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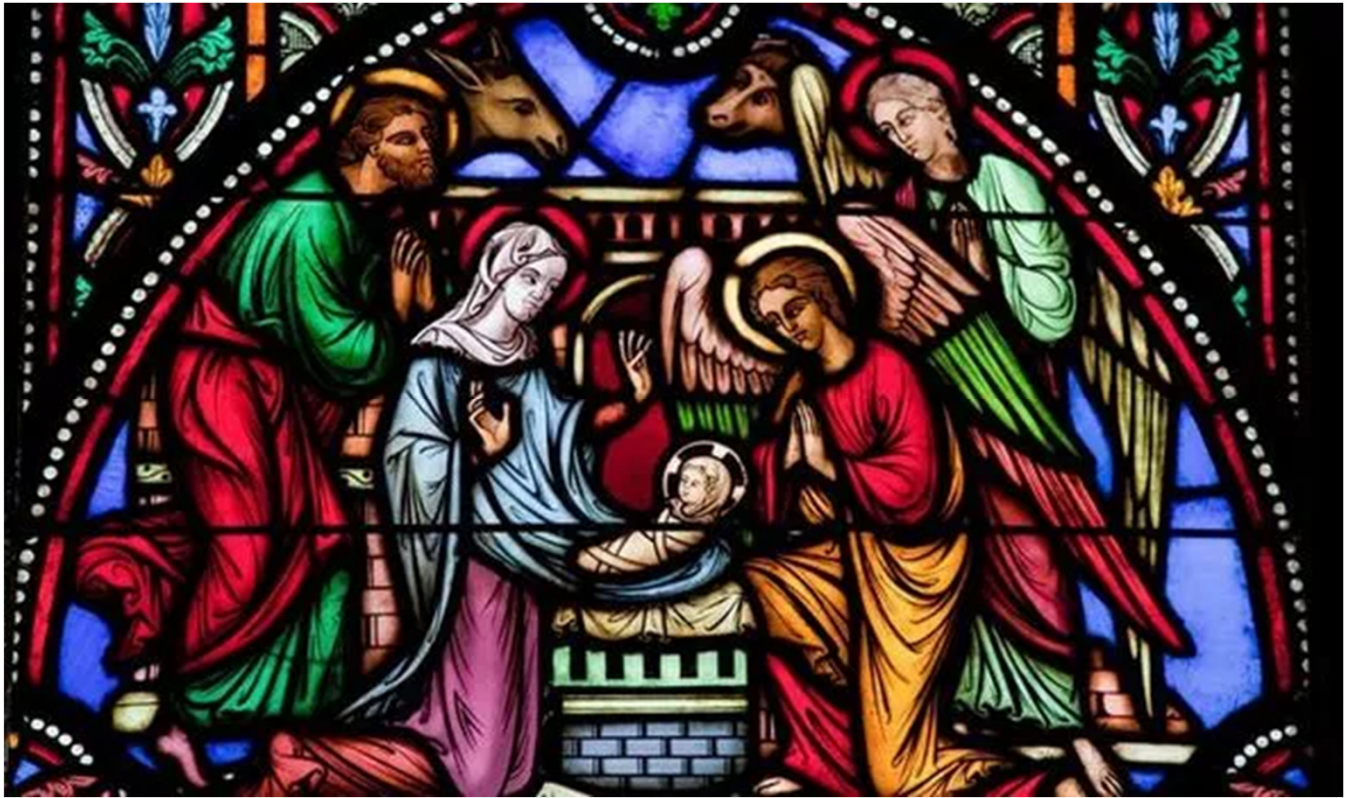


Artist: Casper David Friedrich

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 24, 2021

MORNING PRAYER



Presider: **Rev. Sharon Smith**

Music: **Siiri Rebane,
Derek Barratt
Elizabeth Barratt**

Reader 1: **Sharon Fedorak**

Reader 2: **John Luccock**

Intercessor: **Phil Sunderland**

Altar Guild: **Bonnie Grundy**

Sound: **Susana Valente**

Livestream: **Armin and Gordon Lee**

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Prelude

Arise, shine for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you

Welcome and Intentions: Rev Sharon

Presider: For thousands of years, indigenous people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We are gathered on the traditional territory of the Squamish and Tsleil Waututh peoples.

