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*"Move on the water's face bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place, let there be light!" – Hymn #560
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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
Julie Newlands

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: **God, Whose Almighty Word**

CP#560

**God, whose almighty Word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!**

**Saviour, who came to bring
on your redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind:
now for all humankind
let there be light!**

**Spirit of truth and love,
life giving, holy Dove, speed forth your flight!
Move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light!**

**Gracious and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might,
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world, far and wide,
let there be light!**

Celebrant: God has forgiven us and drawn us close,
reconciling us through Jesus Christ,

**People: who has lavished upon us the fullness of the
blessed Holy Spirit. With glad and grateful
hearts, praise the Lord!**

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: Holy One of Israel, covenant-keeper,

**People: you gather in what has been rejected, restoring
what is lost and healing what is wounded. Give
us faith to speak out boldly, so that the outcast
may be welcomed and all may be blessed.
Amen.**

The First Reading is from Genesis (45:1-15)

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a

remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133 (read together)

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity! It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe. It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion. For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

The Second Reading is from Romans (11:1-2a, 29-32)

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but

have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing CP#306

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.**

**Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.**

**He speaks, and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.**

**Hear him, ye deaf, ye voiceless ones,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy!**

**My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (15:21-28)

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Hymn: **We Cannot Measure How You Heal**

CP#292

**We cannot measure how you heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
when faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.**

**The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends**

the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need your help,
and some have come to make amends
as hands which shaped and saved the world,
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind, and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain,
and make your broken people whole.

Celebrant: Let us make an affirmation of faith, as we say,

People: You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.

Prayers of the People *(prepared by Jarrett Carty)*

One: Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying, Lord help us.

All: **We trust in you.**

One: God of mercy and healing, you are Lord of all, embracing the estranged, blessing the banished, reconciling the rejected. We cry out to you now,

confident that you will preserve the church, redeem the world, and deliver the tormented. Lord, help us.

All: We trust in you.

One: Let us pray for your people, the house of Israel, and the household of faith near and far. Lord, help us.

All: We trust in you.

One: Let us pray for the church. We pray for Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Shane, our Bishop; and Chris, Simone, and Jarrett, our clergy. May the church model your mercy and herald your healing for all. Lord, help us.

All: We trust in you.

One: Let us pray for peace, that harmony flourish among your peoples and throughout your creation. Lord, help us.

All: We trust in you.

One: Let us pray for reconciliation among estranged families, races, nations, and peoples. Lord, help us.

All: We trust in you.

One: Let us pray for healing; for those who are tormented, rejected, marginalized, fearful, forgotten, cast off. Lord, help us.

All: We trust in you.

One: Let us pray for those whose names we now lift in your presence:

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); **Rebecca** (Corbin);
Margaret (Cook); **Ruthmary** (Harris)

One: and those whom we name, silently or aloud
Lord, help us.

All: We trust in you.

One: Let us pray for those who have died, including
those we name silently or aloud And let us
pray for our ancestors in the faith, now kept in your
care and never forgotten by you. Lord, help us.

All: We trust in you.

One: We stand in your circle of favour, embraced by you,
healed by you, blessed by you, remembered by
you, secured by you. We are grateful for your
loving care.

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: The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.
God has given you forgiveness and graced you
with reconciliation.

**People: We will go now and share God's gifts with the
distressed and estranged.**

Celebrant: Christ has called you close to him and healed you
from torment.

**People: We will go now and call others to receive
Christ's mercy and healing.**

**All: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the
love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy
Spirit, be with us all, evermore.**

Hymn: **Go to the World**

CP#598

**Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's
worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia!**

**Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia!**

**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia!**

**Go to the World! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry, "Amen!"
Alleluia!**

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

Response: Thanks be to God.

