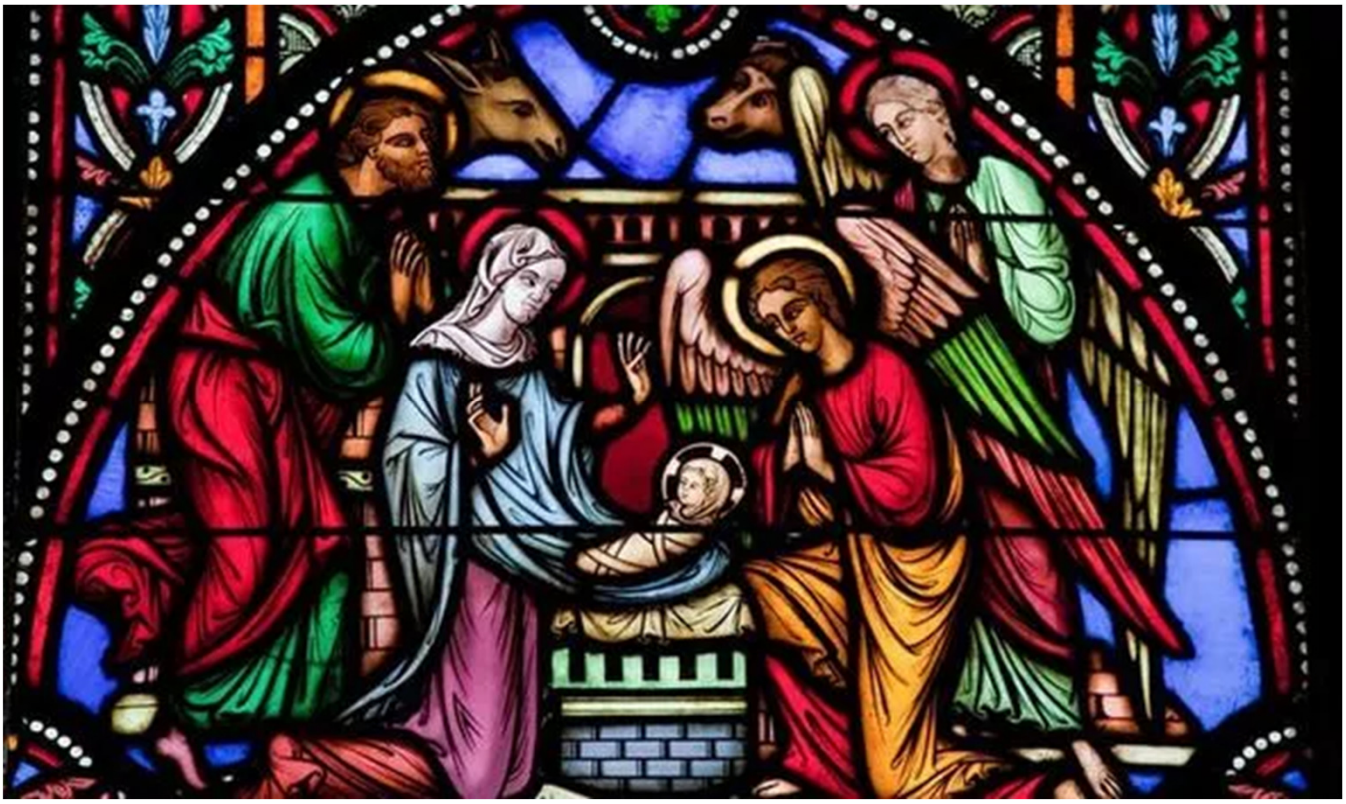
St Catherines CHURCH

Artist: Laura James

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 31, 2021

MORNING PRAYER



Presider:	**Rev. Sharon Smith**
Music:	**Siiri Rebane,** **Melanie Hackett (Violin)** **Vivian McGie**
Reader 1:	**Anthony Dodd**
Reader 2:	**Melanie Hackett**
Intercessor:	**Hugh Crosthwait**
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: Be Still

Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now
With reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire
With splendor He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around

Opening Hymn: Be Still

Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place

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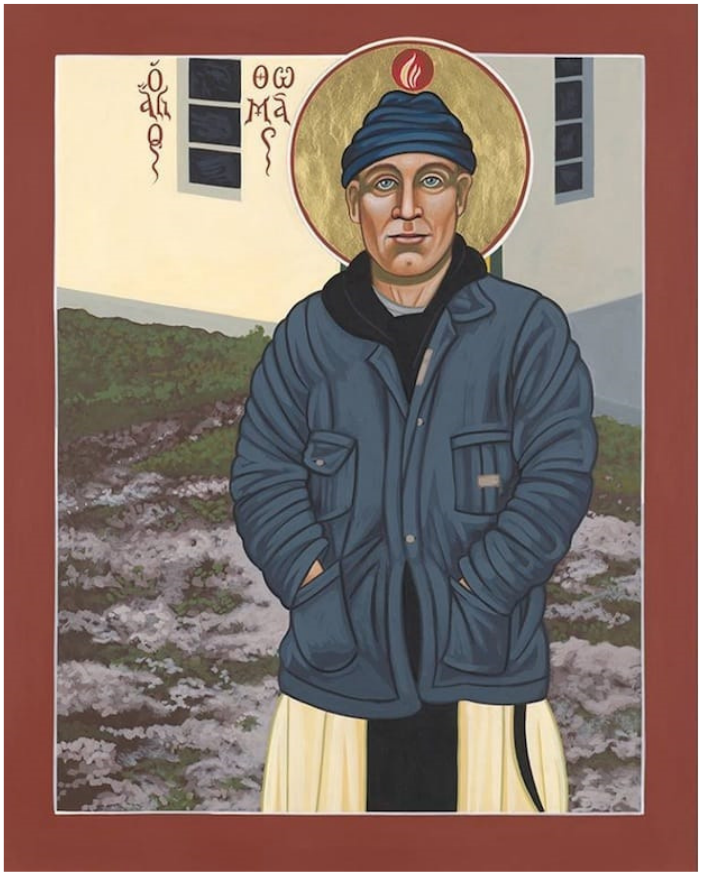


Artist: William Hart McNichols.

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 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada)

Presider: Humble God

All: **Jesus showed us that the way of integrity is found not in power but in acts of love. Open our imaginations to new dimensions of your love, and heal us of all that severs us from you, ourselves and one another, that we may grow into the vision you unfold before us. Amen.**

Artist: Sandro Chia

Gloria:

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

Children's Story: Rev. Sharon

Image from "Moses in Midrash", article by Jason Byassee in Faith & Leadership online.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.

Artist: Laura James (Ethiopian Iconography)

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

Psalm: 111 (Inclusive Psalter)

The people are led by reader: Tony Dodd

Presider: Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

People: Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.

Presider: Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

People: You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.

Presider: You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

People: You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.

Presider: The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

People: They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.

Presider: You sent redemption to your people and commanded your
covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

People: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding.

All: God's praise endures forever.
Amen

Second Reading: **Depth Over Distance**

by Ben Howard

Chosen by Melanie Hackett

Depth over distance every time, my dear,
And this tree of ours may grow tall in the woods,
But it's the roots that will bind us here to the ground.
Depth over distance was all I asked of you
And I may be foolish to fall as I do.
Still there's strength in the blindness you fear
If you're coming too

Hold on, wait until that lone sun
Breaks from the arms of the Lord.
Hold on, though we may be too young
To know this ride we're on.

Depth over distance was all I asked of you,
And everybody around here's acting like a stone.
Still there's things I'd do, darling, I'd go blind for you.
If you let it grow,
Just let it grow sometimes

So hold on, wait until that lone sun
Breaks from the arms of the Lord.
Hold on, though we may be too young
To know this ride we're on.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection on Song: Melanie Hackett

Video of song: Depth over Distance

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28

Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority..

