

GOD WANTS US BACK

IMAGES OF HOPE FROM JEREMIAH

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STAYING CONNECTED

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We are currently in a series titled God Wants Us Back: 10 Images of Hope from the Book of Jeremiah. In the midst of personal and societal crises, we are seeking God's invitation to us by turning to the prophet Jeremiah, whose messages from God to His people contain vibrant and startling images that both expose our spiritual condition and magnify God's merciful heart toward us.

Through this series, we are discovering that God wants us back, and He is offering us a fresh hope, a clarified purpose and a promise of renewal. Catch sermons you missed at immanuelanglican.org/sermons.

Membership at Immanuel

If you are interested in pursuing church membership at Immanuel, growing in your walk with Christ or going deeper with your church community, we warmly invite you to attend our "Intro to Immanuel" Course. This course will cover a variety of topics, such as:

- Christian Discipleship: What does it look like to follow Jesus in the church? What is the way of life that we are called to share with one another?
- Immanuel's Vision and History: Where did we come from, and where are we going as a local church?
- Anglican Worship, Theology and Governance: What does it mean to be Anglican?
- Membership at Immanuel: What is membership for, and how can I go deeper with our local church family?

We will offer our Intro to Immanuel Course two times this fall, in two formats. First, we will host a two-day, outdoor seminar on September 26-27. (Those who attend this class would be eligible to take their membership vows on All Saints Sunday, November 1st.) We also plan to host a virtual version of this course in November. (Those who attend would be able to take their vows in January 2021.) For more information and to register, visit immanuelanglican.org/membership.

All-Church Picnic

We will be having another All-Church Picnic on August 16th, so mark your calendars! More details, such as time and location to come.

THE WORD OF GOD

How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word
What more can He say than to you He hath said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not I am with thee O be not dismayed
For I am thy God I will still give thee aid
I'll strengthen thee help thee
And cause thee to stand
Upheld by My gracious omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters He calls thee to go
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow
For I will be with thee thy trouble to bless
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie
My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply
The flames shall not hurt thee I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not I will not desert to its foes
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never no never no never forsake

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CELEBRANT: *Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*

PEOPLE: **And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*

*Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of
our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we
may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy
name, through Christ our Lord.*

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

Gloria

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.____

Lord God, hea-ven - ly King____ Al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther,____

we wor - ship you,____ we give you thanks____

we praise you for__ your glo - ry____ Glo - ry__ to God____

Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther____ Lord God,

Lamb of God,____ You take a - way the sin of the world____

have mer - cy__ on us;____ you are sea - ted at the right

hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer__ re - ceive our prayer.____

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,____ you a - lone

are__ the Lord,____ you a - lone are the Most High,____

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the Glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther____ in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther____

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The Collect of the Day

CELEBRANT: *The Lord be with you*

PEOPLE: **And also with you**

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your grace that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

The Lessons

Please be seated.

READER: *A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*

Jeremiah 32:1-15, 36-44

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.² At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah.³ For Zedekiah king of Judah had imprisoned him, saying, "Why do you prophesy and say, 'Thus says the Lord: Behold, I am giving this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall capture it;'⁴ Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him face to face and see him eye to eye."⁵ And he shall take Zedekiah to Babylon, and there he shall remain until I visit him, declares the Lord. Though you fight against the Chaldeans, you shall not succeed?"

⁶ Jeremiah said, "The word of the Lord came to me:⁷ Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum your uncle will come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.'⁸ Then Hanamel my cousin came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

⁹ "And I bought the field at Anathoth from Hanamel my cousin, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver.¹⁰ I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales.¹¹ Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions and the open copy.¹² And I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the

presence of Hanamel my cousin, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard.¹³ I charged Baruch in their presence, saying,¹⁴ 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware vessel, that they may last for a long time.'¹⁵ For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.'

³⁶ "Now therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning this city of which you say, 'It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by sword, by famine, and by pestilence':³⁷ Behold, I will gather them from all the countries to which I drove them in my anger and my wrath and in great indignation. I will bring them back to this place, and I will make them dwell in safety.³⁸ And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.³⁹ I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them.⁴⁰ I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me.⁴¹ I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul.

⁴² "For thus says the Lord: Just as I have brought all this great disaster upon this people, so I will bring upon them all the good that I promise them.⁴³ Fields shall be bought in this land of which you are saying, 'It is a desolation, without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.'⁴⁴ Fields shall be bought for money, and deeds shall be signed and sealed and witnessed, in the land of Benjamin, in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, in the cities of the hill country, in the cities of the Shephelah, and in the cities of the Negeb; for I will restore their fortunes, declares the Lord."

READER: *The word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel reading.

Alleluia

DEACON: *The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew*

PEOPLE: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now

over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”¹⁶ But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”¹⁷ They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.”¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.”¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over.²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

DEACON: *The Gospel of the Lord*

PEOPLE: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Alleluia

The Sermon

God Wants Us Back: 10 Images of Hope from the Book of Jeremiah

“Buying a Field”
— *Will Eastham*

The Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and was born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontious Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

The Confession of Sin

DEACON: *Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

Please sit or kneel. There will be a time of silence.

PEOPLE: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen

CELEBRANT: *Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in
eternal life. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Please stand.

LEADER: *...Lord in your mercy*

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer

CELEBRANT: *O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people: in
the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon
us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O
lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit, now and forever.*

PEOPLE: Amen.

