

January 2, 2022
The Epiphany of our Lord
Zoom Service



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A Service of the Word

This service of Morning Prayer is from a new form for Morning Prayer called "Pray Without Ceasing". It is published by the Faith, Worship, and Ministry Committee and authorized for use by General Synod in 2019.

Land acknowledgement

As always, we will light a candle and ring a bell as our service begins.

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

In your resurrection, O Christ,
let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Invitatory Psalm: [Psalm 95.1-7](#)

Come, sing to the Holy One !
Shout for joy to the Rock who defends us!
Come into the Presence with thanksgiving!
Raise our voices in joyful hymns!
Truly the Holy One is a great God,
supreme above all gods,
in whose hands are the ends of the earth
and the heights of all the mountains.

The sea belongs to God who made it,
whose hands formed the dry land.

**Come, worship and bow down;
kneel in the presence of our Creator.**

Truly, truly, our God is the Holy One,
whose people we are,
all in God's pasture.

Hymn 128 Georgia Smith, Kate Fitzsimmons, Lori Gooldrup

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
And they say that his name was Jesus.

Refrain:

He come from the glory, he come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory, he come from the glorious kingdom. O

The angels sang when the baby was born,
The angels sang when the baby was born,
The angels sang when the baby was born,
And proclaim him the Saviour Jesus. (Refrain)

The wisemen went where the baby was born,
The wisemen went where the baby was born,
The wisemen went where the baby was born,
And they say that his name was Jesus. (Refrain)

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1 Give the king your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the king's son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice;

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

O God, bring our nation and all nations to a sense of justice and equity, that poverty, oppression, and violence may vanish and all may know peace and plenty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

First reading: [Isaiah 60:1-6](#)

Rick Monchak

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle

The Song of Zechariah ([Luke 1.68-79](#))

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, *
you have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *
born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets, *
you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us, *
to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship you without fear, *
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
to give God's people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

Hymn 580

In Bethlehem a newborn boy
was hailed with songs of praise and joy;
Then warning came of danger near:
King Herod's troops would soon appear.

The soldiers sought the child in vain
Not yet was he to share our pain.
But down the ages rings the cry
Of those who saw their children die.

Still rage the fires of hate today,
and innocents the price must pay,
While aching hearts in every land cry out,
"We cannot understand!"

Lord Jesus, through our night of loss
shines out the wonder of your cross,
The love that cannot cease to bear,
our human anguish everywhere.

May that great love our lives control
And conquer hate in every soul,
Till, pledged to build and not destroy,
We share your pain and find your joy.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to [Matthew 2: 1-12](#)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Deacon reads the Gospel

The gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The sermon

Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the people

God of Israel, may this day be one of fulfillment and peace.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Teach us to love others as you have loved us.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Fill the world with your peace and justice.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Strengthen and relieve those who are in need.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Renew the Church through the power of your life-giving Spirit.

Holy One, hear and have mercy.

The Lay Assistant offers additional Prayers

The Collect of the Day

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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.**

Hymn 162

Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blessed,
To whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,
Magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound:
Myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and King
foretold.

Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,
“I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do.”
Then from heaven a double - sign dove - like Spirit, voice divine-
Hailed the true Anointed One: “This is my beloved son.”

Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest
And at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;
Further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed,
Bringing light and life to all who would the listen to God’s call.

Sing of God made manifest on the cloud - capped mountain’s
crest,
We’re both voice and vision weaned until Christ alone remained:
Glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, given as Jesus set his face
Towards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God
would save.

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements...

Important dates

- All in-person services and meetings are suspended due to COVID.
- The office is closed for the present. Please leave a message or send email, messages and email will be monitored.
- Call Cathie at 250-668-3701 for pastoral emergencies or parish matters.

Outreach is Ongoing please continue to pray for the homeless and hungry in Campbell River. Remember the work of Grass Roots, Kind Hearts, pray for the Food Bank, give thanks for the many ministries of the ACW in this community, pray for the 8 Twelve Step groups that use our church. Please pray for the homeless, especially those who will shelter under our hall roof this winter.