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.

ca. 1412-1416. Limbourg Brothers

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

Homily – Rev Sharon

Hymn for reflection:

Let the broken ones be healed,
Let the lost be found and fed.
Let the grace of God roll on,
Let the river rise and spread.
Step into the stream with me.
Let God's gracious purpose be!

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:

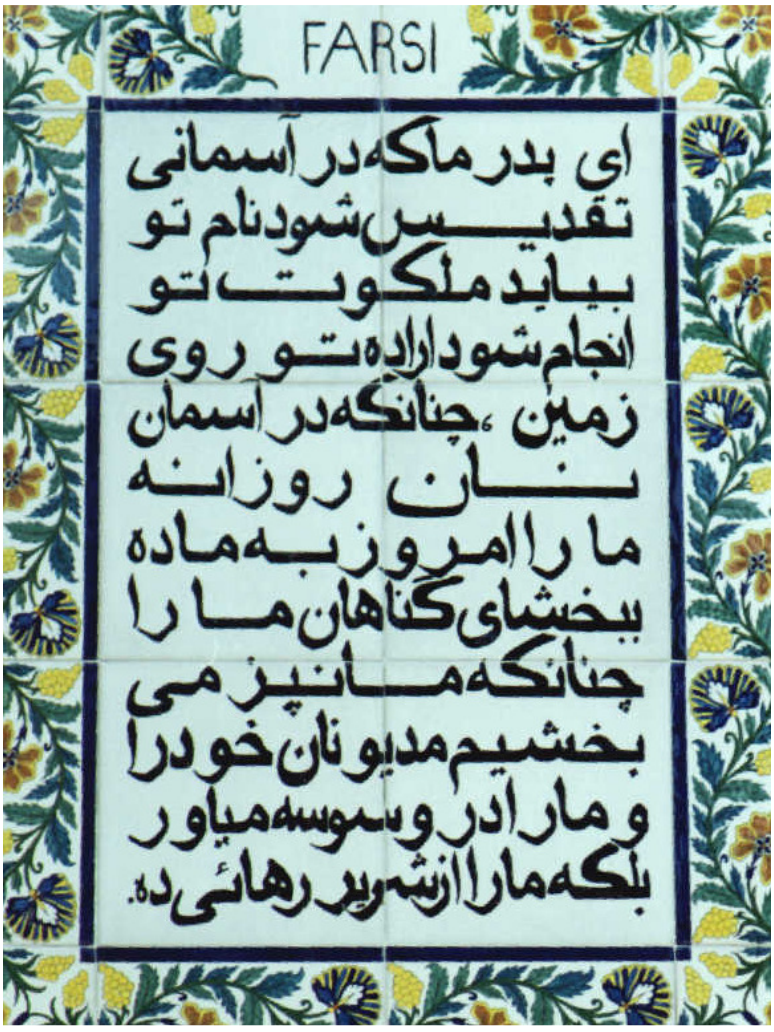
All: **We confess to God that we have sinned**
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved God,
cared for God's world,
or respected God's people as we should.
We own our responsibility
and pray for God's pardon.

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: 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

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Announcements

Shrove Tuesday: February 16th, 2021

Ash Wednesday: February 17th, 2021

Lent Study: Desert Mothers Feb/Mar

Vestry on Zoom: February 28th, 2021

Blessing

Presider: Peace where there is war

All: **healing where there is hurt**

Presider: memory where we have forgotten the other

All: **Vision where there is violence**

Presider: light where there is madness

All: **sight where we have blinded each other**

Presider: Comfort where there is sorrow

All: **tears where there is hardness**

Presider: laughter where we have missed life's joy

All: **laughter when we remember the joy.**

(John Philip Newell, Praying with the Earth: A Prayerbook for Peace)

Closing Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

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Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks to be God!**

Artist: Kisame-160
Joan Paulino, Dominican Republic
Architect, illustrator and comic creator.

Coffee Time Follows @ Noon – 12:30pm

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