

ST Catherines CHURCH



ADVENT 3: WHERE I'M FROM
SUNDAY DECEMBER 13, 2020
10 AM FAMILY SERVICE – LIVESTREAM

Artist: Bega, Cornelis Pietersz., approximately 1631-1664



Presider: Rev. Sharon Smith

Music: Siiri Rebane
Steve Jackson
Mark Kaiser (cello)

Reader 1& 2: Tony Dodd
Intercessor: Phil Sunderland

Altar Guild: Bonnie Grundy
Door Décor: Lori Burns
Sound: Ethan Spence

Livestream: Gordon Lee
Armin

Welcome and Intentions: Rev Sharon

Gathering of the Community:

Presider: In this time and place
 We gather on the unceded
 ancestral lands of the Squamish
 and Tsleil-Waututh nations

Lighting of Altar candles and Advent Candle

Hope (The Brilliance)

Hope, we will find our hope,
we will find our hope,
we will find our hope in You (2x)

Peace, we will find our peace,
we will find our peace,
we will find our peace in You (2x)

Joy, we will find our joy,
we will find our joy,
we will find our joy in You (2x)

Presider: Eternal Light, shine into our hearts,

All: Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil,

Presider: Eternal Friend be our support,

All: Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,

Presider: Eternal Mercy, we receive your kindness,

**All: That with all our heart and mind
and soul and strength.
We may seek your face and be
brought into your presence;
Through the Coming light of Christ.
Amen**

*Prayer by Alcuin of York- adapted c 735-804
contributed by Bonnie Grundy*

Presider: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

All: Also with you

Opening Hymn: When the King Shall Come Again

When the King shall come again,
all his power revealing;
splendour shall announce his reign,
life and joy and healing:
earth no longer in decay,
hope no more frustrated;
this is God's redemption day
longingly awaited.

In the desert, trees take root,
fresh from God's creation;
plants and flowers and sweetest fruit
join the celebration;
rivers spring up from the earth,
barren lands adorning.
Valleys, this is your new birth;
mountains, greet the morning!

Strengthen feeble hands and knees;
fainting hearts, be cheerful!
God who comes for such as these,
seeks and saves the fearful.
Deaf ears hear the silent tongues
sing away their weeping;
blind eyes see the lifeless ones
walking, running, leaping!

There God's highway shall be seen
where no roaring lion,
nothing evil or unclean
walks the road to Zion:
ransomed people, homeward bound
all your praises voicing,
see your Lord with glory crowned,
share in his rejoicing!

Prayer of the Day :

Presider: God of all wisdom,

**All: Our hearts, desire the warmth of your love
and our minds are searching
For the light of your word.
Increase our longing for Christ
And give us the strength to grow in love,
That the dawn of Christ's coming
May find us rejoicing in God's presence
And welcoming the light of clarity.
Amen.**

*(Voices United – An Advent Prayer, contributed by
Bonnie Grundy)*

Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy) :

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Christe eleison (2x)

Kyrie eleison (2x)

**Children's Advent Story:
Rev. Sharon**



The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Saint Bonaventure

Just as you see that a ray of light entering through a window is colored in different ways according to the different colors of the various parts, so the divine ray shines forth in each and every creature in different ways and in different properties.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying,

People: Thanks be to God.



Praying the Psalms

Psalm 126 (Lyrics by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan)

Presider: Rivers in the desert, laughter out of weeping
Our hope is grounded only in God
Hidden in the suffering, hidden in the singing
Our dawn is breaking only in God

**People: Blessed are you when you are poor
Blessed are you when you are hungry
You will have God**

Presider: Rivers in the desert, laughter out of weeping
Our hope is grounded only in God
Holy is the planting, holy is the harvest
Our life is rising only in God

**People: Blessed are we when we are poor
Blessed are we when we are hungry
We will have God**

Presider: Rivers in the desert, laughter out of weeping
Our hope is grounded only in God
Our dawn is breaking only in God
Our life is rising only in God. Amen.

Second Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

Though the people had returned to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon, they continued to face hardship and oppression. In the language of the jubilee year, the prophet, announces deliverance for those who are oppressed and comfort for those who mourn.



Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying
All: **Thanks to be God**

Artist: Vincent van Gogh

Gospel Hymn

Light of the nations sight of the blinded
You are our freedom from ev'ry dark prison
Shine Your light on the world
Shine Your light on the world



Gospel Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

People: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

John's gospel describes Jesus as the "light of the world." John the Baptist is presented as a witness to Jesus, one who directs attention away from himself to Christ, the true light.



Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Artist: Stothard, Thomas, 1755-1834 ; Skelton, William, 1763-1848

Gospel Hymn continued: Light Of The Nations

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Shine Your light on the world

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Homily: Rev. Sharon

After sermon meditation:

May You Find Light

(John Arndt and David Gungor)

Lost and weary traveler,
searching for the way to go.
Stranger, heavy hearted,
longing for someone you know.
May you find the light to guide you home.

