

National Indigenous
Day of Prayer

Pentecost 3

June 21st, 2020

The Enchanted Owl

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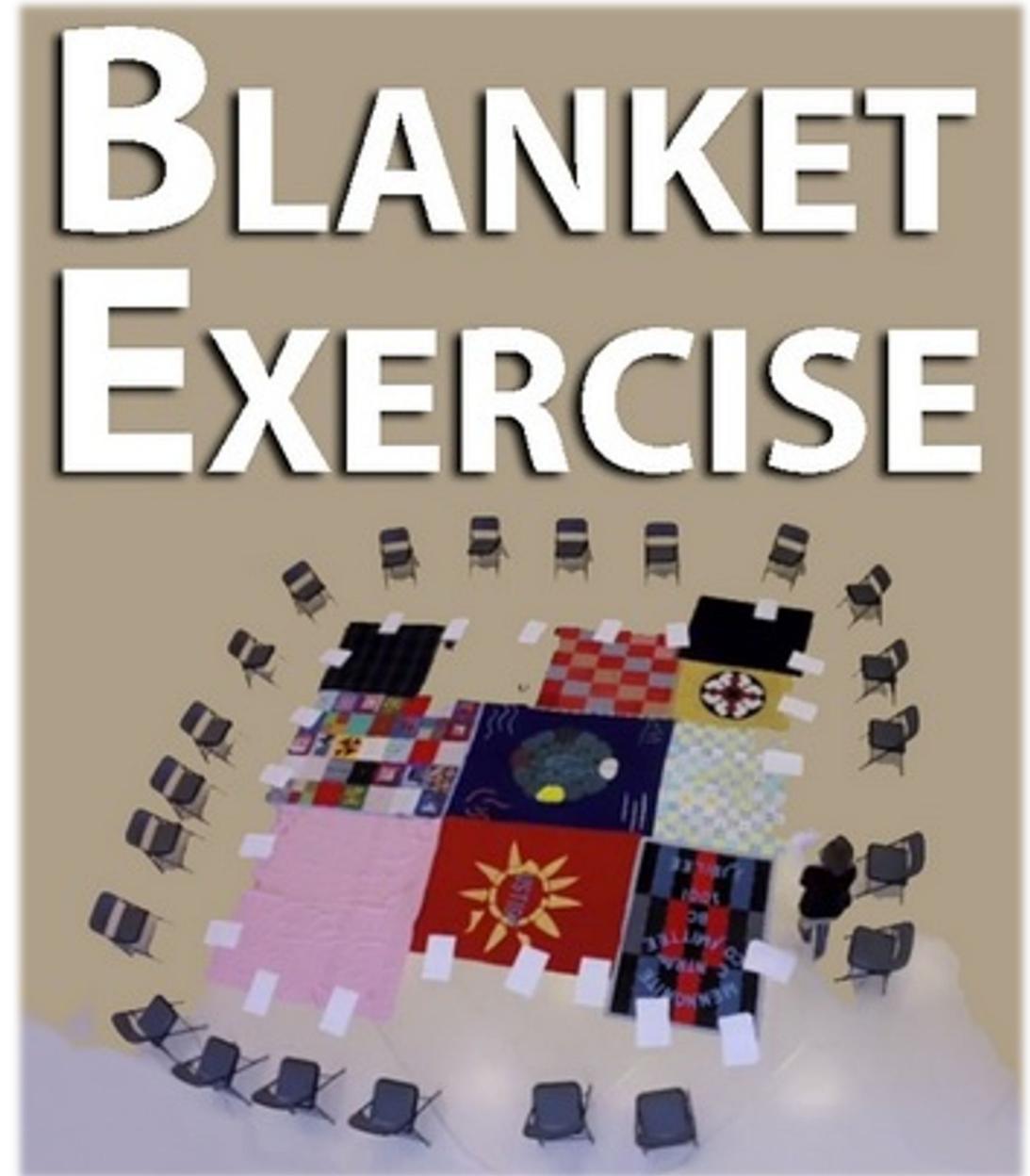
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Territorial Acknowledgement

In this holy time and place,
we acknowledge with respect that we gather
on the traditional, ancestral territories
of the Abenaki and Mohawk first peoples.

***May the living Christ lead us always
on pathways of reconciliation and peace.***



Rise up, O saints of God!

From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.

Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,
the word of hope proclaim.

Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence;
give justice larger place.

Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.

Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod,
and, quickened by the Spirit's power,
rise up, O saints of God!



Drummers lead the Walk for Reconciliation in Ottawa May 31, 2015.

Honouring the Four Directions

Come Great Spirit, as we gather in your name.

