



ST Catherines
CHURCH



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

JULY 19, 2020

10AM FAMILY SERVICE LIVE ONLINE



President: Rev. Peter Smyth

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Reader 2: Gordon Lee

Intercessor: Heather Peacock

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Sound: Susana Valente

Zoom Host: Anna Boltenko

Zoom Greeter: Linda Robertson

PARKING LOT SERVICES

August 8, 2020 @ 4:30 pm



You are required to:

- **Arrive between 4pm and 4:15pm**
- Bring your own lawn/camping chair
- Register online or by phone (604) 985 0666 (Natasha)
- Register your car if you require a parking space
- You will be asked if you are experiencing any COVID symptoms, and if you are please stay home.

Coffee Time Follows @ 11:00am – 11:30am

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Welcome and Intentions – Rev. Peter Smyth

Opening Hymn: Love Divine, all Loves Excelling

Verse 1.

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us your humble dwelling,
All your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, you are all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love impart;
Visit us with your salvation,
Enter every trembling heart

Verse 2.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all your grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more your temples leave.
We would always give you blessing,
Serve you as your hosts above,
Pray, and praise you without ceasing,
Glory in your perfect love.

Verse 3

Finish then your new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see your great salvation,
Perfect in eternity:
Changed from glory into glory
Till in heaven we take our place,
There to sing salvation's story
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!



Gathering of the community

Priest: We gather on the ancestral lands of the
Squamish and Tsleil-Watuth nations

All: From distanced places we come to pray.

Priest: We meet in the presence of the living God

All: The living God who creates us and all that is.

Priest: The risen Christ stands in our midst.

**All: The risen Christ who accompanies us
and all people.**

Priest: God's Holy Spirit breathes in us and
emboldens us

All: The Holy Spirit, transforms us and all life.

Priest: We gather in the name of God,

**All: Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy
Spirit. Amen.**

Priest: Lord, open our lips

All: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Gloria

Glory to the God of creation.
Gloria, glory, glory!

Glory to the Lord Jesus Christ
and Saviour for ever. Praise the Lord

Glory to the Spirit, God's Holy Flame,
Praise the Spirit evermore.

Glory to the Trinity, Myst'ry of God
Glory, glory, amen!

Priest: Oh God of Jacob,

**All: You speak in the light of the day and in the
dark of nights when our sleeping is filled with
dreams of heaven and earth; may we be open
and watchful to your presence in our midst;
through Jesus Christ, your dream made
flesh. Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 28:10-19a

God's graciousness to Jacob is shown in God's revelation of the divine self to the patriarch, who is running for his life after cheating his brother Esau out of the family inheritance. Jacob promises that if God brings him back to the land, he will be loyal to God and give God a tenth of everything (vv. 20-22).

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying,

People: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 139 1-10, 23-24 Paraphrase by Nan Merrill

Priest: O my Beloved, You have searched me and
known me!

**People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
You discern my innermost thoughts .**

Priest: You find me on the journey and guide my steps;
You know my strengths and my weaknesses.

**People: Even before words rise up in prayer,
Lo, You have already heard my heart call.**

Priest: You encompass me with love where'er I go
and your strength is my shield.

**People: Such sensitivity is too wonderful for me; it is
high; boundless gratitude is my soul's
response.**

Priest: Where should I go from your Spirit?
Or how could I flee from your Presence.

**People: If I ascend into heaven, You are there!
If I make my bed in darkness,
You are there!**



Priest: If I soar on the wings of the morning
or dwell in the deepest parts of the sea,
Even there your Hand will lead me,
and your Love will embrace me.

