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### Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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### ELW Holy Communion, Setting Ten

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

A warm welcome to those who are here worshipping in-person and on-line with us today! Here at Grace Lutheran we believe God is active in your life. Even you being here now is testament of God's calling and leading in your heart, which you have faithfully heeded. So we welcome you, and pray that today you will be nurtured and that the gifts that God has graciously given you will be stirred for the sake of God's mission in the world.

Grace Lutheran worships, prays, and serves on the traditional and unceded lands and territories of the hən̓q̓əmiñəm̓ (Musqueam) and Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) peoples.

## GATHERING

### **PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION** *by Cari Klaassen, MDiv student at VST*

Creator God, most loving and our protector,  
we come today to offer our sorrows, our passions, our grief, our commitments.

We thank you Creator God, for the life you bestowed upon us.  
We thank you Creator God, for the journey that we have indwelled with your direction.

We thank you for the creation that you have given us and for the earth and all that is within it. From the land, the oceans, the water ways, the trees, the vegetation; to the animals, birds of the air, animals of the sea, that give life and continue to nourish our lives. We take great pride in what you have given us.

We remember the children that have been found and have been hidden from us for so long. We thank you for each one of their lives, that you protected and cherished them when we didn't know.

We pray for all the families that have lost these little ones and we pray for those who endured the pain, abuse and neglect but survived to tell their story. We thank you for giving them the courage and strength to move on and heal. With you all things are possible.

We pray for the governments, churches, and other institutions that were involved with the Residential Schools and that justice is served and the healing may continue.

Gracious God, protect and surround Indigenous people with your Great Spirit and comfort us in this time.

Our lament is to cry out to you, to cry to you for healing, to take away the pain that burdens Indigenous people. The pain of the horrors that these innocent children endured. The cries that were only heard by their abusers.

Give us the strength and the boldness to rise above and prevail in the work that you have entrusted to us to fulfil.

Most of all, Loving God, we thank you for each one of our lives. You created us in your image. Not one is left alone, not one is forgotten. We thank you that even when we live in a fallen world and evil has been bestowed upon us, we still prevail above all to continue the work you have given each of us.

Give us the courage to say, yes, and to stand up against wrongs that have been done, to stand up against wrongs done to Indigenous people of Canada. That this world is restored to what it was intended by you.

We thank you for the lives that have gone to be with you. We thank you for their leadership and compassion. Their work is done on earth and continues, as they have left for us to continue.

Sovereign of our lives, we pray for leaders in government, in churches, in the world that they make just decisions and reprimand the wrongs that have been done to these children and families. You are a just God and a God of vengeance.

We thank you, Holy God, as we meet in this sacred space.  
In Jesus' mighty name, in all my relations.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:** God Is Here! (#526) verses 1, 3, 4

### **GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God, on this Sunday of Truth and Reconciliation, open our hearts and minds to your call to repentance and healing. May our faith in your promises of grace and mercy be strengthened, that even in times of scarcity we might rely on you and your everlasting Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**

A reading from Habakkuk.

*Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.*

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack  
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2:1</sup>I will stand at my watchpost,  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup>Then the LORD answered me and said:  
Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup>Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 37:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Do not be provoked by evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

<sup>2</sup>**For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.**

<sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

<sup>4</sup>**Take delight in the LORD,  
who shall give you your heart's desire.**

<sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,  
and see what God will do.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light  
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

<sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

<sup>8</sup>**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

<sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

**SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

A reading from 2 Timothy.

*This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my

hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (p. 205)

#### **GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.*

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Just As I Am, without One Plea (#592)

## LITANY FOR NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

*by Ron Flaming, Truth and Reconciliation Action Group, Waterloo North Mennonite Church*

In gratitude to God who healed our broken relationship  
by reconciliation through Jesus Christ  
we receive a call to the Ministry of Reconciliation  
as a paradigm for healing broken relationships.

Today we acknowledge:  
a dark side to the history of Canada.  
We settler peoples have reaped the benefits of the land  
by pushing aside Indigenous people in order to seize their land.

Today we lament:  
the attempted erasure of Indigenous peoples by Canada  
through the Indian Act which criminalized the practice of traditions and cultures,  
and mandated the seizure and indoctrination of children in residential schools.

Today we acknowledge we have no appropriate words,  
so we stand respectfully in silent lament:  
for the children who died while in custody of residential schools,  
died of active abuse,  
died of lonely hearts and separation from family.

Today we acknowledge we have no appropriate words,  
so we stand in silent respect:  
for the families and communities who mourn,  
mourn their children who did not come home from residential schools,  
mourn the disruption of family and way of life,  
mourn the exploitation and desecration of their traditional lands.

*Pause in silence*

In gratitude to God who demonstrated the way of reconciliation with us,  
we commit to walking together in a new way,  
acknowledging the true history and place of Indigenous Peoples on this land,  
living with respect, listening and learning as we move forward  
on the path of true reconciliation.

**Amen**

**CREED** (p. 104)

Together with all of God's people spanning across borders, ethnicities, and time itself, let us  
confess the Christian faith that unites us all, using the words of the Apostle's 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.

**PEACE** (p. 106)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## MEAL

### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and places give thanks and praise to you, O God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who has showed us the way of truth and life and brought us into your redeeming grace and healing salvation.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus sat with his friends for their last meal together, and he took some bread, gave thanks, broke and shared it with them saying, "Take and eat, this is my body broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Then after they ate, he took the common cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them to drink from 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."

It's in this bread and cup that we are reminded of the truth of your promises and the reconciliation in your love, even as we declare this mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

So it is to you, O God, that all honour and glory go, even in our lament we might have faith that you continue to be gracious and loving, granting us all the joy of your salvation, through Jesus

Christ through whom all wounds are healed and all hearts are saved, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** (p. 112)

Joined as one with all whom God forgives, let us pray as Jesus 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 from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

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

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Taste and see God's unending reconciliation and redemption.

**Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMNS:** Lamb of God (p. 208)

We Walk by Faith (#635)

Blessed Assurance (#638)

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy God, you have welcomed us to your table and joined us together in your love. You gave us your living Word to strengthen us in our faithful service to you and neighbour, that we might accurately reflect your love on all people as we work together toward the truth and reconciliation of all people, through Jesus our Lord.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

May the Creator God of all that was, is, and is to come bless you and keep you, the Christ God in whom we have our faith and trust shine on you and be gracious unto you, the Counsellor God who brings us into joy, look upon you with favour, and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:** The Church's One Foundation (#654) verses 1, 4, 5



**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, live lives of faith.

**Thanks be to God.**

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