



“Reconciliation” by Josefina de Vasconcellos located at the Chapel of Reconciliation at the former site of the Berlin Wall

# The Parish of St. Laurence, Coquitlam

July 11, 2021 at 10 am

## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

### Gathering of the Community

All are warmly welcomed to our worship.

*"Christians are nonviolent not, therefore, because we believe that nonviolence is a strategy to rid the world of war; but because nonviolence is constitutive of what it means to be a disciple to Jesus." Stanley Hauerwas<sup>1</sup>*

### Call to Worship

Presider      Eternal God, Maker of the skies above,  
                  lowly Christ, Lover of the earth and its people,  
                  creative Spirit, Giver of gracious gifts

**All            You are present among us.**

Presider      With nature in its power and beauty,  
                  With rain and wind and sunshine,  
                  with the ancient rocks and the budding flower,

**All            we gather in praise of God.**

Presider      With believers and seekers the whole world wide,  
                  with people in every land,  
                  and speakers of every language,

**All            we gather in praise of God.**

Presider      With the angels and saints in heaven,  
                  with all who build community here  
                  and with all who worship at this time

**All            we gather in praise of God.**

Presider      With Jesus who promised his presence  
                  and the Spirit who showers her blessings,

**All            we gather in praise of God.**

Presider      Here let heaven and earth embrace;  
here may God's people find a home. **Amen.**<sup>2</sup>

## Gathering Hymn - *Take This Moment*

1. Take this moment, sign, and space;  
Take my friends around;  
Here among us make the place  
Where your love is found.

2. Take the time to call my name,  
Take the time to mend  
Who I am and what I've been,  
All I've failed to tend.

3. Take the tiredness of my days,  
Take my past regret,  
Letting your forgiveness touch  
All I can't forget.

4. Take the little child in me,  
Scared of growing old;  
Help him/her here to find his/her worth  
Made in Christ's own mold.

5. Take my talents, take my skills,  
Take what's yet to be;  
Let my life be yours, and yet,  
Let it still be me.<sup>3</sup>

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God,  
and the community of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Almighty God,

All **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.**

### Collect of the Day

Presider God of the prophets,  
whose word cuts through  
the webs of power  
and holds the tyrant to account:  
be with all who raise their voice  
against oppression and misrule,  
who are imprisoned and abused  
for freedom's sake:  
help us to stand and speak with them  
and witness to your kingdom now;  
through Jesus Christ, the name above all others.  
**Amen.**<sup>4</sup>

## **Proclamation of the Word**

**Reading - 2 Samuel 6:1-5. 12-19**

6David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. 2David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. 3They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart 4with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. 5David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

<sup>12</sup>It was told King David, “The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.” So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; <sup>13</sup>and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. <sup>14</sup>David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. <sup>15</sup>So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. <sup>16</sup>As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. <sup>17</sup>They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. <sup>18</sup>When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, <sup>19</sup>and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes. \*

**Reader**              Hear what the Spirit is saying.  
**All**                  **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 24

<sup>1</sup>God owns this planet  
and all its riches.

The earth and every creature  
belong to God.

<sup>2</sup> God set the land on top of the seas  
and anchored it in the deep.

<sup>3</sup> Who is fit to climb God's mountain  
and stand in his holy place?

<sup>4</sup> Whoever has integrity:  
not chasing shadows,  
not living lies.

<sup>5</sup> God will bless them,  
their savior will bring justice.

<sup>6</sup> These people long to see the Lord,  
they seek the face of Jacob's God.

<sup>7</sup> Stretch toward heaven, you gates,  
open high and wide.

Let the glorious sovereign enter.

<sup>8</sup> Who is this splendid ruler?  
The Lord of power and might,  
the conqueror of chaos.

<sup>9</sup> Stretch toward heaven, you gates,  
open high and wide.

Let the glorious sovereign enter.

<sup>10</sup> Who is this splendid ruler?  
The Lord of heaven's might,  
this splendid ruler is God.

## Gospel Reading

Reader      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
                according to Mark

All            **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel    Mark 6:13-29

The disciples cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of

regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. \*

Reader      Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All            **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily      The Reverend Carla McGhie

### Prayers of the People

#### Prayer over the Gifts

Presider    God our strength and our salvation

All            receive our gifts, our lives and the offering of our joy.

Awake our souls and inspire us with your life.

Lead us on the path of wisdom and compassion. Amen.

### Sharing of the Peace

## Celebration of our Sacred Meal

### Eucharistic Prayer

Presider    May God be with you.

All            **And also with you.**

Presider    Lift up your hearts.

All            **We lift them up to God.**

Presider    Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All            **It is right to offer thanks and praise**

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
you are the source of light and life for all your creation,  
you made us in your own image,  
and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name:

**Sanctus** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.<sup>5</sup>

Presider O God most mighty, O God most merciful,  
O God our rock and our salvation,  
**All** **hear us as we praise you, call us to your table,**  
**grant us your life.**

Presider When the world was a formless void,  
you formed order and beauty.  
When Abraham and Sarah were barren,  
you sent them a child.  
When the Israelites were enslaved,  
you led them to freedom.  
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,  
and the psalmists cried out for healing,  
**All** **and full of compassion,**  
**you granted the people your life.**

Presider You entered our lives and sorrows in Jesus our brother.  
He was born among the poor, he lived under  
oppression,

he wept over the city.  
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

**All Amen.**

Presider Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.  
**All Amen.**

Presider Trusting his presence in every time and place,  
we proclaim Amen.

