steve for an intimate evening of Story, Song and Worship, a rare solo concert appearance, his first in years in the Calgary area. Tickets are \$20.00 and are available from the office. You may also purchase them on line at www.stevebell.com or call Sign Post Box Office at 1-800-854-3499.

PWRDF is celebrating 50 years (From Cookies to Champagne, 50 Café Events) with an evening of celebration to coincide with the end of Synod. A reception will be held on Saturday October 17th at St. Stephen's Anglican Church with ethnic finger food, a cash bar, entertainment and a raffle. Bishop Tom Morgan and Heather Pearson will share pictures and stories from the PWRDF visit to Burundi and Kenya. For more information or to purchase tickets (\$20) call Alison Longson at 403-243-5478, or email pwrdf.calgary@telus.net.

FALL FAIR will be held October 24, 2009. An information meeting will be held during coffee time following the 10 am service on September 27th. Anyone who would like more information and all coordinators of the Fall Fair are asked to attend. For more information, please feel free to call one of the following: Arnold Williams (403-251-4610), Peter Leigh (403-281-1376) or Garth Dymond (403-278-0317).

The Fall Fair Bake Table welcomes all contributions! Best sellers include squares, shortbread, pies, tarts and anything with chocolate, cranberry and especially lemon. Breads and buns are also needed. Please label items (e.g. lemon squares, butter tarts, etc.) and indicate if item contain nuts.

“Thank you” from the Chancel Guild to all who donated candles, pinecones and baskets to the Chancel Guild. Your response was overwhelming. Our workshop on Saturday, September 26 produced many decorative baskets filled with wax-covered pinecones which will be on sale at the Fall Fair. All donations were very much appreciated.

Offering Cards for those using Auto-Debit You will find a small basket on the table at the entrance to the church with cards which can be placed in the offering plate by those using auto-debit. A way of signifying your gift to the glory of God and to support the life and ministry of St. Peter's. Many thanks.

Fall Rummage Sale – Our next Rummage Sale will run from 1 pm Thursday, November 12th until 3 pm Saturday, November 14th. We shall begin to take in clean clothing, household items, shoes, books, etc. from Monday, October 26th and nothing after 4 pm on Tuesday, November 10th. We warmly welcome anyone who would like to help – more details later. If you have good quality items – glass, china, Christmas decorations, etc. suitable for the specialty *White Elephant* table at the Fall Fair on October 24th, please let me know. Please keep all clothing until the rummage sale. There is a notice board in the Cormack Hall where larger items such as furniture, etc. can be advertised or 'goods wanted' noted. In this way, sales can take place 'off the premises'. Please contact Dave Cormack (403-255-5867) or me to have your items posted. Vera Apletree (403-255-2406).

Have a look at the new Web Site: Learn about every aspect of St. Peter's ministry and life. Updated weekly. Great photos. www.stpeterscalgary.ca

Have you ever wanted to operate a snow plough or snow blower? Here is your chance. *St. Peter's Ploughers* [your friendly snow clearing team] is looking for additional members to help us through the coming snow season. On-the-job training will be provided as you work with an experienced member. How often are your services needed? Right now, each member is in-charge of snow removal only one week in every 6 to 8 weeks. We celebrate the end of the ploughing season at a local restaurant with lots of fellowship and good food. If you are interested please speak to Richard Bane after the service or call him at 403-281-2652

St. Martin's has invited speakers from various world religious communities to speak about their faith and traditions. Knox Presbyterian is hosting this series and all are encouraged, including youth and young people, to join in. These talks will take place at Knox Presbyterian Church, 3704 – 37 St. SW. Doors open at 7:00pm with light refreshments, talks to begin at 7:30pm.

Wed. Oct 7: Islam with Rhadjah Chimolovska

Wed. Oct 21: Buddhism with (monk) Dr. Leslie Kawamura

Wed. Nov 4: Judaism with Rabbi Miller

Wed. Nov 18: Coptic Orthodox Christianity with Kamal Botros

Wed. Dec 2: Hinduism

All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

Brass Shell Casings – In the past we have used these shell casings for flowers at our Remembrance Day Service. Unfortunately, they have gone missing. If you know of their whereabouts, please call Pam Hodgson at 403-720-2145

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Monday	7:00 pm	Christian Meditation
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Prayer Group
Wednesday	11:00 am	Mayfair Care Centre
	11:30 am	Hunger For Healing
	3:00 pm	Christian Meditation
	7:00 pm	Christian Education
Thursday	9:30 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	7:00 pm	EFM (Education for Ministry)
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	9:30 am	Yoga

Next Sunday – October 11, 2009 – Thanksgiving Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 am Holy Communion (BAS)

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