January 30, 2022 10am

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany





Loving God. Loving People. Growing in Christ Together.

Presiding: Preaching: Assisting: The Reverend Patrick McManus Julia Lee The Reverend Brian Suggs

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

We are a Christian community who celebrates and enacts the love of God in our common life of prayer and service in this neighbourhood. Children are full members of our church and we welcome their presence and participation in our worship.

> Prelude: Air from Rodelinda

G. F. Handel (1685-1759) Peter Mayers, organ

Welcome

Opening Hymn 645: Come Down, O Love Divine (Verses 1 & 2) Tune: Down Ampney

Come down, O love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, And visit it with thine own ardour glowing. O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn To dust and ashes in its heat consuming; And let Thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

> *~Bianco da Siena (circa 1350-circa 1434); trans. The Reverend Dr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1883-1890)*

> > The Greeting:

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *People:* And also with you.

Collect for Purity:

Presider:Almighty GodAll:to you all hearts are open
all desires known
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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. Amen.

The Song of Praise: **To God Be the Glory (#371)** *Tune: (Idem)*

To God be the glory, who great things has done! God so loved the world freely sending the Son, Who yielded his life an atonement for sin, And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear God's voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, And give God the glory, who great things has done!

~Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)

The Prayer of the Day:

Presider: Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD We read and respond to God's message in Scripture

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10 Reader: Sue Nielsen

Reader: A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant." Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

Reader: The word of the Lord.*People:* Thanks be to God.

Psalm 71:1-6:

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.

I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

> Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 13:1-13** *Reader: Doris Burrows*

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

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Gradual Hymn: Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire (The Gift of Love) Tune: O Waly, Waly (#541)

Though I may speak with bravest fire, And have the gift to all inspire, And have not love, my words are vain, As sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, And striving so my love profess, But not be given by love within, The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, Our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; By this we worship, and are freed.

~Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933); Based on 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:21-30 Gospeller: The Reverend Brian Suggs

Gospeller:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.

- *Gospeller:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
- *People:* Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospeller: Jesus began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Gospeller:The Gospel of Christ.People:Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Julia Lee

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

The Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: I invite those who would like to make a profession of Christian faith to join with me in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

> We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Presider: Having reaffirmed our faith, let us prepare to offer our prayers to God.

Prayers of the People: Intercessor: Sue Nielsen

For the Church, those in authority, the world, our community, the sick and those in need, for the departed, and for the forgiveness of our sins.

The Confession and Absolution:

Presider: Let us now remember our own faults and failings.

Presider:God of mercy,All:we acknowledge that we are all sinners.We turn from the wrong that we have thought
and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Presider: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

> The Peace: Having prayed for God's peace for us and the world, we offer an exchange of peace with one another in the 'live chat'.

Presider: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you are called to peace.

cf. Colossians 3.15

The peace of the Lord be always with you.People:And also with you.

Offertory Hymn 433: Lord, You Give the Great Commission

(Verses 1 & 5) Tune: Abbot's Leigh It's during the singing of this hymn that we would normally be giving our offerings. A reminder that you can click here to give your offering through Canada Helps. https://allsaintskingsway.ca/give

Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the Church neglect its mission, And the gospel go unheard, Help us witness to your purpose With renewed integrity; With the Spirit's gifts empower us For the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring, May we serve as you intend, And, amid the cares that claim us, Hold in mind eternity; With the Spirit's gifts empower us For the work of ministry.

~The Right Reverend Jeffrey Rowthorn (b. 1934)

Prayer over the Gifts:

Presider: God of steadfast love, may our offering this day, by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray: All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

We now go into the world declaring the good news of Jesus Christ

The Doxology:

Presider: Glory to God
All: Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,

in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing:

Presider: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing; And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn 255: Eternal God, Your Love's Tremendous Glory

(Verses 1, 4 & 5) Tune: Highwood

Eternal God, your love's tremendous glory Cascades through life in overflowing grace, To tell creation's meaning in the story Of love evolving love from time and space.

Love's trinity, self-perfect, self-sustaining; Love which commands, enables and obeys: You give yourself, in boundless joy, creating One vast increasing harmony of praise.

We ask you now, complete your image in us; This love of yours, our source and guide and goal. May love in us, seek love and serve love's purpose, Till we ascend with Christ and find love whole.

~The Reverend Alan Gaunt (b. 1935)

The Dismissal:

Leader: Go forth in the love and joy of Christ!*People:* Thanks be to God!

Postlude: March in E Flat Glenn Medlock Peter Mayers, organ The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God.

Please notify the Clergy if you know of anyone who is ill or otherwise in need of pastoral care. Such information is of great assistance to the Clergy, as they endeavour to minister to parishioners.

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