

15th Sunday After Pentecost

September 25, 2011

BREATHE INTO ME HOLY SPIRIT

THAT MY THOUGHTS MAY ALL BE HOLY.

MOVE IN ME HOLY SPIRIT

THAT MY WORK, TOO MAY BE HOLY.

ATTRACT MY HEART HOLY SPIRIT

THAT I MAY LOVE ONLY WHAT IS HOLY.

STRENGTHEN ME HOLY SPIRIT

THAT I MAY DEFEND ALL THAT IS HOLY.

PROTECT ME HOLY SPIRIT

THAT I ALWAYS MAY BE HOLY.

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Christine Conkin
 Lay Reader: Wendy Both
 Lector: Mike Armstrong
 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Alternative Services*)
 Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Christine Conkin
 Lay Readers: David Gravells and Connie Kadey
 Deacon: The Reverend Julienne Hendrickson
Nursery is open at this service

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn: #1 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

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 Grant, O merciful God,

All **that your Church,
 being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one,
 may show forth your power among all peoples,
 to the glory of your name;
 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 17:1–7

Doug Kyle

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the

elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1–4,12–16

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New Testament: Philippians 2:1–13

Betty Nadurak

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: #388 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Gospel: Matthew 21:23–32

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

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Reader: **The Gospel of Christ**

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

Homily – The Reverend Christine Conkin

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution – page 191

Peace

Offertory Hymn: #59 Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Prayer Over the Gifts (*together*)

Eternal God, **in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #5 – page 204

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)

Father in heaven, **strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfill your will in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #602 Lift High the Cross

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 Southern Virginia and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. Barnabas, Calgary and their clergy, The Rev. Jagdutt Singh, The Rev. Philip Behman and The Rev. Eric Haffenden.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. Petrick with St. Mary and St. Francis and their clergy, The Rev. Canon Christopher Drakes.
- 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: Aileen Shier, Pam Hodgson, 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:

- Doug and Judy Hay in memory of loved ones and in thanksgiving and gratitude for family and friends.

- Doreen Thomson and family in loving memory of Bob Thomson; husband, father and grandfather.

SPIRIT ZONE (Children's Programs)

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

- **Fall Rummage Sale** Clean up Sept. 26 10:00 am
- **Youth** - 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. Blessings. Phone 403-860-8237 email aaronhaves@hotmail.com
- **Theology and a Pint** – Monday, September 26, 7:00pm, Limerick's Pub on McLeod Trail. Bring your most burning questions and theological opinions! For more information, please contact Christine.
- **The next Heritage Park 8 am Communion Service** will be held on October 9th, Thanksgiving Sunday. Entrance to the park for this service is free. Refreshments will be served following the service. The next 11:30 am services will be October 2 and 9. Please note that admission to the park will be charged for these services.
- **Fall Fair – October 29th** - there will be a table set up during the coffee hour for information and volunteer sign up, and for further information at other times parishioners can also call Peter leigh at 403-281-1376, or Arnold Williams at 403-251-4610.
- **New this fall!** Join Betty Nadurak for a ten week Bible study of the Book of Esther, beginning September 27th. This in-depth study will take place Tuesdays mornings, 9:30 - 11:00AM. The cost for participants will be \$16-18 per person. Register now by contacting Betty at 403-686-1110.
- **Monday Evening Christian Meditation** will resume Mon., Oct.17 at 7 pm.

- **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, 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 Christine 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.

Fragrance Free – Owing to the increase in fragrance allergies, please refrain from wearing fragrance to the Church (men and women). Thank you.

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We love to hear from you:

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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](http://stpeterswireless) Phone 403-252-0393**

This Week at St. Peter's

Tuesday	7:30 pm	Prayer Group
Wednesday	10:00 am	Beverly Care Centre
	11:30 am	Hunger For Healing
	3:00 pm	Christian Meditation
	6:30 pm	Youth Group

Thursday	9:30 am	Chapel Service
	7:00 pm	EFM
	7:30 pm	Choir
Friday	9:30 am	Yoga