There are weary travelers
searching everywhere you go.
Strangers who are searching,
longing deeply to be known.
May you find a light to guide you home.

Affirmation of Faith

Presider: Moses said,

All: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Presider: And Jesus affirmed:

All: 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 neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

All: Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Prayers of the People



Confession

Presider: Let us in silence confess our faults and
admit our frailty.

Before God, with the People of God

**All: We confess to our brokenness;
to the ways we wound our lives,
the lives of others,
and the Life of the world.**

Presider: May God forgive us
Christ renew us
And the Spirit enable us to grow in love.

All: Amen

(Iona Abbey Worship Book 2011)

Presider: As our Saviour taught us,
let us pray in the language of our hearts,
as we say:

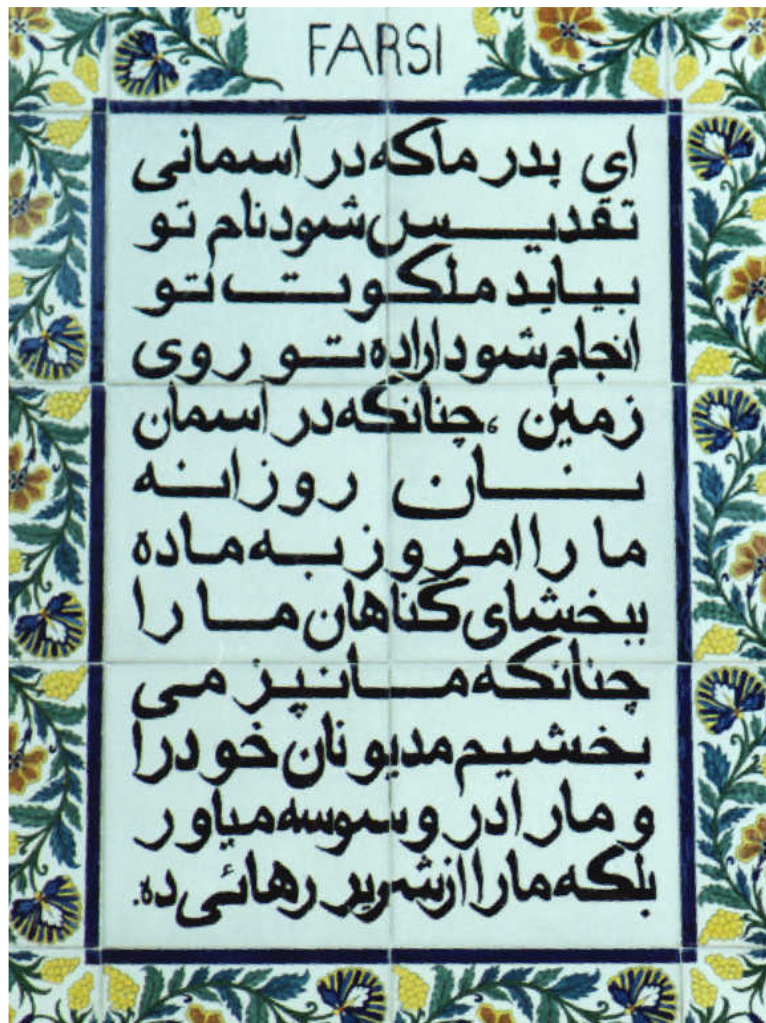
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

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.**



Announcements:

See website for more details:
<https://www.saint-catherines.org>

The Silent Night Project

A Virtual Congregational Recording.

Dear Members and Friends of St. Catherine's Church,
We are excited to attempt the Virtual Congregational Recording of Silent Night project! It would be so nice to see the whole congregation sing together (virtually) during this very different Christmas Eve Service.



Service of Light

Winter Solstice

Monday, December 21, 2020

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Zoom

Events / Service of Light

Blessing:

by Tim Graves

Presider: Give us inner peace,

All: a closeness with you.

Presider: Give us clarity,

All: to know what faces us.

Presider: Give us heart,

All: to love one another and you.

Presider: Give us energy and focus,

**All: to do your work in this
fragmented world.**

Amen.

Closing Hymn:

O Come Divine Messiah

O come, Divine Messiah,
the world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph,
and sadness flee away.

Dear Saviour, haste! Come, come to earth.
Dispel the night and show your face,
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.

O come, Divine Messiah,
the world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph,
and sadness flee away.

O Christ, whom nations sigh for,
whom priest and prophet long foretold,
come, break the captives' fetters,
redeem the long-lost fold.

Dear Saviour, haste! Come, come to earth.
Dispel the night and show your face,
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.

O come, Divine Messiah,
the world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph,
and sadness flee away.

You come in peace and meekness
and lowly will your cradle be;
all clothed in human weakness
shall we your Godhead see.
Dear Saviour, haste! Come, come to earth.
Dispel the night and show your face,
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.
O come, Divine Messiah,
the world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph,
and sadness flee away.



Dismissal

Priest: Let us bless the Lord

People: Thanks to be God



Coffee Time Follows @ Noon – 12:30pm

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