

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE. THE GAYTON KIRK. JULY 14, 2024

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WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

IMAGINATIVE WORD

“The Cure at Troy” (excerpt)
Sophocles, 496-405 BCE

Human beings suffer,
they torture one another,
they get hurt and get hard.

History says, Don't hope
on this side of the grave.
But then, once in a lifetime
the longed for tidal wave
of justice can rise up,
and hope and history rhyme.

So hope for a great sea-change
on the far side of revenge.
Believe that a further shore
is reachable from here.
Believe in miracles
and cures and healing wells.

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SCRIPTURE

Mark 6:14-29

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, “John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.” ¹⁵But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.”

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom."

²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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BENEDICTION

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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"The Cure at Troy," (excerpt), Sophocles <https://reconciliationpoetry.com/>

THE GAYTON KIRK WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY JULY 14

- 8:30 AM - Celtic Worship Service in-person and Zoom (*host, Rusty Deyerle*)
- 9:45 AM - Outdoor Worship (weather-permitting) - in-person
- 11:00 AM - Worship Service in-person, live streaming, and on Zoom (*host, Rusty Deyerle*)
- 5:00 PM - Jazz Vespers in-person, live streaming, and on Zoom (*host, Rusty Deyerle*)
- 5:45 PM - Jazz Vespers Discussion - in person and Zoom (*host, Rusty Deyerle*)
- 6:00 PM - Jazz Vespers Fellowship - in-person

MONDAY JULY 15

- 11:00 AM - Coffee and Scripture - Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 1:30 PM - Creative Expressions - in-person (*Sandra O'Neill*)
- 6:30 PM - Session Meeting - in-person
- 7:00 PM - River City Players Rehearsal

TUESDAY JULY 16

- 11:55 AM - Kirktown Ukes - in-person (*Kay Cox and Tina Bechtle*)
- 1:00 PM - Bridge and Learn to Play Bridge - in-person (*Ellen Welthy and Tina Bechtle*)
- 7:00 PM - River City Players Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY JULY 17

- 9:45 AM - Class: Life After Doom - in-person (*led by Bland Weaver*)
- 12:30 PM - Midday Prayer (*in the spirit of Taize*) - in-person
- 5:30 PM - Tuckahoe Kiwanis Club - in-person
- 7:00 PM - River City Players Rehearsal

THURSDAY JULY 18

- 9:30 AM - Tai Chi - in-person (*led by Steve Sawyer*)
- 10:30 AM - Chair Yoga - in-person (*led by Robin Ricketts*)
- 7:00 PM - River City Players Rehearsal

SUNDAY JULY 21

- 8:30 AM - Celtic Worship Service in-person and Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
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