



The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

FEBRUARY 9, 2020



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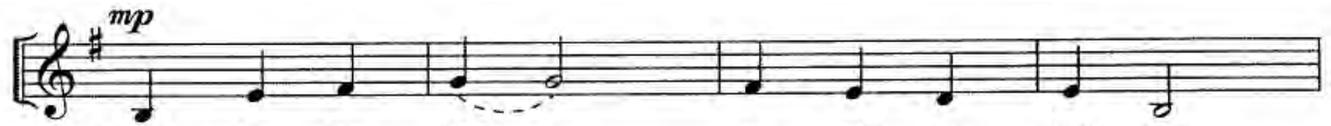
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
Vancouver, BC · *Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds*

Gathering of the Community

Welcome

Opening hymn Christ, Be Our Light!

Text & Music: Bernadette Farrell



1. Long - ing for light, — we wait in dark - ness.
 2. Long - ing for peace, — our world is trou - bled.
 3. Long - ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry.
 4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less.
 5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple,



Long - ing for truth, — we turn to you.
 Long - ing for hope, — man - y de - spair.
 Long - ing for wa - ter man - y still thirst.
 Long - ing for warmth, — man - y are cold.
 man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.



Make us your own, — your ho - ly peo - ple,
 Your word a - lone — has pow'r to save us.
 Make us your bread, — bro - ken for oth - ers,
 Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers,
 Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,



light for the world to see. —
 Make us your liv - ing voice. —
 shared un - til all are fed. —
 walls made of liv - ing stone. —
 mak - ing your king - dom come. —



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness, Christ, be our light!



Shine in your Church gath - ered to - day. —

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

All And also with you.

All Creator God, we give you thanks for all that you are
and all that you bring to us for our visit within your creation.
In your presence and in the presence of this community gathered,
we acknowledge that we stand on the traditional, ancestral,
and unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.
Help us to be mindful of our actions here.
for you are God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect
Leader O God of light, your Spirit reveals and illumines your presence in creation.
Shine your radiant holiness into our lives,

so that we may offer our hands and hearts to your work:
to heal and shelter, to feed and clothe, to break every yoke and silence evil tongues.

All Amen.

Proclaiming the Word

Reading Isaiah 58:1-12

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 112 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in the divine commandments!
Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
They will not be afraid of any evil rumours; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.
Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honour.
The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

All **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.

Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn We Watch for the Light

Emily Parsons Dickau

We watch for the light, We watch for the light
We watch for the light, We watch for the light

We wait, we trust, we hope
We wait, we trust, we hope

Your light will come, it is greater than our fears.
(we wait, we trust)

Your light will come, it is greater than our darkness.
(we watch, we hope)

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

Reader The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel Matthew 5:13-20

Reader This is the Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Silence & stillness

Sermon The Rev. Helen Dunn

At St. Brigids the preacher does not have the last word—you do. After the preacher offers their reflection, you are all invited to offer a sentence, short thought or wondering in response to any of the readings or the sermon.

Silence & stillness

Please stand for the Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

Presider Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

You are invited to participate in an interactive prayer response.

Leader We offer to God our prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.
After each bidding you are welcome to add your own petitions, either silently or aloud.

Leader We pray for your church throughout the world.
For the Anglican Communion. For Linda our Primate. For Melissa our Archbishop,
for all clergy and for all who exercise their baptismal ministry in the church.
We pray for the ministries of Christ Church Cathedral and for the growth,
sustenance and witness of this St. Brigid's congregation.
We offer our prayers, silently or aloud

Leader In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer* we pray for the Anglican Church of Canada.
In the *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer* we pray for Melissa Skelton our Archbishop and Metropolitan;
our companion diocese, the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines
and the Rt. Rev. Brent Alawas; our companion parish, All Saints Cathedral,
Bontac, Philippines and the Very Rev. Padi Luc; and the Deanery of North Vancouver .
In our Parish we pray for those who minister at our 8am, St. Brigid's and Compline Services.
We offer our prayers, silently or aloud