We face East:

To your symbol colour Red, the hue of revelation;
To your animal symbol the Eagle, strong and nurturing;
To your lessons calling us to the balance of your Spirit
in Harmony with brothers and sisters;
To invoke your wisdom and grace, the goodness of the ages,
We pray: ***COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.***

We turn to face South:

To your symbol colour Gold for the morning star.
To your symbol Brother Sun that enlightens our intellect
and brings light on our path to live responsibly;
To your lessons calling us to balance of Mind
in the Spirit of humility;
To invoke your spirit of illumination and far sighted vision;
Help us to love you and one another with our whole heart,
our whole mind, and our whole soul,
We pray: ***COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.***



Alex Janvier's masterpiece *Morning Star*, painted in 1993, adorns the dome of the Haida Gwaii Salon in the Canadian Museum of History.

We turn to face West:
To your symbol colour Black, still and quiet.
To your animal symbol the Thunderbird;
To your symbol the Thunder mighty and purposeful;
To your lessons calling us to balance our emotions
in the spirit of Gentleness and Honesty;
To invoke your spirit of introspection, seeing within;
Give us your strength and the courage to endure,
We pray: ***COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.***

We turn to face North:
To your symbol colour white of clarity and brightness.
To your animal symbol the swan which brings us in touch with
Mother Earth and growing things;
To your lessons calling us to balance of our Body
in the spirit of a good sense of humor;
To invoke your spirit of innocence, trust and love;
Help us to open our eyes to the sacredness of every living thing,
We pray: ***COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.***

We turn to complete the circle and to look:
To God, our Creator who cleanses our Mother Earth
with snow, wind and rain;
To Jesus Christ, the Peacemaker who fills us with the wideness
of mercy and Lovingly embraces all, and the Holy Spirit
who inspires us to action: ***COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.***



NAMAXSALA (TO TRAVEL IN A BOAT TOGETHER)

Mary Anne Barkhouse

Canadian Museum of Civilization

Photo: Ryan McCosham

A Litany for the Healing and Restoration of our Church

From the Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land, 2017

Holy Creator, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,
Have mercy on us.

Risen Christ, through whom the whole creation is reconciled to God,
Have mercy on us.

Life-giving Spirit, whose love and truth fills the world and searches the depths of our lives,
Have mercy on us.

Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,
Have mercy on us.

From our failure to recognize and respect the revelation of your truth and love in the First Peoples of this land,
Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our participation in the systematic oppression of indigenous sovereignty, language, culture and spirituality,
Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our role in the Indian Residential Schools designed to eliminate the unique society, wisdom and beauty of the indigenous peoples of this land,
Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our complicit tolerance of the decimation of Indigenous family structures leaving children vulnerable to abuses of every kind,
Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our continued acceptance of unjust legal, educational, health and social structures that continue to oppress and destroy the lives of many indigenous people, **Saviour, forgive and heal us.**



O God, we pray for the gifts of your grace and your love which never gives up on us and is forever faithful.
Inspire our minds with a vision of the reconciliation of your kingdom in this time and place.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our eyes, that we may see the sacredness in all creation.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth of every peoples the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our lips, that we may speak of the beauty of every tongue and dialect proclaiming the wonderful works of God.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hearts, that we may discern your mission in which you call us to be immersed, particularly in partnership with the First Peoples of this land.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our minds that we may witness to your Good News in our neighbourhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hands, that we may forever shun violence and embrace the work you give us to do.

Hear us, O Christ.

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the center of this Sacred Circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your Spirit, for you are God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Venite (Psalm 95)

Come, let us sing to God on high,
The Rock of our salvation praise;
Come with thanksgiving to God's courts
And joyful psalms before Him raise.

For God is Lord above all gods,
The heights and depths are in His hand;
God made the sea and it is His,
God's hands have molded the dry land.

Let us bow down and worship God
Who is our maker and our Lord;
We are God's people and His sheep;
Today, then, hearken to God's Word.



Genesis 21:8-21 The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on that day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring."

So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.



Refrain

Psalms 86

The Rev. Leigh-William Pezet

Teach me your way O Lord, Teach me your way O Lord, *Piano.*
Teach me your way O Lord, that I may walk in your truth

1. Teach me your way, O Lord,
that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.
I give thanks to you, O my God,
with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name for ever. R.
2. For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of hell.
Insolent men have risen up against me;
They do not set you before them. R.
3. But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
Turn to me and give strength to your servant,
and save the son of your handmaid. R.
4. Show me a sign of your favour,
That those who hate me may see and be put to shame;
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me. R.



Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in the newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin.

But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.



Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if you would my disciple be;
deny yourself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.

2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak soul with vain alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still:
your Lord for you endured to die
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave;
'twill guide you to a better home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.

5 Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.



Matthew 10:24-39 "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known.