**All Amen.**

Presider O God, you are Breath:  
**All send your Spirit on this meal.**

Presider O God, you are Bread:  
**All feed us with yourself.**

Presider O God, you are Wine:  
**All warm our hearts and make us one.**

Presider God, you are Fire:  
**All transform us with hope.**

Presider O God most majestic,  
O God most motherly,  
O God our strength and our song,  
you show us a vision of a tree of life  
with fruits for all  
and leaves that heal the nations.  
Grant us such life,  
the life of the Father to the Son,  
the life of the Spirit of our risen Saviour,  
life in you, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Presider And now as our saviour has taught us, we are bold to say:

All **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.**

*The Presider breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept. The silence is broken with these words.*

Presider Come to the banquet for all is now ready.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
All **Thanks be to God.**

# **Communion**

## **Prayer after Communion**

Presider      Glory to God,  
**All**            **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.**

## **Closing Hymn - *Loving Spirit***

1. Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,  
you have chosen me to be --  
you have drawn me to your wonder,  
you have set your sign on me.
2. Like a mother you enfold me,  
hold my life within your own,  
feed me with your very body,  
form me of your flesh and bone.
3. Like a father you protect me,  
teach me the discerning eye,  
hoist me up upon your shoulder,  
let me see the world from high.
4. Friend and lover, in your closeness  
I am known and held and blessed:  
in your promise is my comfort,  
in your presence I may rest.
5. Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,  
you have chosen me to be --  
you have drawn me to your wonder,  
you have set your sign on me.<sup>6</sup>

## FIRST READING

David is taking on the responsibilities of being king. After the coronation there is a wild celebration. David, canny politician, joins in the dance. It's the sort of gesture that would endear him to his people. It does not endear him to his wife Michal, perhaps because her father Saul, king before David, would never have done this. David however is a man of many roles. We see him here as David the warrior, David the dancing actor, but then David the liturgist offering sacrifice. Far in the future another kind of King will again take bread, bless it and distribute it in this same Jerusalem.

## THE PSALM

The image given here is of God as King over all creation. So how can we possibly approach such power and majesty? Instinctively we think of those who are themselves powerful and invulnerable. But power has no bearing here. The criteria for being the friends of God are "*a clean hands, a pure heart, those who have not pledged themselves in falsehood, not sworn by what is a fraud*". In other words the criteria for approaching this God is humility and integrity.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

With typical courage and determination John the Baptist had confronted Herod about his moral trespassing by marrying his brother Philip's wife Herodias. The action would prove fatal for John.

In this long ago tragic incident we see the dangers that exist in any age, including our own time, of daring to speak truth to power.

John's death will trigger Jesus' ministry. A long tradition of prophecy ends in John; a new ministry begins in Jesus.

Herbert O'Driscoll

## The Sending Forth

Presider      For all that God can do within us,  
                  For all that God can do without us,  
**All**            **Thanks be to God.**

Presider      For all in whom Christ lives before us,  
                  For all in whom Christ lives beside us,  
**All**            **Thanks be to God.**

Presider      For all the Spirit wants to bring us.  
                  For where the Spirit wants to send us,  
**All**            **Thanks be to God.**

Presider      Listen, Christ has promised to be with us  
                  in the world as in our worship  
                  Go now and become your prayer.  
**All**            **We go to serve the Beloved. Amen.** <sup>7</sup>

## Dismissal

Presider      Go to the world with a blessing on your lips and  
                  healing in your hands.  
**All**            **Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!**



<sup>1</sup> Taken from Religion News Service, “Book Probes Post-Sept. 11 Spirituality”

<sup>2</sup> Iona Abbey Worship Book page 24

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Peace is not a thing to possess, but a way of possessing.

Peace is not a gift to be given, but a way of giving.

Peace is not a topic to teach, but a way of teaching.

Peace is not a theory to learn, but a way of learning.

Peace is not an opinion to hold, but a way of holding.

Peace is not a resolution of strife, but a way of striving.

Peace is not a creed to preach, but a way of preaching.

Peace is not a God to serve, but a way of serving.

Peace is not a question to ask, but a way of asking.

Peace is not an answer to seek, but a way of seeking.

Peace is not a journey's end, but a way of journeying.

by Richard Skinner from *Prayers for Peacemakers*  
1988, page 97.

# News and Notes

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*For more information on St. Laurence and upcoming activities  
visit the parish website at [www.saintlaurence.ca](http://www.saintlaurence.ca)*

## **Anglicans invited to support Territory of the People in aftermath of fire**

### **“LYTTON FIRE EMERGENCY FUND”**

PWRDF is now accepting donations to the Territory of the People as it supports recovery from the Lytton fire.

You may give online to Emergency Response and type "Lytton Fire Emergency Fund" in the comments field. You may also donate by phoning Donor Relations Office Mike Ziemerink at 416-822-9083 or leave a voice mail toll free at 1-866-308-7973 and your call will be returned.

You may also send a cheque to PWRDF at 80 Hayden St. Toronto, Ontario M4Y 3G2 and mark "Lytton Fire Emergency Fund" in the memo field.

There is more information PWRDF's website.

<https://pwrdf.org>