Leader We pray for our country Canada, for all those in authority,
for Hereditary Chiefs and Chiefs in Council
for the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.
We offer our prayers, silently or aloud

Leader We pray for the world
We offer our prayers, silently or aloud

Leader We offer our prayers of thanksgiving
We offer our prayers, silently or aloud

Leader We pray for those in need
We offer our prayers, silently or aloud

Leader We pray for those who have died and those who will meet death this night
We offer our prayers, silently or aloud

Leader Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord
All **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader May they rest in peace.
All **And rise in glory.**

Leader God of Israel, giver of love's law:
liberate us from all that numbs compassion,
so that we may find in your commands light undimmed and flavour undiminished;
through Jesus Christ, fulfiller of the law.
All **Amen.**

Silence & stillness

Confession & Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another

Silence & stillness

Presider Most merciful God
All **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart:
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Presider God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.
In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
All **Amen.**

Silence & stillness

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

Celebration of the Eucharist

The Offertory

During the singing of the hymn you are invited to make a financial offering to further God's mission through the work of the church using the enclosed envelope or by texting "Give" to 639.739.0843 and following the instructions; tax receipts are issued annually for gifts totalling \$20 or more. Your financial gifts together with the bread and wine are brought forward and presented at the Altar as a sign of thanksgiving to God from whom all blessings flow.

The table is set for Eucharist as the congregation collects the offering and gathers around the table.

Offertory Hymn For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table

Text: Shirley Erena Murray; Music: Ron Klusmeier



1. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble, for ev - ery - one
 2. For wo - man and man, a place at the ta - ble, re - vis - ing the
 3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble, a voice to be
 4. For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble, a - bus - er, a -
 5. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble, to live with - out
 6. For gay and for straight, a place at the ta - ble, a cov - e - nant



1) born, clean wa - ter and bread, a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for
 2) roles, de - cid - ing the share, with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the
 3) heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are
 4) bused, with need to for - give, in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of
 5) fear, and sim - ply to be, to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and
 6) shared, a wel - com - ing space, a rain - bow of race and gen - der and



1) grow - ing, for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver head,
 2) pow - er, for wo - man and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 3) wrin - kled, for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 4) mer - cy, for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 5) wor - ship, for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,
 6) col - our, for gay and for straight, the chal - ice of grace,

Move to a lilt 3/4

Refrain



and God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy, com - pas - sion and peace: _____ yes, God will de - light when



we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy! _____

Last time: ritard

Prayer over the Gifts

All Holy God, gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.
Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way,
that all may know your care:
prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord is here
All God's Spirit is with us

Presider Lift up your hearts
All We lift them to God

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
All It is right to offer thanks and praise

Presider It is indeed our right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved child;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

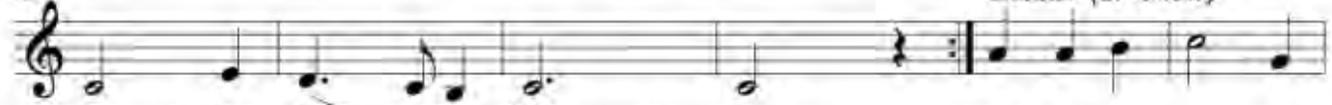
12 *1st time - Leader (or Choir) | 2nd time - All*

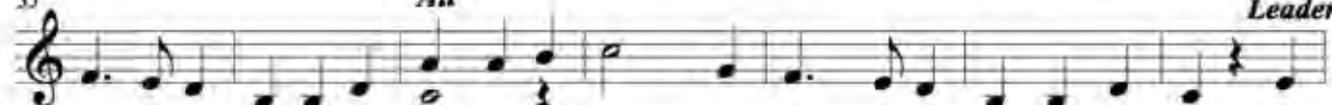
All  Ho - ly, Ho - ly,

17  Ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

1st time - Leader (or Choir) | 2nd time - All

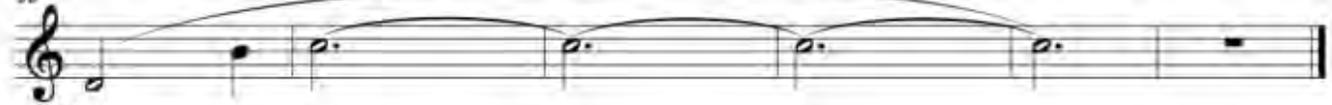
23  mi - ght, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - **Leader (or Choir)**