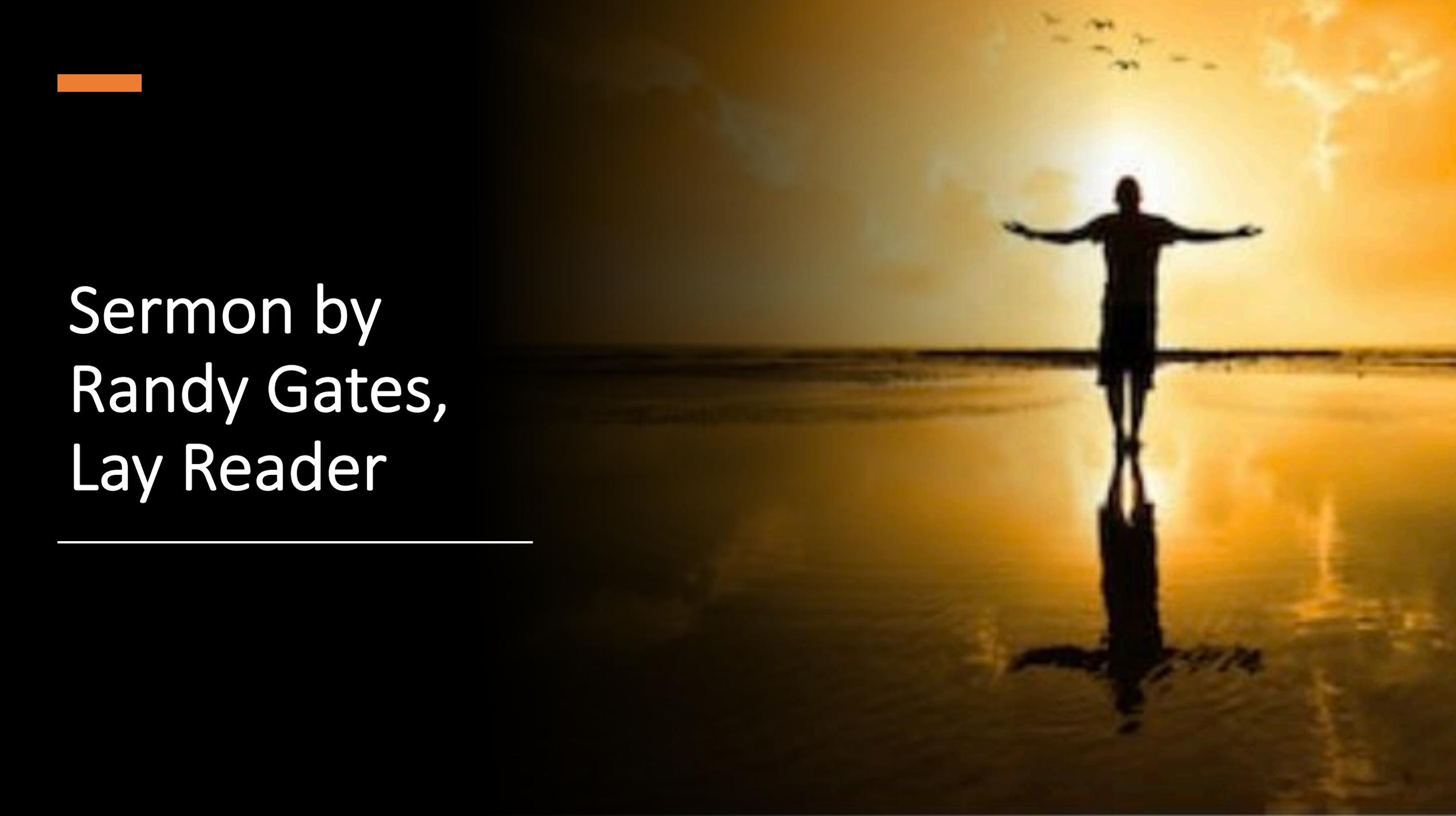
What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.





Sermon by
Randy Gates,
Lay Reader

Statement of Faith

We believe in God:

The Source of all things.

The God of Abraham and Sarah and Hagar.

The Holy One who freed the slaves from Egypt.

The God who is steadfast love and mercy.

**The God who made a straight path in the wilderness
and who promises to make all things new.**

We believe in Jesus:

The Messiah, who is Emmanuel: God-with-us.

He is King-of-Kings, yet born of Mary.

Jesus showed God's love through healing and teaching,

Jesus chose the way of servant-suffering by dying on a cross.

After three days he rose from the dead.

He is the Lord, the first born of the new creation.

We believe in the Holy Spirit:

The One who inspires faith.

Who has spoken through prophets and preachers and common people,

The One who breathes new life into the church and the world,

The Lord and giver of life.

Who is making all things new.

We believe that God is still creating.

