

The Anglican Parish of St. Peter, Quamichan

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

OCTOBER 17, 2021 - 10 A.M. SERVICE



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Vibrant and Hopeful

Opening Music CP 560 God, Whose Almighty Word

Acknowledgment of the Land

Greeting:

Officiant: 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.

Collect of Purity

Officiant: 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 for Stewardship:

Officiant: Gracious God,

All: giver of all we have and hold as stewards; grant the people of this church a deep and abiding awareness that all things come from you – our health, our incomes, our jobs, our talents and our generous impulse. Send your Holy Spirit to help us as we swim against the rising tides of materialism, envy, individualism and greed in our culture. When we are tempted to think of money as a private matter, remind us that you have asked for part of what we are given, to be returned to you as a symbol of our awareness that you give all we have. And further, help us to help each other in this grace of giving, for you are the lover of our souls and call us to nothing less than transformation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

Someone out of the crowd said, “Teacher, order my brother to give me a fair share of the family inheritance.” He replied, “Mister, what makes you think it’s any of my business to be a judge or mediator for you?”

Speaking to the people, he went on, “Take care! Protect yourself against the least bit of greed. Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot.”

Then he told them this story: “The farm of a certain rich man produced a terrific crop. He talked to himself: ‘What can I do? My barn isn’t big enough for this harvest.’ Then he said, ‘Here’s what I’ll do: I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll gather in all my grain and goods, and I’ll say to myself, Self, you’ve done well! You’ve got it made and can now retire. Take it easy and have the time of your life!; Just then God showed up and said, ‘Fool! Tonight, you die.

And your barnful of goods—who gets it?’ “That’s what happens when you fill your barn with Self and not with God.”

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God’s people

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 – alternately by the full verse

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; * the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? * Cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Gracious creator of heaven and earth, your Word has come among us as the true Sun of righteousness, and the good news of his birth has gone out to the ends of the world. Open our eyes to the light of your law, that we may be purified from sin and serve you without reproach for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Life. Amen.

A Reading from Paul’s second letter to the Hebrews

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned

obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: CP 500 Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant (v 1 – 2 before the gospel, v 5 – 6 after)

Gospel:

Deacon: The Good News of Jesus according to Mark

All: Glory be to you Jesus Christ

Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Deacon: The Good News of Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Stewardship Presentation

Music for Reflection

Affirmation of Faith: A Celtic Creed *

Deacon: Let us affirm our faith as we say,

All: We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present, and His kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

Deacon: Dear friends in Christ, let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Deacon: Most Merciful God,

All: Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins I can remember, and also the sins I have forgotten. Forgive the wrong actions I have committed, and the right actions I have omitted. Forgive the times I have been weak in the face of temptation, and those when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements, and those when I have failed to boast of your works. Forgive the harsh judgements I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown to myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others, and the indulgence I have shown to myself. Jesus have pity on me, and make me whole. Amen.

Officiant: May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, and cleanse you from all your sins, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

All: And also with you.

Offertory Music CP 415 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Prayer over the Gifts

Officiant: All that we have and all that we are, are God's gifts to us. So, here we return a token of our wealth asking that it and all we possess be used to God's glory.

All: Blessed be God Forever.

The Celebration of the Eucharist*

Officiant: The table of bread and wine has been made ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him.
It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,
with whom Jesus identified himself.
It is the table of communion with the earth,
in which Christ became incarnate.
So come to this table, you who have much faith

and you who would like to have more;
you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long
time;
you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed;
Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Officiant: Blessed is our brother Jesus,
who walks with us the road of our world's suffering,
and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.
On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread
and having blessed it he broke the bread
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
This is my body, given to you.
In the same way he took wine
and having given thanks for it he poured it out
and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,
This cup is the new relationship with God,
sealed with my blood. Take this and share it.
I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God.

Officiant: Let us pray,

**All: Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine
to offer,
Which earth has given and human hands have made. May we know
your presence in the sharing of this bread, so that we may know
your touch in all bread, all matter. We celebrate the life that Jesus
has shared among his community through the centuries, and
shares with us now. Made one in Christ, and one with each other,
we offer ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high,
for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us
and we come close to Christ.

Therefore with the whole realm of nature around
us, with earth, sea, and sky, we sing to you.
With the angels of light who envelop us,
with Michael and the host of heaven;

with all the saints before and beside us,
with Mary of Nazareth and Peter,
Columba and Brigid, Patrick and Margaret,
with brothers and sisters, east and west, we sing to you.
And with our loved ones, separate from us now,
who yet in this mystery are close to us
we join in the song of your unending greatness.

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing, and making us whole. And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Lords Prayer:

Officiant: As our Saviour taught us let us pray,

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.

Breaking of the Bread:

Officiant: Take this bread, share the wine, in these, Christ comes to us with love from God.

All: Thanks be to God

The Communion:

Officiant: These are the Gifts of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Music during Communion CP 585 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Prayer after Communion:

Officiant: Give thanks for all God's goodness,

All: God's love shall last for ever.

Officiant: Generous and faithful God, You have fed us at your table.

All: May the nourishment we have received enable us to enrich the lives of others wherever we may go from here. Whether the future be dark or bright, the road be smooth or rough, whether our cares be light or heavy, our song be strong or weak, keep our hearts warm and our hands open, our lives ever embracing and ever embraced by your love. Amen.

Doxology

All: Glory to God, 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.

Blessing:

Dismissal:

Deacon: Let us go in peace to love and serve Christ in those we meet.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Closing Music: CP 460 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

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