

Week of July 12 – July 18 2020

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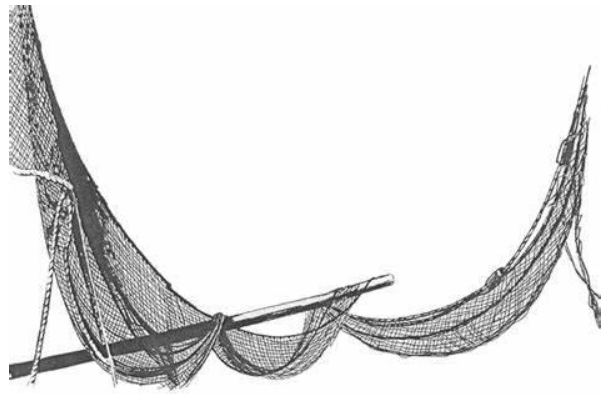
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This coming Sunday, July 19th, we will worship with Christ Church Cathedral at 9 AM Central. Bishop Jennifer will be preaching and has invited all the parishes in the Diocese to join her. Here are her words on the story I preached on this past Sunday:

Words from our Bishop:

July 8, 2020

HATE WILL NEVER HAVE THE FINAL WORD: A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP JENNIFER

Beloved,

On the evening of July Fourth, I followed Twitter in disbelief and horror as video of an attempted lynching in Bloomington began to emerge. As many of us now know, Vauhxx Rush Booker, a local activist and community organizer, was attacked by a group of white men at Lake Monroe while on an outing to view the lunar eclipse with friends. The FBI is investigating the incident as a hate crime.

In the days since then, demonstrators demanding justice for Booker have taken to the streets of Bloomington. On Monday evening, a car plowed into a crowd of protesters, injuring two people, one seriously. Members of our diocese who are providing medical support to the protesters have shared their account of this terrifying violence with me.

I am grateful to God that no one died in these acts of malice and evil, and I join protesters and Bloomington civic leaders, including Mayor John Hamilton, in calling for justice for Vauhxx Booker. I'm also incredibly grateful that first responders like Nan Miller of Good Samaritan, Brownsburg, and leaders of our Faith Aid Support Team, including Patrick Burke of St. Paul's On The Way and Chana Tetzlaff of St. Christopher's, Carmel, are showing up at protests in both Indianapolis and Bloomington to advocate, support, and stand with the vulnerable and marginalized.

In these difficult times, it may seem that evil and hate are all around us, especially when they hit so close to home. But it has ever been thus. Today we simply have videos that make it impossible for us to turn away. In the face of our despair, we must remember that we bear the love, hope, and light of Christ, an ever-present reality that we must neither diminish nor underestimate. Our call to be beacons of Christ, to take the light and love of Christ into the world, is at the core of our Christian vocation. It compels us to raise our voices together to proclaim that hate, death and evil never, ever have the final word.

May God bless and keep you and all you hold dear in these days.

Bishop Jennifer

July Worship Schedule (subject to change depending on Covid-19 levels:

Date	Format and time	Reader	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour Host
July 19, 2020	Christ Church Indy 9:00 AM	N/A	N/A	Mumford Family
July 26, 2020	FB live	Richard Diemer	Carol Stratton	Dr. Beth

Liturgical calendar

July 19, 2020

7th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23
Genesis 28:10-19a
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26, 2020

8th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Genesis 29:25-28
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



We ask for Continued Prayers:

Barbara Machke; Ruth Sautac; Dottie Janzen; Steve D.; Hazel Lobe; Pegg, Ken and family; David, Leighann, and family; All those suffering from COVID-19; For all making decisions about the safety of our communities and students returning to educational settings; Sally, Charles, and Scotty; Tom and Odessa; Mary Ellen and Gary; Sheila, Greg, and Ivy; Karen, Rachel, and Trevor; Hope; Dr. Beth; Linda H.; Betty; Connie's mother; Farmers; Peace and stability in our lives

And for those serving in the Military:

EB; Alex; Caitlyn; Brady; All who serve

And for Safety in Travel for:

All truck drivers and delivery persons; All traveling

And we pray for those who have Died:

Mary Yuan; Tom Cox; Betty Espenlaub; All who have died from COVID; All victims of abuse or violence

For those who celebrate Birthdays in July:

July 11 – Joshua Harris
July 12 – Brenda McFarland
July 20 – Linda Warrum
July 29 – Dr Beth Macke

For those who celebrate Anniversaries in July:

July 11 – Don & Shirley Hatfield
July 29 – David & Leann Cox
July 20 – Ken & Peggy Meyer

And for those serving in our Diocese, including Bishop Jennifer Bakservill-Burrows; our companion Diocese Brasillia, their Bishop Mauricio, and the people and Diocese Of Haiti and St. Andre's in Mithon

Blessings:

The birth of Silas Knox McDaniel; Children and grandchildren; Family and friends, far and near; Days of sunshine and abundant rain