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*Common Redpoll on Lilac Bush, Ottawa
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Fifth Sunday After Epiphany February 7th, 2021

9:30 am

Zoom service that will also be recorded

The Ven. Christopher Dunn
The Rev. Simone Hurkmans
The Rev. Deacon Dr. Jarrett Carty
Music: Edith Troup
Children and Youth: 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.

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Do you not know? Have you not heard?

People: God is the origin of creation; the skies, the earth, and all living creatures are God's.

Celebrant: The powerful and those who rule cruelly will not last; their influence will be reduced to nothing.

People: God never grows tired or weary; God strengthens those who are downhearted.

Celebrant: In time and beyond time, those who trust in God will find their strength renewed.

People: They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary; they will walk and not grow weak. God be praised.

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: Everlasting God,

People: you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, so that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus the Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

The First Reading is from Isaiah (40:21-31)

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the

foundations of the earth? It is the Lord who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when the Lord blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? The Lord who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because the Lord is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. The Lord does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. The Lord gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

Celebrant: Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!

People: How pleasant it is to honour God with praise!

Celebrant: The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem

People: and gathers the exiles of Israel.

Celebrant: The Lord heals the brokenhearted

People: and binds up their wounds.

Celebrant: The Lord counts the number of stars

People: and calls them all by their names.

Celebrant: Great is our Lord and mighty in power;

People: there is no limit to the wisdom of God.

Celebrant: The Lord lifts up the lowly,

People: but casts the wicked to the ground.

Celebrant: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

People: make music to our God upon the harp.

Celebrant: The Lord covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth,

People: making grass to grow upon the mountains and green plants to serve humankind.

Celebrant: The Lord provides food for flocks and herds

People: and for the young ravens when they cry.

Celebrant: The Lord is not impressed by the might of a horse

People: and has no pleasure in human strength,

Celebrant: but finds pleasure in those who fear God,

People: in those who await the gracious favour of the Lord . . . Hallelujah!

The Second Reading is from 1 Corinthians (9:16-23)

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy #631

The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find place.
The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry "Glory!" to God All-in-All.

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to Mark (1:29-39)

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. Jesus came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to Jesus all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found Jesus, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." Jesus answered, "Let us

go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” And Jesus went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

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 the 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: Everlasting God, who gives strength to the weak and power to the faint, lead us in our prayers for healing and wholeness for our world, its people, and your church. Creator and sustainer of the universe,

All: hear our prayers.

One: In these times when we are more aware than usual of the interdependence of all the countries of the world, we pray for all those in positions of leadership who must make hard decisions that affect the welfare of not only their own citizens, but people throughout the world. Give them the wisdom, courage, and strength to lead with equity and compassion in these challenging times. Creator and sustainer of the universe,

All: hear our prayers for our leaders.

One: God of the universe, you sit above the circle of the earth and bless us with the abundance of its resources. Help each one of us to do whatever we can to help protect the oceans, rivers, and lakes; the air we breathe; and all living creatures. Give courage and determination to all those who are actively engaged in the fight against climate change, and give them the political will to take the actions necessary to make positive changes for the protection of the environment. Creator and sustainer of the universe,

All: hear our prayers for faithful stewardship of our planet.

One: We pray for your church, here and around the world, that it may be a beacon of light and hope to all, continuing to find new ways to reach out and touch the lives of those in need. 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 Edith and Mark as they work with them to bring their ministry to us in these times of isolation. We pray also for one another, for the people

of First United, and for Brian, their pastor. Creator and sustainer of the universe,

All: hear our prayers for the church.

One: God of compassion and steadfast love, we pray today for all the medical professionals and caregivers who are on the frontlines of the fight against the pandemic, and we remember before you all who need your healing touch at this time—those who are sick and the lonely, those who are hungry and homeless. We pray especially for those who have asked for our prayers:

All: Betty-Joan (Hagerman); **Cheryl** (McTeer); **Brayden** (Turtle); **Michele** (Pollesel); **Carran** (Taylor); **Nancy** (Irvine); **Randy** (Brown); **Charlie** (Cuffari); **Barbara** (Hill); **Ernest** (Betancourt); **David** (Nador); **Janet** (Whillans); **Bart** (Beglo); **Sue** (Wise); **Harlow** (Parry); **Dan** (Gates); **Steve** (Jodoin)

One: and for those whom we name silently or aloud. . . . Creator and sustainer of the universe,

All: hear our prayers for those in need, and those who care for them.

