

# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Lectionary 19. August 9, 2020

### Treaty 4 Territory

**We are privileged to gather today in Treaty 4 Territory and the traditional homeland of the Metis.**

### Welcome Statement

*You are welcome here, you, whose face does not resemble mine, whose spirit I may not define, you, whose eyes have seen, what I will never dream. You, whose frame is bent or broken, whose mind fears the unspoken. You are welcome here.*

*Regardless of your race, your age, your gender identity or expression, your marital status, physical and mental ability, your sexual orientation, country of origin, economic and religious status, you will be honoured here.*

*For Christ has made us whole and Christ has set us free. His daily grace enables us to live in harmony.*

**Opening Hymn – 400 God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind**

**Greeting – “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...”**

Let us pray. O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Second Reading:** Romans 10:5-15

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in the Lord will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who ask for help. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to preach? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm:** *Psalm 85:8-13 may be sung or spoken in response to the First Reading.*

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the Lord | God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn  
their | hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell | in our land.

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;  
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>The Lord will indeed | grant prosperity,  
and our land will | yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go be- | fore the Lord  
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.

**Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-33 The holy gospel according to Matt. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning Jesus came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, here I am; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when Peter noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Reflection**

**Hymn of The Day - 785 When Peace Like a River**

## CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers

Confident of your care and upheld by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need, responding to each petition with the words "Save us, we pray." *A brief silence.*

For your church throughout the world, we pray: Strengthen the faith of all who believe. Speak to us through your word of power and mercy. Abide with those Christians who are isolated from others. Give wisdom and stamina to all preachers who bring your good news to the world. *A brief silence.*

Hear us, holy God: **Save us, we pray.**

For the well-being of your creation, we pray. Protect waterways, forests, lands, and wildlife from exploitation and abuse. Tame the storms that threaten human habitations. Maintain the health of pets. *A brief silence.*

Hear us, holy God: **Save us, we pray.**

For the leaders of nations, we pray. Inspire those who govern to keep peace with their neighbors and to maintain justice for their citizens. Calm the world's violence. Strengthen the world's democracies, and keep autocrats in check. Uphold a free press around the globe. *A brief silence.*

Hear us, holy God: **Save us, we pray.**

For those in need we pray. For those who are unemployed, or homeless, or hungry, or hospitalized; for those whose money has run out; for those who are fearful of the future; and for those we name before you now – Beth, Lynne, Maureen, Terri and all those we hold up in the silence of our hearts.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, holy God: **Save us, we pray.**

For the world facing the corona-virus we pray. Sustain medical workers for their arduous tasks. Assist our governments in legislating wisely during the pandemic. Give wisdom to educators as they plan the fall semester. Give us kindness with one another and patience for ourselves. And we beg: give us a vaccine. *A brief silence.*

Hear us, holy God: **Save us, we pray.**

For the end to racial injustice we pray. Frustrate all prejudices between peoples that are based on ethnic origin or skin color. Unite into one body politic all who share this land. *A brief silence.*

Hear us, holy God: **Save us, we pray.**

For ourselves, we pray. Reach out your hand to us; save us when we are sinking; and receive now the petitions of our hearts. *A longer period of silence.*

Hear us, holy God: **Save us, we pray.**

We praise you, O God, for all who have died in the faith, for martyrs, for leaders in the struggle for civil rights, for victims of COVID-19, for those dear to us. Especially this week we glorify you for Mary, the mother of our Lord. Bring us at the end with all your saints into your everlasting life. *A brief silence.*

Hear us, holy God: **Save us, we pray.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Then conclude with these prayers:*

Let us pray. - *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

**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 forever.  
Amen.**

**Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.  
Amen.**

**Closing Hymn – “756 Eternal Father, Strong to Save”**