29  san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the one who **Leader**

35  Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - **Leader**

42  comes in the name of the Lord! **All**

49  san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - **All**

55  san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Presider

Holy and mighty and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
 who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, Our Lord Jesus took bread,
 and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup and gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you
 and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
 we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O God,
 and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ, the Lord;
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory, now and forever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider

As Jesus taught us, and in the language of your heart, we now pray,

All 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 forever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem Jesus, Lamb of God

Church of the Beloved

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace." The score includes various musical notations such as rests, beams, slurs, and repeat signs.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey, you are welcome at this table.

We will communicate each other with the wine and the bread. If you do not wish to receive but would like a blessing, please cross your arms in front of your chest and a priest will come to you.

Communion Hymn You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

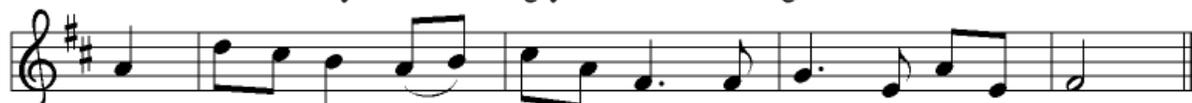
Text: Omer Westendorf (1916–1997);

Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz (1922–1996)

Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



Refrain

so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Prayer after Communion

Presider We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith towards you
and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All 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.

Blessing

Tallis Canon



Lord bless and keep us all your world
And shine on us your gracious face
Favour your world with love and grace
And bless all present with your peace.

Announcements

Unison

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you

earth; give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let
 end, for love that makes us lov - ers, God
 seek; your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we

all the poor have worth. The hun - gry's hands are
 grant us grace to mend. Weave our var - ied gifts to -
 are the words you speak. Our faith we find in

plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights, the
 geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun; on your
 ser - vice, our hope in oth - er's dreams, our

mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for
 loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is
 love in hand of neigh - bour: our home - land bright - ly

sight. Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike
 run. O great Weav - er of our fab - ric, bind
 gleams. In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your



down the ir - on power; a - bol - ish an - cient
 church and world in one; dye our tex - ture with your
 way - the path un - tried; your truth - the heart of
 ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
 ra - diance, light our col - ours with your sun.
 strang - er; your life - the Cru - ci - fied.

Dismissal
Leader
All

Let us go in peace to love and serve our God.
 Thanks be to God.

Please join us following the service for coffee & tea.

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**ANNUAL GENERAL VESTRY MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2020 FOLLOWING THE 10:30AM EUCHARIST
CHRIST CHURCH (PARISH) CATHEDRAL**

This is your invitation to participate in the Cathedral's Annual General (Vestry) Meeting on Sunday, February 23, 2020 following the 10:30am Eucharist, commencing on or about 12:45pm. A light lunch will be served in the Parish Hall prior to the meeting for those attending Vestry 2020.

Canons (laws) of the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster state that those eligible to vote at Vestry meetings are all baptized persons age 16 or over who are accustomed worshippers within the parish and whose names have been on the membership roll of the parish for at least the three months preceding the Vestry meeting. If you are not certain of whether your name is on the membership roll or not, please contact Director of Parish Administration, Vincent Carey by email at vincent@thecathedral.ca or phone 604.682.3848, ext. 34.

The Nominating Committee Report and biographies are available online at www.thecathedral.ca/vestry or hardcopies are available from Narthex Greeters and at Reception.