Readings for Next Sunday, August 23rd, 2020

*Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124;
Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20*

Credits:

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

Collect from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) 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 New Zealand Prayer Book

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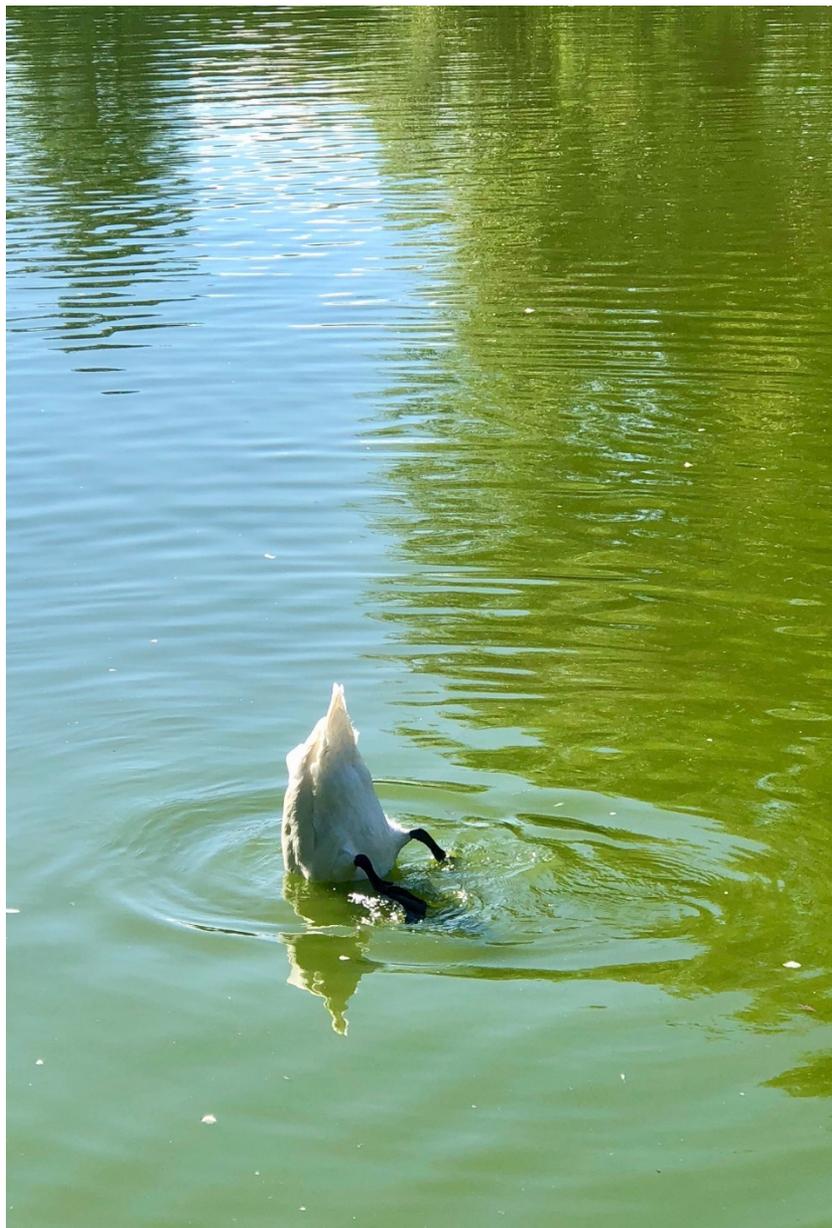
Please pray this week for:

- all who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic;
- those ministering and worshipping in
 - St. Alban the Martyr;
 - St. Bernard-de-Clairvaux;
- those in our Pastoral Care: Eileen Mclsaac, Eleanor Wilson, Eleanor Jarrett, and June Kirch; and
- the GranAid Program and its support of Fikelala in the Diocese of Cape Town, South Africa.

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

Readers: Barb Gillie, Eleanor Conn, Patricia Fox

Intercessor: Jarrett Carty



*"I will provide for you there" – Genesis 45
Duck searching for dinner in Stratford, ON
Photo by Helen Norman*