**People: Search me, O my Beloved, and know
my heart!
Try me and discern my thoughts!
Help me to face the darkness within me;
enlighten me, that I might radiate
your Love and Light! Amen.**



Second Reading: Thoor Anu by David Whyte

You did not know you had come
to meet the ocean,

thinking the cliff edge
had everything you need,

but when you stared into
the deep vault

of blue from which the
revelation
came

and you heard the drumbeat
of arriving water

and looked into
the bowl

of waves and breaking foam,
and sat there stunned

and numb in the underbelly
of the turning world

the vision
was immediate
a ghost like fas-in horizon
come to meet the sea

an anchored, internal origination
equal to the sway of the moon

or ocean or even the wind itself
blowing in from nowhere

an interior
living the edge as center

and the pulse of two great hearts,
beating together,

with the waves' arrival
and the bird flight

and the choir inside me
singing with the ocean,

the rising inward tide
a lifting and a washing away

and a first footing,
In some *terra incognita*,

a castaway sense of self,
once wrested and blown away,

now strangely re-ordered and
restored
like a fulcrum

from which all movement
could come,

like a door you did not realize
was already open,

like a robust and gifted
helplessness,

a low, mounting ocean roar
growing from within,

an elemental undoing
you'd carry with you

in the city street
or the plane ride home,

still newly inhabited
in the small hours

of the quiet night or the
hubbub
of a crowded room,

as if everything felt there
is happening still

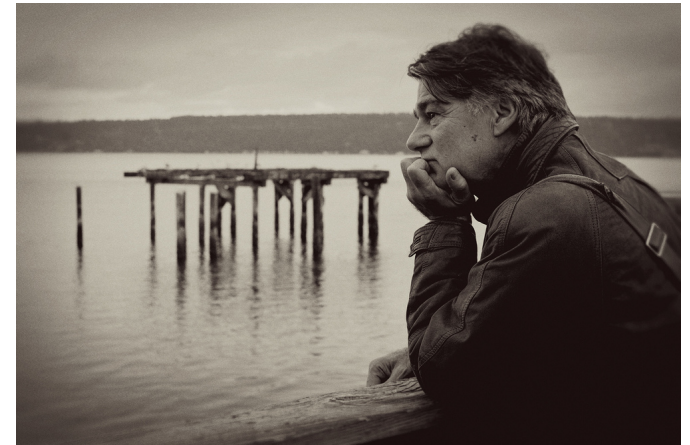
as an anticipation
a slow,

rolling arrival of waves,
a birthing,

a life delineated. Before and
after

Thoor Anu.

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying,
Thanks be to God.



Gospel Hymn: Refiner's Fire

Verse 1

Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
And precious silver
Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
Pure gold (*Refrain*)

Refrain:

Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for You Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You my Saviour
Ready to do Your will

Verse 2

Purify my heart
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin
Deep within (*Refrain*)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily - Rev Peter Smyth

Reflective silence follows

Affirmation of Faith:

Priest: Moses said,

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

Priest: 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;**

**All: Love your neighbour as yourself,
There is no commandment
greater than these.**

All: Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Prayers of the People



Confession:

Priest: Have mercy upon us, O God;

**People: in your compassion, forgive us our
sins, known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you
in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your
name; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

Absolution:

Priest: God, grant us the blessing of your gracious
presence,
Pardon and deliver us from all that enslaves
us,
uphold and strengthen us in all goodness,
and enable us to live consciously
in the deep stream of eternal light.
Amen

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.**



Sharing of the Peace

*The Gathered online community are invited
to share the Peace.*

*Everyone is unmuted and the people offer
the words:*

“Peace be with you”

Blessing: Rev Smyth

Closing Hymn: Bring Forth the Kingdom

Verse 1.

You are salt for the earth, O people:

Salt for the Kingdom of God!

Share the flavor of life, O people:

Life in the Kingdom of God! *(Refrain)*

Refrain:

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,

Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;

Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,

Bring forth the City of God!

Verse 2

You are a light on the hill, O people:

Light for the City of God!

Shine so holy and bright, O people:

Shine for the Kingdom of God! *(Refrain)*

Verse 3.

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God! *(Refrain)*

Refrain:

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!

Verse 4.

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God! *(Refrain)*

Dismissal

Priest: Let us bless the Lord

People: Thanks to be God



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