**AT THIS YEAR'S MEETING THE AGENDA
WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

1. Opening Prayer, Approval of Agenda, Appointment of Vestry Clerk
2. Minutes of Vestry, February 24, 2019
3. 2019 in Review
 - a. Reception of Annual Report
 - b. Looking Back and Looking Ahead
4. Report of Nominating Committee and Elections by way of omnibus resolution
5. Financial Report
 - a. Adoption of Audited 2019 Financial Statement
 - b. Appointment of 2020 Auditor
 - c. Presentation and Adoption of Budget 2020
6. Resolutions
 - **Must be received in the Cathedral Office, in writing by February 16, 2020 at 4pm**
7. Any other business
8. Votes of Thanks
9. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Copies of the Cathedral's *2019 Annual Report* will be available Sunday, February 16 and the *Guide to Vestry* will be available prior to the Sunday, February 23 Vestry meeting.

Please make every effort to attend this gathering of the congregation on February 23, 2020. It is an important time to celebrate the gifts God has given us, review the year past and consider plans to further the mission of God in this place.

On behalf of the Cathedral Wardens & Trustees:

Liz McCausland (*People's Warden*),
Emily Pritchard (*Rector's Warden*),
Mike den Haan (*Associate Warden*),
Jane Hope (*Associate Warden*),
Kevin Smith (*Trustee*),
Tegan Smith (*Trustee*),
Cheryl Slusarchuk (*Treasurer*),
Gary Kenwood (*Associate Treasurer*),
David Smith (*Associate Treasurer*)

Blessings,



The Reverend Canon Dr. Richard LeSueur,
Interim Priest-in-Charge, Christ Church Cathedral

Cathedral CHRONICLE

Please make your Chronicle submissions online at www.thecathedral.ca/communications-requests.

If you have any questions please contact Jenn & Alicia at communication@thecathedral.ca or 604.682.3848, ext. 26.

IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY... and are interested in becoming either a *Member* or a *Friend of the Cathedral*, you are invited to fill in the Cathedral connection card, add it to the collection plate or hand it to a greeter. Find out how you can participate by speaking to a member of the welcoming team.

LOOP SYSTEM in the nave and chancel, simply adjust the settings of your personal hearing device.

KNEELER CUSHIONS are available in the Narthex for those who wish to kneel in prayer.

TODAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

At 5:30pm at St. Brigid's we welcome Ben Dobyns on piano. At 8pm join us for *Gregorian Chant: The Service of Compline* with Women's Schola.

CATHEDRAL NEWS & NOTES

Happy Year of the Rat!

Many thanks from the 127 Society for Housing to all who helped make the Cathedral's Lunar New Year celebration on Sunday, January 26, such a success. In particular, thanks to the Lunar New Year team who helped the congregation understand why Lunar New Year is so closely associated with "Home," and for purchasing the ingredients, preparing the delicious treats, and providing the Silent Auction. So much work, but so worthwhile! And, thank you to parishioners for donating so generously. \$1,936.75 was raised for 127's community worker program to provide "Home" for those who might otherwise not have a home.

Where is Alisdair?

The Rev. Alisdair Smith, our Deacon and Business Chaplain is teaching in New York this week. He will be back in Vancouver late Thursday, February 13.

Collection of Old Palm Crosses

It's hard to believe, but the Cathedral is already preparing for Ash Wednesday. We need any Palm Crosses which you received on Palm Sunday last year. These

old palms will be burned on Sunday, February 23 to make the ashes that will be used for the Imposition of the Ashes on Ash Wednesday. Please drop off your old Palm Crosses in the baskets that will be set up in the Narthex and Parish Office. Palm Crosses will be collected until 5:30pm on February 23.

Socks for Maundy Café Guests

So many people are coming through the Cathedral's Maundy Café this winter with wet feet that we're running low on socks. If you're able to donate *NEW* socks to the Cathedral—preference for long socks in men's and women's sizes—or you can donate towards us purchasing some, that would be AMAZING! Please bring your donations to the Cathedral Office or Maundy Café. Thank you for being part of this Cathedral community and helping in this way!

CATHEDRAL EVENTS

JEAM & PWRDF Chili & Film Screening

The Cathedral's Justice Education and Advocacy Ministry in partnership with PWRDF present a screening of *Bending the Arc (The Partners in Health Story)*.