All: We acknowledge their stewardship of this land.

Presider: We who come from other lands express our gratitude for the blessing of living, working, playing, laughing and loving on this beautiful land.

All: Thanks to be God

Opening hymn: We Praise You, O God

We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name: glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,
through trial and tempest companion and guide.
When perils o'er take us, you will not forsake us,
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.

With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,
to you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

Gathering of the Community:

Iona Abbey Worship Book, 2011

Presider: Jesus says: I am the Way for you
People: And so we come to follow Christ.

Presider: Jesus says: I am the Truth for you
People: And so we come to dwell in the light.

Presider: Jesus says; I am the Life for you
People: And so we come, leaving behind all else to which we cling.

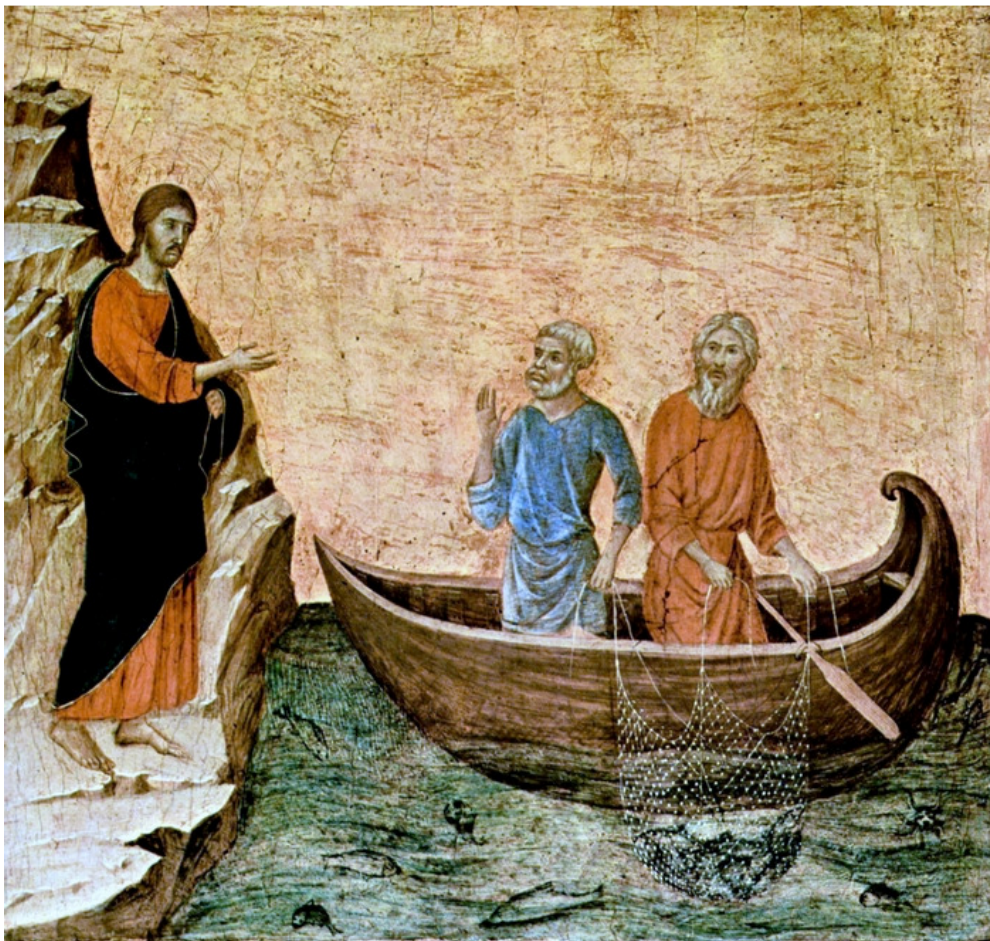
Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
And the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you all
People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Prayer of the Day (Collect):

(prayers from ELCIC)

Presider: Insistent God,
All: by night and day you summon your
 slumbering people,
 So stir us with your voice
 and enlighten our lives with your grace
 that we give ourselves fully
 to Christ. Amen.



