



Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany - C
February 20, 2022

Key Scripture - Luke 6:27

""But I say to you that listen,
Love your enemies..."

WHO IS MY
ENEMY?

Theme - Who is My Enemy?

Welcome and Announcements

† Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.

– Trinity is an Affirming Congregation

† We are open for in person worship. Our Proof of Vaccine Requirement remains but we are limited to 50% capacity. Meetings and events may resume with a capacity limit of 10 persons.

† Our building is open during the regular office hours of 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through Thursday.

† We continue to pray for those who were impacted by the legacy of Indian Residential Schools.

Looking Ahead

22 February, As part of National Kindness Week, Trinity will offer a Chilli Lunch for 50 people from 12:00 to 1:00 pm ...first come first served.

23 February, 9:30am - Bible Study.

20 March, 10:30am - Annual Congregational Meeting

Smiths Falls Community Food Bank appreciates donations, please fill our waggon at the back of the Sanctuary, it will be delivered monthly.

[Ottawa School of Theology & Spirituality](#) offers numerous courses that may be of interest as you explore and deepen your faith.

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Smiths Falls is located on the traditional territory of the Algonquin peoples dating back countless generations. We are grateful for our neighbours and recognize the opportunity to exercise the Ministry of Reconciliation

Interlude 186 "Now The Green Blade Rises" vs. 1,4

Now the green blade rises, from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Call to Worship

Take delight in the Lord;

For God will give us the desires of our hearts.

Trust in the Lord;

For God will give us security and strength.

Come, let us commit our ways to the Lord.

Let us worship the One who is our refuge in any time of trouble.

Opening Prayer

Faithful God,

You have gathered your people in faithfulness throughout many generations.

You have offered your blessing to us through their examples,
and led the Church through many changes and challenges by your Spirit.

Draw near to us this day to guide us in these uncertain times.

Root our faithfulness in the compassion and courage we meet in Jesus.

Renew us through your steadfast love
so that we may dare to trust our future to you.

All praise and honour are yours, O God,
Source, Saviour and Spirit of Life.

Hymn 365 "Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so,
little ones to him belong, in his love we shall be strong.

Refrain -

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."

Refrain -

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

Refrain -

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Time With Children

Children's Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

**You test the mind and search the heart,
so you know the thoughts and intentions we keep hidden.**

**Trusting in your wisdom and mercy,
we confess the ways we have failed to love one another,
the times we looked the other way when someone
needed help,
and the ways our actions betrayed your goodness.**

**Forgive us for missing opportunities to share your love,
and carrying grudges that keep us from offering the
forgiveness we hope for.**

**Renew us with your mercy
to become more merciful to others we meet,**

in the example of Christ our Lord.

Words of Assurance

Hear and believe the good news -

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life is gone, and new life has begun.

Trust that you are forgiven by God's generous love,
and have the courage to forgive one another
for Christ's sake.

Scripture Genesis 45:3–11, 15
 Psalm 37 (VU763)
 Luke 6: 27–38

Genesis 45:3–11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son

Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'

Psalm 37 (VU763)

Refrain -

*Commit your way to God
and trust the One who takes your part.*

Do not fret because of the wicked,
or envy those who do evil.

**For they soon wither like grass
and fade away like the green leaf.**

Trust in God and do good;

dwell in the land and there find safe pasture.

Find your delight in God,

who will grant the desires of your heart.

Refrain -

*Commit your way to God
and trust the One who takes your part.*

God will make your vindication shine like the light,

the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

Be still before God and wait patiently;

do not fret because some prosper in evil schemes.

Let go of anger and abandon wrath.

Do not fret - it can only do harm.

Refrain -

Commit your way to God

and trust the One who takes your part.

Those who do evil shall be cut off,

but those who look to God shall inherit the earth.

In a little while the wicked will be no more;

you will look where they were

and their place will be empty.

But the meek shall inherit the earth;

they shall enjoy fullness of peace.

Salvation for the righteous comes from God,

their refuge in time of trouble.

God helps and delivers,

and rescues from the wicked those who seek shelter.

Refrain -

Commit your way to God

and trust the One who takes your part.

Luke 6: 27–38

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies,

do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Meditation "Jacob and Sons" (Lloyd Webber)

Reflection Who Is My Enemy?

Hymn 506 "Take My Life"

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love,
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.

Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love: and I will pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Invitation to the Offering

God is the source of all goodness. Through our offering, we express our thanks for every good thing we enjoy, and we share good things with those in need. Be generous, as God is generous, so that the world may know that God is good.

Offering Options Offerings can be made several ways -

- E-transfers through the bank to secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca
- by mail OR by delivery to church office by prearranged time
- through Trinity website DONATE button
- PAR

Offering Prayer

God of generous love, we bring our gifts with grateful hearts,
for we have received so much through your kindness.

Bless our gifts, and use them to touch lives in situations we cannot even imagine with your love.

Make us a blessing in our community for the sake of Jesus, our Friend and Saviour. Amen.

Hymn 608 "Dear God, Who Loves All Humankind"

Dear God, who loves all humankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up, and follow thee.

O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

Prayers of the People

God of all life and each life:

You created us and set us in relationship with each other
in families and neighbourhoods,
in communities and countries,
in cultures and nations.

Today we give you thanks for all the gifts of home life and
community celebration

which bring meaning and encouragement to our lives.

Thank you for the blessings we know

through the contributions of those who have gone before us.

Help us offer what we can

to sustain the wellbeing of our community and country,

so that all who make it their home will find security and
dignity:

God of the whole human family,

Hear our prayers for your world.

God of our faith and our future,

There are pressures we face today,
problems without simple solutions.

Draw near to anyone who is struggling in economic difficulty,
and all those burdened by challenges to their health and
happiness.

Guide us all through the changing face of the pandemic,

and support all those who are finding the stress overwhelming.

Ease any conflict in homes and workplaces

and inspire solutions that express mutual respect and deeper understanding.

Help us share with others the hope we find in your presence.

God of the whole human family,
Hear our prayers for your world.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
You call us to live together in peace and unity.

We pray for our neighbourhoods and the nations of this world.
Where people are divided and bitterness turns into resentment,
show us how to work for reconciliation.

Where violence and fear turn neighbour against neighbour, or nation
against nation.

equip leaders to work for justice that will bring peace.

Help us build a world where children enjoy a future
filled with good health and happiness.

God of the whole human family,
Hear our prayers for your world.

God, our hope and our help,
send your Spirit to equip our congregation with skill and resilience
to weather the challenges the pandemic has brought for our life
together.

Strengthen friendships, new and old,
and make us a source of encouragement and connection to each
other.

Help each one find a place and a purpose in our mission and ministry
for it is as your children that we pray together in the words Jesus
taught us -

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

[EOORC Prayer Cycle](#)

Richmond Pastoral Charge
St. Paul's United Church

[The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle](#)

France, Germany, Monaco

We Depart to Serve with Joy

Hymn 375 "Spirit of Gentleness"

Refrain -

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains, from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

Refrain -

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes.

Refrain -

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

Refrain -

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise.

Refrain -

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

Benediction

We leave, our hearts filled with God's love.

**We will go to offer the wonders of laughter
and hope to those we will meet.**

We leave, following Jesus into the world.

**We will serve alongside him in the brokenness
of our neighbours and our communities.**

We leave, having heard the whispers of the Spirit.

**We will speak justice to those
who would hoard it only for themselves.**

Choral Amen

Postlude "Jacob in Egypt" (Lloyd Webber)