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Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path. Psalm 119
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Service broadcast to be watched at home

The Ven. Christopher Dunn

The Rev. Simone Hurkmans

The Rev. Deacon Dr. Jarrett Carty

Music: Edith Troup

Children and Youth: Barbara Robertson

Celebrant: Dear friends, we gather today on the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people.

People: May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Hymn: **Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness** CP#447

**Lord, we hear your word with gladness:
you have spoken—we rejoice:
words of love and life and freedom—
help us make their truth our choice!
Now in holy celebration
for your Word we worship you;
spoken, written, known in Jesus,
ours today to prove anew.**

**May we hear with understanding,
by your Spirit taught and led;
may the springs of all our being
by your living Word be fed;
may our hearts accept with meekness
all the grace your light makes known;
may obedience mark our footsteps
till we make each word our own.**

**You have spoken; yours the fullness,
ours the wealth of this, your Word;
debtors, then, as living letters,
we must make your gospel heard!
By your Spirit's power transform us;
shed your saving light abroad
till our lives by love in action
show our world the truth of God!**

Celebrant: Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

People: Your word is our heritage forever, the joy of our hearts.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: 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.

Celebrant: Divine Sower,

People: you scatter your seed generously: may we be rich soil and receive your gift so freely given, so that we may revel in love's abundant, reckless growth; through Jesus Christ, the grain of life. Amen.

The First Reading is from Genesis (25:19-34)

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your

birthright.” Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?” Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:105-112 (read together)

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path. I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous judgements. I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word. Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, and teach me your judgements. My life is always in my hand, yet I do not forget your law. The wicked have set a trap for me, but I have not strayed from your commandments. Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; truly, they are the joy of my heart. I have applied my heart to fulfil your statutes for ever and to the end.

The Second Reading is from Romans (8:1-11)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ

does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: **Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

CP#649

**Breathe on me, breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine,
to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (13:1-9, 18-23)

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A

sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! . . . Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Hymn: **We Plough the Fields and Scatter**

CP#258

**We plow the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.**

***Refrain: All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
for all his love.***

**He only is the Maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star.
The wind and waves obey him;
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread. *Refrain***

**We thank thee, then, O Father,
for all things bright and good:
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts! *Refrain***

Celebrant: Let us make an affirmation of faith. We believe in God:

All: **who is older than eternity and younger than our next breath; who is beyond describing yet knows us all by name; who inspires faith yet cannot be contained by religion.**

Celebrant: We believe in Jesus Christ, flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;

All: **He came in the body to give worth to every human life. He touched the untouchable, loved the unlovable, forgave the unforgivable and endured slander, persecution and death in order that through suffering love God's kingdom might come on earth.**

He rose from the grave as living proof that what is laid down in faith will be raised in glory. He ascended to heaven that he might be present at all times to all people.

Celebrant: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

All: who leads us into truth and freedom, who gives good gifts to all God's children, who inspires research, enables prayer, and wills that human economics and politics should make a priority of justice, care of the earth and the healing of the nations.

Celebrant: We celebrate the potential of the Church,

All: the life in our bodies, the yearning in our souls, the promise of good things in store for those who love the Lord.

Prayers of the People

(prepared by Patricia Fox)

One: Holy God, as we continue to live our lives in these very challenging times, help us to set our minds on the Spirit, who brings us life and peace, and keep us faithful in prayer for our community, our church, and our world. Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

One: We pray for one another, that the many blessings which we have received will inspire gratitude in our hearts, even when the road ahead seems daunting. May the wounds which we carry open our hearts to the needs of others, and may you teach and inspire us to sow more than we reap, to heal more than we wound, and to make room for others as you made room for us. Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers for one another.

One: In these troubled times, we lift to you all that seems irreconcilable, in our families, schools and workplaces, in this our country, and among all the nations, that you will help every one of us to have the

courage to act in ways which further the common good, reaching out to the marginalized, acknowledging the needs of others, and working for justice and security for all. Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers for reconciliation.

One: We pray for leaders in every sphere of life, remembering especially our politicians and those whose decisions weigh heavily on others. We thank you for the courage and perseverance of our public health officials and frontline workers, and we pray that they may be sustained in their efforts, protected from harm, and actively supported by the people whom they serve. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers for our leaders.

One: We pray for the church throughout the world, that it will continue to find new and creative ways to share the good news of Christ's love for all people. In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray for Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; and Shane, our Bishop. In our own community, we pray for Chris, Simone, and Jarrett, our clergy, and for Brian, pastor of First United Church. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers for the church.

One: We remember today all those who are in special need of your healing touch at this time, including those who have asked for our prayers:

All: Betty-Joan (Hagerman); **Cheryl** (McTeer); **Ken** (Poisson); **Marie** (Deruga); **Brayden** (Turtle); **Heather** (Russell); **Stephen** (Walton); **Michele** (Pollesel); **Edward** (Hutchinson); **Trish** (Rowlands); **Carran** (Taylor); **Samantha** (Wood); **Sylvia** (Pierce); **Mykie** (Bradley); **Ruth** (MacDonald); **Nancy** (Irvine); **Doug** (Irvine); **Randy** (Brown); **Deirdre** (Piper); **Flo** (Warner); **Lois** (Culp); **Nina** (Fowler)

One: and others known to us whom we name, silently or aloud We also give thanks for the lives of those who have died, especially . . . and others we name silently or aloud Comfort the sick, the lonely and the anxious, sustain those who care for them, and grant your peace to those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers for healing.

One: Redeeming God, pour out your spirit upon us now, that we may hear the truth in every stranger's story, and see your image reflected on every wounded face, for we pray in the name of Jesus, who unsettles our lives for the sake of your love.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we say,

People: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Glory to God,

People: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, sow the gospel wherever you go—

People: not judging the soil on which we stand—for God brings forth fruit from unexpected places.

Celebrant: And the blessing

**King of love, O Christ, we crown you
Lord of thought and Lord of will,
each demand of your high challenge
dedicated to fulfil;
we with you by grace co-workers,
till, where human foot has trod,
peoples, kings, dominions, races,
own the empire of our God.**

**King of life, you have created
wheat in golden harvest spread:
make your servants strong to serve you
by the gift of daily bread.
Feed us with your body broken,
with your blood outpoured sustain,
that our souls divinely strengthened
may the life eternal gain.**

**King of mercy, you have saved us
from the haunting sense of loss,
nailing in your vast compassion
sin's indictment to the cross.
Those who love, by your sore anguish,
from the past you cleanse and free,
breathing words of absolution
throned and reigning from the tree.**

**King triumphant, King victorious,
take your throne our hearts within,
lest the might of fierce temptation
snare us into deadly sin.**

**By the Spirit's rich anointing,
grant us strength life's race to run,
till the power of sin be vanquished,
till the prize of God be won.**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Readings for Next Sunday, July 19th, 2020
Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24;
Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Credits:

Opening and Closing Prayers from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A

Collect from Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

Psalm from A Liturgical Psalter, General Synod 2016 edition, the psalter of the Book of Alternative Services emended for contemporary liturgical use.

Readings from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Liturgical texts from The Book of Alternative Services

Affirmation of faith from A Wee Worship Book, Fifth Edition

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Please pray this week for:

- all who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic;
- the staff of our Diocese Office;
- those in our Pastoral Care: Leah Chapman, Manson Thompson, Laurie Hunter, and Sheila Howe; and
- the Ottawa Beavers and Sparks, Cubs and Brownies, Scouts and Guides, Ventures and Pathfinders.

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

Readers: Sally Lees, Barbara Gillie, Eleanor Conn

Intercessor: Patricia Fox