One: We also pray for all those who are struggling with loss of any kind at this time, and those who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially those whom we name silently and aloud. . . . Creator and sustainer of the universe, who heals the broken-hearted, and binds up their wounds,

All: hear our prayers for those who mourn.

One: Everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth, we thank you for your steadfast love, and for your promise to give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Help us to wait upon you in faith and renew our strength for the days that lie ahead.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

People: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Hymn: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

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How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.

Dear name! The rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

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

People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for 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: Pray faithfully. Find a quiet place.

People: Prayer changes us, the pray-ers. Prayer happens as we settle and listen.

Celebrant: Remember those who are in need before God.

People: We will be a part of the answer to our prayers.

Celebrant: Pray with thanksgiving.

People: We give thanks for ourselves. We give thanks for our loved ones. We know the Spirit is at work in our faith community.

Celebrant: Pray with hope.

People: We know that in sickness and in despair, God's compassion is there. In the face of insupportable injustice, God will find us.

Celebrant: Pray when the last thing you want to do is to pray.

People: God's love is there for us. God's love is always there for us.

Celebrant: And the blessing

Announcements

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Readings for Next Sunday, February 14th, 2021

2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6;

2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

Reader: Julie Buyver

Intercessor: Patricia Fox

Please pray this week for

- those worshipping and ministering at the Area Parish of St. Lawrence;
- in our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem and The Middle East, Christ Church, Nazareth, Israel;
- the Regional Deans of our Diocese;
- those in our Pastoral Care: Eileen McIsaac, Eleanor Wilson, Eleanor Jarrett, and June Kirch; and
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and Debtors Anonymous.

Credits:

Opening and closing prayers from Responsive Prayers: For Every Week of the Church Year, David Sparks, Year B

Collect from Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Readings from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

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

Affirmation of faith from A Wee Worship Book, fifth edition

Liturgical texts from The Book of Alternative Services

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Saints Alive!

Weekly News from All Saints' Westboro
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 7th, 2021

This Week

Monday	10:00 am to 1:00 pm		Food Bank
Tuesday	8:00 am	Corporation Meeting	Zoom
Wednesday	7:30 pm	Reading Circle	Zoom
Thursday	5:00 to 7:00 pm		Food Bank
	7:00 pm	Diocesan Book Study	Zoom

Upcoming Events

Reading Circle

Wednesday, February 10th, at 7:30 pm, via Zoom

If you wish to join the discussion, please contact the office: office@allsaintswestboro.com to be added to the list of participants. The book this month is *Bootstraps Need Boots: One Tory's Lonely Fight to End Poverty in Canada* by Hugh Segal

Diocesan-wide Book Study

Thursdays, February 11th, 18th, and 25th, March 4th and 11th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, via Zoom

Join us for the second session of the Diocesan-wide Winter/Lent book study. If you haven't already done so, please email the office or Simone if you would like to borrow a copy of the book; we will be purchasing a number of copies so that they are available. We also have a set of DVDs that can be borrowed, which have Richard Rohr speaking about the book.

Zoom Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, February 16th, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, via Zoom

Lent is right around the corner, which means Shrove Tuesday is too! Of course, we'd rather be together at church as we normally are at this time of year, but let's make the best of it by gathering together but apart over Zoom. Make your own pancakes and join Simone for a short dinner liturgy to mark the start of Lent. We'll set intentions for this holy season and have a craft for our youngest Saints. If you don't already have your own traditional family Shrove Tuesday pancake recipe, Julie has kindly offered her own for us to try—it sounds delicious! Watch for the recipe as well as the Zoom link in Chris' upcoming emails.