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Reflection

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Depth

We have a drive to understand. Each bit of information, each opinion piece (including this one), each description of victims, each argument about guns, each speculation about a killer—we consume them all in our drive to understand. God has put in us a deep need to make sense of the world. God has put in us a deep need to make sense of Him.

The people in the Bible are no different, whether the writers, or the people they write about, or even the Son of God Himself on the cross. We all need to make sense of the world. The difference may be that while we wonder how God fits into our understanding of the world, the people in the Bible wonder how the world fits into their understanding of God. The question “Where is God in all this?” is not so much like the question “I wonder, where is my old high school friend?” as it is waking up in the middle of the night and wondering why the person who usually sleeps next to you is not there.

Apart from all this Yes and No of our lives, apart from our understanding—or, more realistically, our absence of understanding—is the deep. No amount of words and no clarity can fill this canyon of pain that we feel for others—in this week, for the victims in Las Vegas and their loved ones. There is no insight high enough to match the depth of sorrow, of astonishment. No eloquence will comfort us. No one can make happen what we all want so desperately to have happen, namely, to un-do, to go back in time and prevent the massacre.

“Deep calls to deep,” writes the Psalmist (Ps 42:7) for us at these times; “all your waves and breakers have swept over me.” There are, in this world, deeper things than understanding. There are “words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words” (I Cor 2:13). These are the things we need at this hour. These are the words of our prayers, of our listening to God, of the Spirit speaking through our Readings, and of the Eucharist. We need our deep to call to the deep of God.

October 8, The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Bishop Visitation

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist & Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Christ Church

Presider & Preacher: The Rt. Reverend Greg Rickel

All Clergy

No Adult Faith Formation Class

9:00 —10:15 am

Godly Play

Parish Hall Godly Play Room

Laura & Yohana

9:00 am—Noon

Child Care

Parish Hall Children's Room

9:30 am

Communion Service

Chandler's Square Community

Sara Andrews

10:30 am

Holy Eucharist with Baptism & Reception

Christ Church

Presider & Preacher: The Rt. Reverend Greg Rickel

All Clergy

Altar Guild: Janis Larkins, Dee Roberts

Eucharistic Minister/Crucifer: Dale Ramerman

Reader 1: Linda Donato

Reader 2: Sandy Mathis

Ushers: Carleton Manning, Creamy Wilkins

Tellers: Mike Jackets, Clark McKee

Dedication of Memorial Garden

Bishop's Reception & Conversation

Shirley Barrett

Readings

Proper 22

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Psalm 80:7-14

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.

You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.

Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
 behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?" Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Announcements

Bishop's Visitation

Sunday, October 8

Bishop Rickel will celebrate the Eucharist at the 8:00 and 10:30 am services.

The 10:30 service will include the Baptism of Lincoln Colt Osborne and the Reception of Zoanne Hyland and will conclude with the Dedication of the Memorial Garden.

Bishop's Reception & Conversation will follow in the Parish Hall Gathering Room.

Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation

No Class on October 8

Class will resume on Sunday, October 15

Study of the Book of Daniel

with Reverend Deacon Brian Lennstrom

Breakfast at 9:00 am

Class 9:15-10:15 am

Parish Hall Gathering Room

Godly Play

Godly Play meets on alternate Sundays.

Lesson for October 8: *Holy Baptism*

9:00—10:15 am

Parish Hall Godly Play Room

All ages are welcome.

Child Care

Weekly on Sundays

9:00 am—Noon

Parish Hall Children's Room

All ages are welcome.

A Simple Gesture

Pick-up date for our *Simple Gesture* red bag is Saturday, October 14. Together, we can help keep the shelves of the food bank filled all year.

Bishop's Committee Meeting

Monday, October 16

4:15 pm

Parish Hall Gathering Room

Women's Group

Tuesday, October 17

Noon—1:00 pm

Parish Hall Gathering Room

Janis Larkins will host a presentation on the *Vial of Life* program. This program allows individuals to have *Lifesaving Information for Emergencies* ready in their home for emergency response personnel to reference.

Please join us. All are welcome.

Liturgical Ministries Gathering

Saturday, October 21

Coffee & Fellowship at 9:30 am

Program 10:00 am—Noon

Michael Kleinschmidt, Canon Musician at St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle, will be at Christ Church to present *A Feast of Music & Verse*. Those in licensed ministries will receive training credit toward license renewal.

RSVP:

Please call the church office to register for this free workshop, 360-293-5790, office@christchurchanacortes.org, & let us know if you will need child care.

Gentle Yoga Class

with Instructor Rita Yribar

Weekly on Mondays

3:00 pm

Parish Hall Gathering Room.

Class is free and all are welcome.

Men's Group

Weekly on Fridays

8:00 am

Parish Hall Conference Room

Please join us.

All are welcome.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meetings

Second and fourth Fridays

3:00-5:00 pm

Parish Hall Gathering Room

All are welcome.

The Red Door Thrift Shop

A Ministry of Christ Episcopal Church

1019 Seventh Street, Anacortes

360-293-8027

Profits from our Red Door Thrift Shop fund Christ Church's Community Support program.

Shop Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Donation Hours:

Monday through Friday

11:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Volunteers and donations are always welcome.

Clergy Schedule

10:30 am service

October 15

Presider: Reverend Diane Ramerman

Deacon: Reverend Dn. Eric Johnson

Preacher: Reverend Diane Ramerman

October 22

Presider: Reverend Carol Rodin

Deacon: Reverend Dn. Brian Lennstrom

Preacher: Reverend Carol Rodin

October 29

Presider: Reverend Amy Donohue

Deacon: Reverend Dn. Eric Johnson

Preacher: Reverend Dn. Eric Johnson

The Week Ahead...

Monday, October 9

Church Office Closed

Gentle Yoga Class

3:00 pm

Parish Hall Gathering Room

Tuesday, October 10

Church Office Closed

Guemes Channel Trail Meeting

1:30—3:00 pm

Parish Hall Conference Room

Wednesday, October 11

Church Office Closed

Morning Prayer

9:00—9:30 am

Christ Church Sanctuary

Red Door Staff Meeting

9:00—10:00 am

Parish Hall Gathering Room

Red Door Linen Group

10:00 am—Noon

Parish Hall Gathering Room

EfM Class

12:30—2:45 pm

Parish Hall Conference Room

Thursday, October 12

Church Office Closed

Centering Prayer

1:00 pm

Christ Church Sanctuary

Friday, October 13

Church Office Closed

Men's Group

8:00 am

Parish Hall Conference Room

Office Volunteers

9:00—10:00 am

Parish Hall Gathering Room

Prayer Shawl Ministry

3:00—5:00 pm

Parish Hall Gathering Room