Artist: di Buoninsegna Duccio

Gloria:

Gloria, gloria
in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria,
alleluia, alleluia

Children's Story: Rev. Sharon



Artist: Taylor Marie

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"



Artist: Jan Brueghel Jonas

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 62:5-12

The people are led by reader: John Luccock

Presider: For God alone I wait in silence;
truly, my hope is in God.

**People: God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be
shaken.**

Presider: In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

**People: Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one
who is our refuge.**

Presider: Those of high degree are but a fleeting
breath; those of low estate cannot be
trusted. Placed on the scales together
they weigh even less than a breath.

People: Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

Presider: God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

People: Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay all according | to their deeds.



Artist: Elita Barnhart

Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus (sung)

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down:
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Second Reading: Fairest Lord Jesus

Text by: Munster Gesangbuch, 1677 tr.

Chosen by John Luccock

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature.
O thou the God head's human son
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honour
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands
Robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the troubled heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And fair the twinkling starry host.
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly,
Wondrously, Jesus is found in thee.
None can be nearer, fairer or dearer
Than thou my Saviour, art to me.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reflection on Hymn: John Luccock

Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus (sung)

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Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

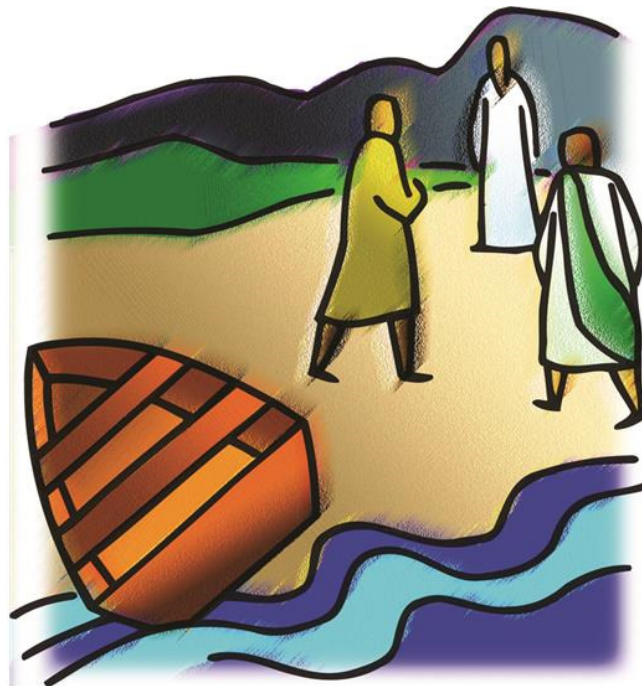


Image from Sunday and Seasons

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily – Rev Sharon

Hymn Response: And Can We Hope

And can we hope, dare we believe,
we have a share in love divine,
that lifts our hearts, transforms our lives,
like turning water into wine?

And might we raise our vision high,
and trust the best of who we are,
extend our reach beyond mortal grasp
to catch the light of some great star?

And can we risk that love is real,
daring to trust another heart,
believe the truths no words can frame,
no glorious melody impart?

And can we see beyond the veil
of disappointments, faults, and flaws,
to fix our vision where eagles fail,
and only love eternal soars?

And if these things might truly be,
heavenly love among us stands;
the hope for all we may become
is in the joining of our hands.
So let it be, let us become
a holy human sign of grace,
to ground the world to come, here and now,
and love divine in time and space.



Artist: Jim Wastasecoot, a residential school survivor originally from Peguis First Nation, painted this picture of his family when he was around 10 years old and a student at Mackay Dauphin Residential School.

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.

Reflective silence follows.