The parish is now moving to advertise for a new Incumbent. Please pray for Rick Monchak and the members of the selection Committee as they work on the parish profile and meet with diocesan leaders.

Refugees Among Us

This parish has sponsored refugees in its recent past. What has been your experience of that or another refugee sponsorship? Most of the refugees the church sponsors in this diocese and across Canada are leaving behind oppression, danger of death, and a life of fear. We feel glad to bring them to this welcoming and safe place. But we have refugees among us as well, who also are in need of safety and help, who also have a life of fear.

Who are they?

Some of those among us who would be refugees if they could are intimate partners who live in fear of physical, emotional or sexual violence. Sometimes elders are abused by those who are meant to care for them. Sometimes the abuse is physical or emotional, sometimes the abuse takes the form of financial exploitation. Do these count as refugees?

Some among us are homeless. This may mean that someone is 'couch surfing', sleeping in the home of friends. Sometimes they are living in their cars, sometimes they are living out of doors. There are many, many reasons for this, every one has a story. Sometimes it is PTSD from a trauma, sometimes it is a mental health issue, sometimes addiction, and there are many other reasons. Whatever the reason they are homeless do these count as refugees?

There are some among us who are slaves, people who heard promises and came to Canada full of hope, who are now working in massage parlours, brothels, or on street corners. They are male as well as female. Many have been told lies about the consequences of escape, or they have had their passports taken, or they do not speak any English and don't know where to find resources. They live in fear. Do these count as refugees?

The Holy Family were refugees, fleeing to Egypt to escape the wrath of Herod. They lived among foreigners until Herod died and it was safe for them to return. They left their home, family, friends, neighbours, and livelihood to find safety. Do these count as refugees?

Prayers for the Church and the World

Anna, our Bishop,

Diocesan cycle: Ss. Christopher & Aidan, Lake Cowichan - Eric Stephanson.

Lynne, our Metropolitan

Linda, Our Primate, Mark, our Indigenous Archbishop

AC cycle: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Cathie and David our clergy

Parish family

For those who have suffered losses due to flooding. For those working to clean up and to repair damaged homes and businesses.

For those who are cold and hungry in this city.

For those seeking healing and hope: Winn, Jill, Lyn, Marg, Bryn, Stella, Phyllis, Connie, Kelsey, Bill, William and Sheila, Isabel, Esme, Pat, Ed, Dulcey.

Prayer is an act of trust in God and an act of hope in the future. Prayer is not about getting what we wish for but about asking God to help those we love in whatever way is best for them. It is about helping us to accept God's will even if it is challenging. Jesus said, "let this cup pass from me, if it is your will."

Let the Prayer Chain know if you have a confidential prayer concern. Email stpeterCRprayerchain@gmail.com you may leave a confidential message on the Church telephone 250 286-1613.

WELCOME!

Parish Staff and Leaders

Bishop's Warden: Lois Tirebuck

People's Warden: David Storrie

Deputy Wardens: Bill Ritchie and Tony Smith

Treasurer: Holly Finn

Musicians: Georgia Smith , Kate Fitzsimmons, and Lori Gooldrup

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Prayer Chain: Kate Fitzsimmons

Communications Director: Trina Soltys

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Healing Prayer Ministry: Sue Vickery

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ACW President: Bev Lawrence, Lois Tirebuck

Mindfulness: Jane Jennings

Coffee Monday: Jennifer Coolen

Sunday School: Jane Monchak, Diana Hicks

Altar Guild President: Frances Hudock

Librarian: Jane Jennings

Community Garden Liaison: Rick Monchak

Safe Church: Judy Antonelli

PWRDF Rep: Barb Henshall

Building: George Wagner

Selection Committee: Rick Monchak, chair

The parish of St Peter Anglican Church and St Saviour Anglican Church is located on the unceded, traditional territory of the Ligwi'da'xw people: the We Wai Kai, Wei Wai Kum, and Kwiakah First Nations; the unceded traditional territory of the Klahoose First Nation; the unceded traditional territory of the K'omoks First Nation and the unceded traditional territory of the Homalco First Nation. We seek a new relationship with the first peoples here; one based on honour and respect. We pray that we may live more deeply into the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.