On Tuesday February 18, come to the Cathedral's Park Room at 5:30pm to enjoy a light meal of vegetarian chili and bread followed by a film screening and discussion. Admission is *Pay What You Can*, with a recommended donation of \$5 to cover the costs of food. Parking is available at Park Place after 6pm with

a Cathedral Parking Pass. RSVP to Chris Ellison (chrisellison3@gmail.com) by Saturday, February 15 to ensure enough food is prepared.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS!

BTT | Bible, Tea & Toast | Young Adult Bible Study

On Sundays in 2020, join in reading each Sunday's Gospel over a light breakfast from 9:30am–10:20am. Bible study will follow the lectionary and is led by the Rev. André Stephany (mostly) and is intended for those who consider themselves young adults (under 35ish). Coffee, tea and a light breakfast of toast, jam and peanut butter is included. No registration required. Please contact André at andre@thecathedral.ca for more information.

Centering Prayer

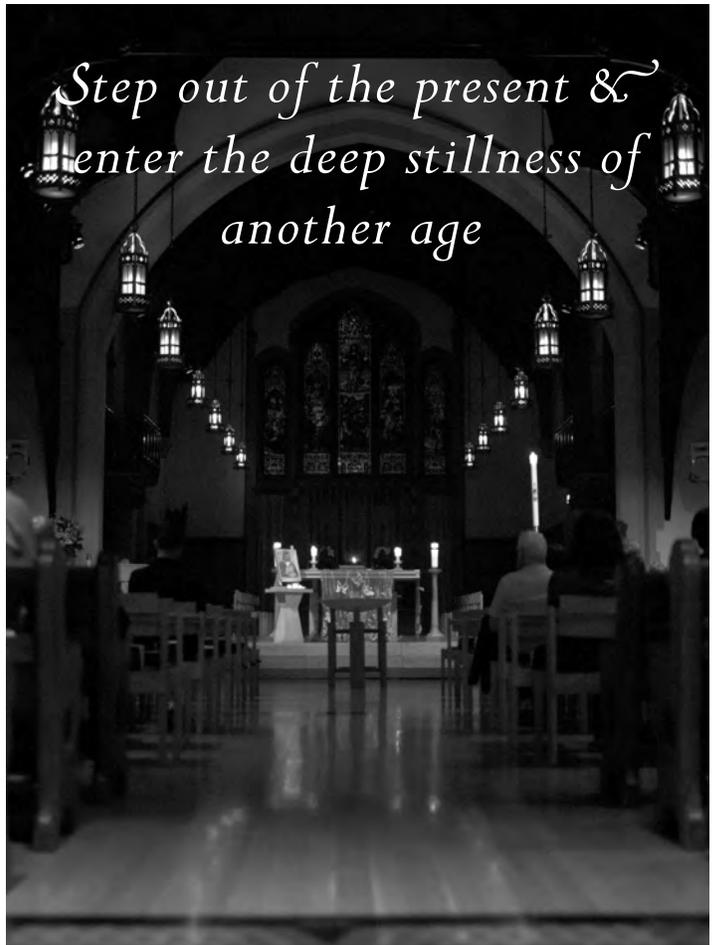
Centering Prayer is a silent prayer practice aimed at settling one's attention upon the presence of Christ within. All are welcome to participate on Tuesday evenings—February 11 is next—in this simple healing practice reaching back to the early years of Christian faith. Join us from 6:30pm–7:30pm in Room B. We pray in silence for 30 minutes and there is opportunity afterwards for group reflection. Please contact Luke Primus for more details at lukasprimus@gmail.com.

CATHEDRAL VOLUNTEERING

A Big Thank You to All Our Volunteers!

Thank you to all our volunteers for their dedication and generous gift of time to the Cathedral Community, which makes it possible for the Cathedral to function daily. Please know that we appreciate each and every one of you and that you are a blessing to us all. Thank you!

If you are interested in volunteering at the Cathedral please contact Nicky Seppala on Thursdays at reception (604.682.3848) or by email at volunteer@thecathedral.ca.