We believe that Jesus is present with us.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is calling us forth in love and mercy.

This is our hope, this is our faith. Amen.





Prayers of the People

The Prayer of Jesus

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

**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 in the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen**

**Notre Père qui es aux cieux,
que ton nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne,
que ta volonté soit faite
sur la terre comme au ciel.**

**Donne-nous aujourd'hui
notre pain de ce jour.**

**Pardonne-nous nos offenses,
comme nous pardonnons aussi
à ceux qui nous ont offensés.**

**Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation,
mais délivre-nous du Mal.**

**Car c'est à Toi qu'appartiennent le Règne, la puissance et la
gloire aux siècles des siècles. Amen.**



How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,

Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!

What more can He say than to you He hath said,

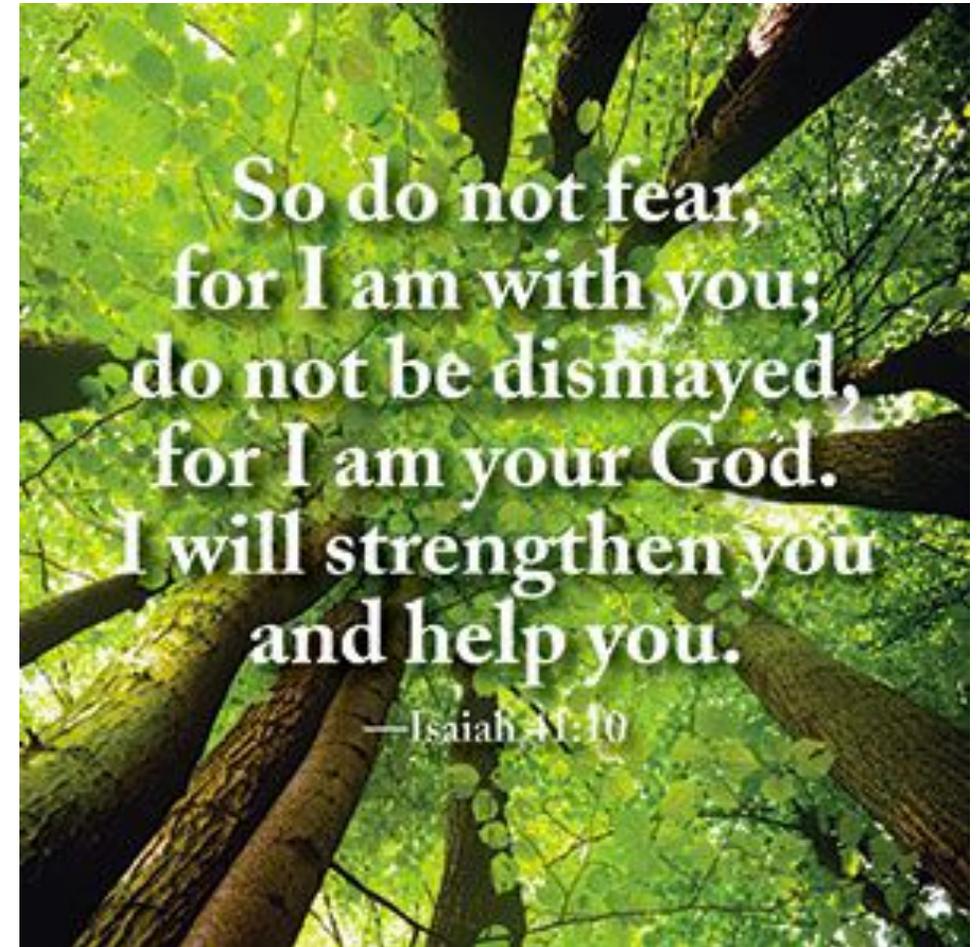
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake!”



Closing Prayers

May I live this day

Compassionate of heart,
Clear in word,
Gracious in awareness,
Courageous in thought,
Generous in love.

(John O'Donohue)

May I have the courage today

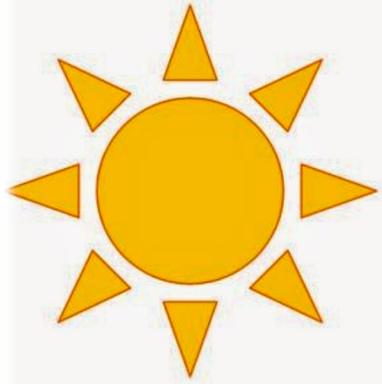
To live the life that I would love,
To postpone my dream no longer
But do at last what I came here for
And waste my heart on fear no more

(John O'Donohue).

The peace of God be in your heart

The grace of God be in your words
The love of God be in your hands
The joy of God be in your soul
and in the song that your life sings.





HAPPY
Father's
Day!