The Peace

CELEBRANT: *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

PEOPLE: And also with you.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Offertory

Oh The Deep Deep Love

Oh the deep deep love of Jesus
Vast unmeasured boundless free
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me
Underneath me all around me
Is the current of Your love
Leading onward leading homeward
To Your glorious rest above

*Oh the deep deep love
All I need and trust
Is the deep deep love of Jesus*

Oh the deep deep love of Jesus
Spread His praise from shore to shore
How He came to pay our ransom
Through the saving cross He bore
How He watches o'er His loved ones
Those He died to make His own
How for them He's interceding
Pleading now before the throne

Oh the deep deep love of Jesus
Far surpassing all the rest
It's an ocean full of blessing
In the midst of ev'ry test
Oh the deep deep love of Jesus
Mighty Savior precious friend
You will bring us home to glory
Where Your love will never end

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The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

PRAYERS when unable to receive Holy Communion

OFFICIANT: *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

ALL: Amen.

OFFICIANT: *God is our refuge and strength,*

ALL: A very present help in trouble.

OFFICIANT: *Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

ALL: Who made heaven and earth.

OFFICIANT: *Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.*

ALL: 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, and the power, and the glory
for ever and ever, Amen.

OFFICIANT: *Let us pray.*

ALL: Heavenly Father, I now join my heart and mind
with all my brothers and sisters
in Holy Mother Church throughout the world
who gather at your holy table this day
to remember your death
and proclaim your resurrection.

Accept my soul and body as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to you,
through the merits of your dear Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Hasten the day when I may once more
draw near with them to receive
the most precious sacrament
of your body and blood. Amen

OFFICIANT: *Soul of Christ,*

ALL: sanctify me.

OFFICIANT: *Body of Christ,*

ALL: **save me.**

OFFICIANT: *Blood of Christ,*

ALL: **refresh me.**

OFFICIANT: *Water from the side of Christ,*

ALL: **wash me.**

OFFICIANT: *Passion of Christ,*

ALL: **strengthen me.**

OFFICIANT: *Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!*

ALL: **Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

OFFICIANT: *May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us into everlasting life,*

ALL: **Amen**

Your Name

As morning dawns and evening fades
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart
And glorify Your Name

*Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name*

Jesus in Your Name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today
Lord give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your Name

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The Blessing

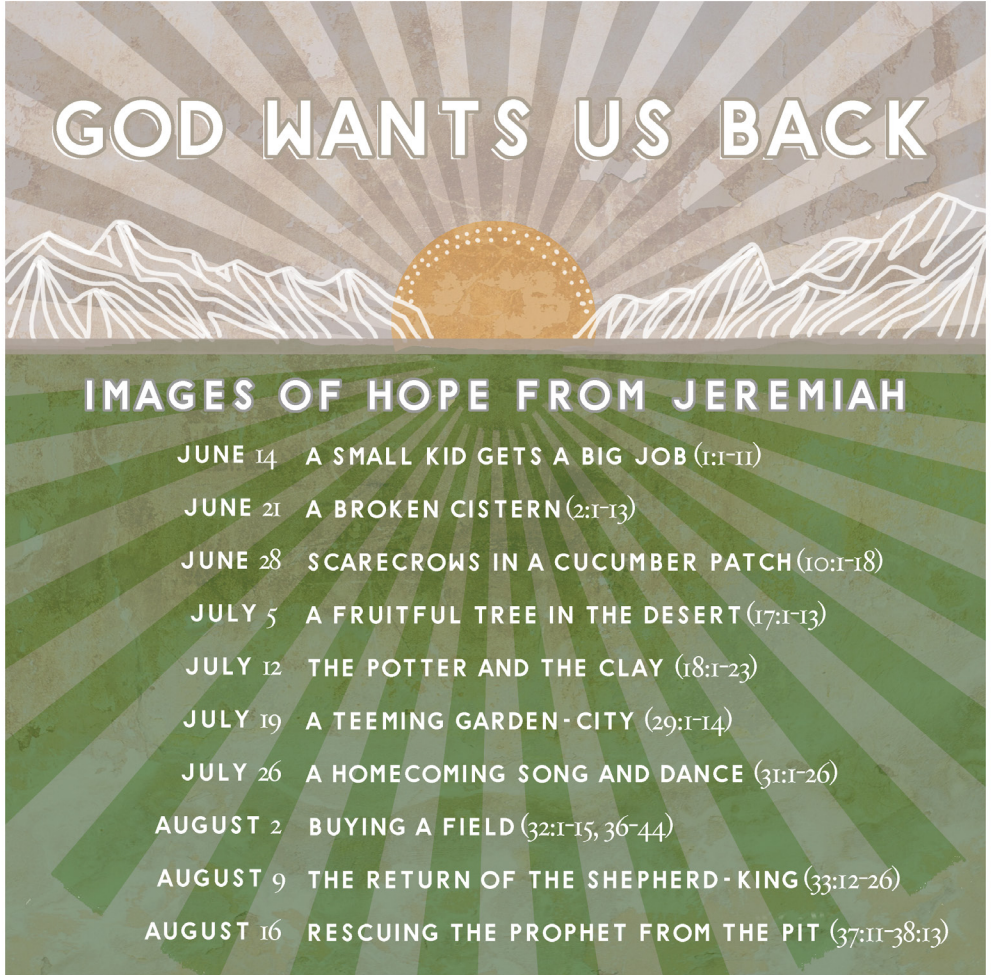
CELEBRANT: *The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.*

ALL: **Amen.**

The Dismissal

DEACON: *Go forth into the world in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



New to Immanuel? Fill out a connection card at immanuelanglican.org/live and let us know how we can follow up with you.

If you have time after the service today, join us for an informal half-hour chat on Zoom from 11:15-11:45am. Today, the group will be reflecting on the question, "To what places has Lord has carried you, and how did He direct you to serve and care for that community?" To join, use the link in this week's Digest email or email care@immanuelanglican.org.