*Step out of the present &
enter the deep stillness of
another age*

*Gregorian Chant
The Service of
Compline*

**SUNDAYS
AT 8PM**



THE FACES OF ST. BRIGID'S

February 1 was St. Brigid's Day and at the Cathedral it was celebrated on Sunday, February 2 by the St. Brigid's congregation. To continue celebrating this Saint and the Cathedral congregation dedicated to her, throughout February different members of the St. Brigid's congregation will share what drew them to this unique faith community and why they have made it their spiritual home.

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MICHAEL | You could say that church is in Michael's blood. His Dad was a Baptist minister and "I've been involved in church since birth, basically." But when you're a gay, First Nations man that can make for a complicated relationship with church.

Michael was born and grew up in Edmonton, Alberta. Because his father was a minister, he "grew up in church, obviously, with Sunday school and doing church every Sunday because my parents were, obviously, running the church." When he was ten, Michael's parents separated. This kicked off a period of not having much of a relationship with church.

When he was 19 Michael moved to the US with his Dad. It was in the US that Michael started drifting back to church. He recalls that in Idaho, "I started going to church again. This time it was non-denominational. I did that for a while, in and out," he recalls. But there was an important difference between childhood church years and his early adult church years: Michael had realized he was gay.

He attended a non-denominational church, on and off, "all the while believing that because I was gay and had these feelings, it was wrong. So, that kind of hindered things a little bit with my relationship with God."

Still, when Michael moved to Vancouver 13 years ago to study counselling psychology (something he eventually decided was not for him) he found another non-denominational church to attend and got

deeply involved, even hosting some of the church's small groups. The whole time he was involved with this church he was still wrestling with his sexual identity. "Even though I had come out before, but then you know, when you go back to church you have to go back in the closet! Because it's wrong!"

At the same time, he was being exposed to Christian writers he had never heard of before and hearing new takes on scripture. He was even exposed to Christian writers who openly came out as LGBTQ. For Michael, it was the first time hearing that Bible didn't need to be taken literally. "There are lots of things that I took pretty literally because that's what they taught you in most of the churches that I came from."

This exposure to new Christian writers led him to St. Brigid's. He heard about a book study hosted by Andrew on Rachel Held Evans' *Searching for Sunday* and attended. Andrew and Marnie invited him to check out St. Brigid's.

While the structure of the liturgy was new to Michael, the music and the congregational singing was familiar. "I really liked the way that you could speak after to whatever the priest was saying. That was really cool."

Michael has been a part of the St. Brigid's community for three years and found it important to his spiritual growth. "Being around people like me who have similar stories really made my faith grow as a result and normalized the feelings I was having about doubts and fears."



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What is St. Brigid's?

St. Brigid's is the Sunday Evening congregation of Christ Church Cathedral, a place where questions are honoured, faith is nurtured, and discipleship pursued.

You are welcome to this historic Anglican Cathedral Church in the heart of Vancouver located on the traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

We gather to share in the Eucharist, to be transformed by our encounters with God and each other, and to be sent out into the world to serve. We aspire to live integrated lives, and to be agents of Christ's reconciling, shalom-seeking, and justice-oriented love in the culture and cultures of which we are part.

The Rev. Marnie Peterson (our priest) and Andrew Stephens-Rennie (our community developer) provide leadership that helps us to grow more deeply in our Christian life and practice.

For more information on our Sunday gatherings and other opportunities to connect at St. Brigid's, please visit www.stbrigid.ca

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday • 10am–4pm

SUNDAY SERVICES

- 8am Holy Communion
- 10:30am Choral Eucharist
- 5:30pm St. Brigid's Eucharist
- 8pm Gregorian Chant:
The Service of Compline

MONDAY TO FRIDAY SERVICES

12:10pm Eucharist

THURSDAY SERVICES

7:30am Eucharist &
Community Breakfast

SATURDAY SERVICES

9:10am Eucharist

5:30PM | ST. BRIGID'S | MINISTERING THROUGH LITURGY

Presider The Rev. Marnie Peterson
Preacher The Rev. Helen Dunn
Greeters Karen Webber,
Lorienne Jenstad

Servers Douglas Webber,
Tannis Hugill
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