Presider: In the community of Christ's Church and in the presence of all God's people:

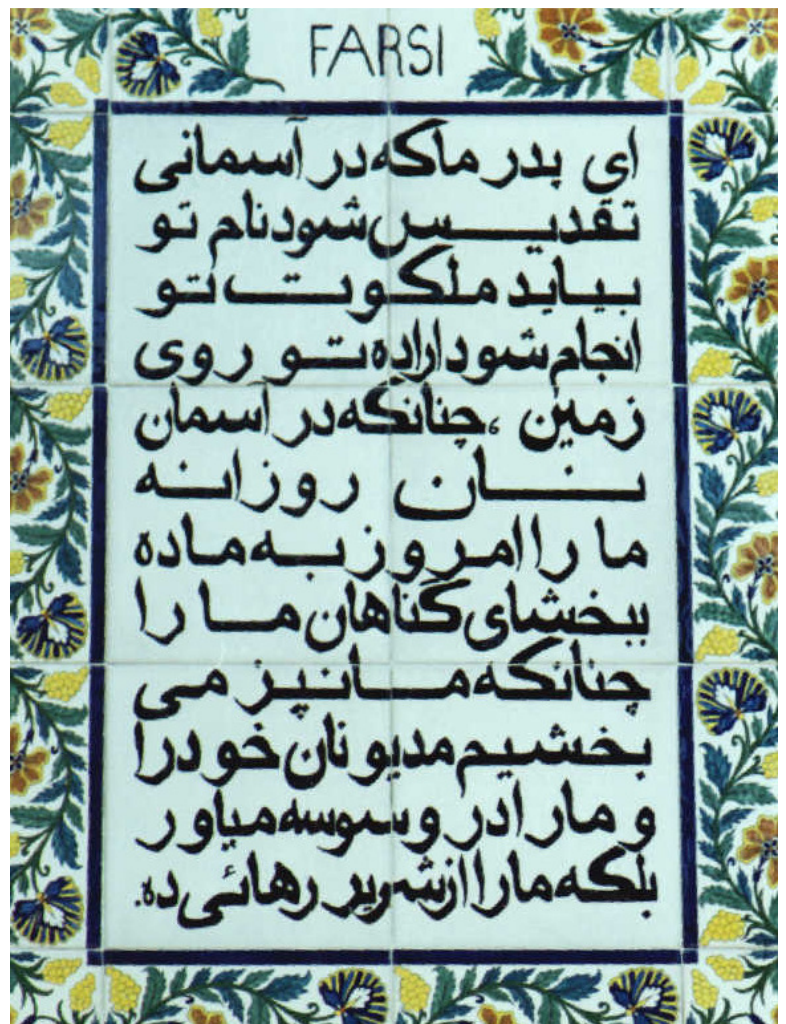
All: We confess to God that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved God, cared for God's world, or respected God's people as we should. We own our responsibility and pray for God's pardon.

Presider: Forgive in us what has gone wrong,
Repair in us what is wasted,
Reveal in us what is Good.
In the name of the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of our lives. Amen.

Lord's Prayer:

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.**



Presider:
All:

Glory to God,
**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**



Image done by Laura Lloyd

Announcements

Vestry on Zoom: February 28th, 2021

Vestry voting may be done by ballot ahead of time.

When Vestry Reports (Yearbooks) are ready they will be available for pick up in the lobby of the church the week of February 8th, 2021.

Electronic copy will also be available.

Blessing

Presider: May you walk the path that Christ walks

**All: to bring justice upon the earth,
to bring light to those who sit in
darkness
to bring out those who live in bondage,
to bring new things to all creation.**

Presider: May this path run through all of life.

All: May we be the road Christ takes. Amen.

(Written by Jan L. Richardson, and posted on the Painted Prayerbook)

Closing Hymn: For the Healing of the Nations

For the healing of the nations,
God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release;
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

Closing Hymn: For the Healing of the Nations

You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

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Dismissal

Presider: Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the presence of Christ.

People: **Thanks to be God!**



Artist: Honma Kazuaki

Coffee Time Follows @ Noon – 12:30pm

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Or using your Zoom App by in putting
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