

ST Catherines
CHURCH



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LENT 3

MARCH 7, 2021

FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE

Prelude

Land Acknowledgement

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



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Welcome and Lenten Intentions – Rev Anne.

Processional Hymn: Beyond the Days

(with children's video)

Refrain

Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry
we see a light of faith renewed,
and in our longing we thirst for guidance
to walk with you day by day.

In your hands, O God,
we feel the touch of your guidance.
Keep us safe in your care:
may your gentleness be there. *(Refrain)*



Image from Liverpool Anglican Cathedral

Presider: Rev. Anne Crosthwait

**Music: Siiri Rebane,
Sandra Falck**

Reader 1: Penny Zuk

Reader 2: Vivian McGie

Intercessor: Bev London

Altar Guild: Bonnie Grundy

Sound: Susana Valente

Livestream: Armin and Gordon Lee

Opening Hymn: Come and Journey

Come and journey with a Saviour
who has called us from our birth,
who has washed us in the waters,
and who loved us on the earth.

Refrain

Come and journey, come and journey
with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and daughters;
in the Spirit we are one.

Come and journey, journey inward,
come and seek him deep within,
where he meets us in our living,
in our striving and our sin. (Refrain)

Come and journey, journey outward,
where His cross calls us to care,
where injustice and where hunger
and the poor call us to share. (Refrain)

Come and journey, journey upward.
Sing his praises, offer prayer.
In the storm and in the stillness
find his presence everywhere. (Refrain)

Prayer of Purity:

Ever-present God,
To you all hearts are open
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen

(Book of Alternative Services)

Confession:

Presider: Let us remember before God our
selfish ways, the things we have
done wrong, the sorrows we have
caused, the love we have not
shown.

Silence is kept

Presider Clear our heart, O God

All: that we may see you.

Presider: Clear our heart, O God

All: that we may truly see ourselves.

Presider: Clear our heart, O God,

All: that we may know the sacredness of this moment, and in every moment seek you, serve you, and strengthen you as the Living Presence in every presence.

Presider: Clear our heart, O God

All: that we may see.

Amen

(from Praying with the Earth – John Philip Newell)

Kyrie (sung)

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy

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: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day (Collect):

Presider: Loving God

All: We are your children; take us in your loving hands and wash us clean of all that we have been, so that we may be made new. We offer you our broken hearts. Draw us close to you and hold us where we can truly become ourselves. Open my lips, Beloved, and my life will sing your praise. Amen.

(Adapted from Steve Garnaas-Holmes Unfolding Light)



Artist: Gustave Flaubert

The Proclamation of the Word

The first reading is in two parts:

Part 1: a saying by Abba Poemen (Desert Father)

Part 2: a Prayer by contemporary author: Joyce Rupp

Abba Poemen said about Abba Pior that every single day he made a fresh beginning.



Image by Melanie Hackett

A prayer by Joyce Rupp:

Create in me a clean heart, open and receptive, so that I may embrace the many ways you choose to visit my life.

Create in me a clean heart, cleared of the refuse of old battles with others and deadly opposition with myself.

Create in me a clean heart, bathed from harsh thoughts, shame, and perfectionistic tendencies, warmly welcoming others with the embrace of nonjudgment.

Create in me a clean heart, rinsed of the residue of false messages about my identity, enabling my inner goodness and light to shine through all I am and do.

Create in me a clean heart, cleansed of anxiety and lack of trust, restoring in me an enduring faith in your abiding presence and unconditional love.

Create in me a clean heart, God. Dust off the unmindful activity that constantly collects there. De-clutter my heart from harsh judgments and negativity. Wash away my resistance to working through difficult relationships. Rinse off my un-loving so the beauty of my generous and kind heart can shine forth. Remove whatever keeps me from following in your compassionate footsteps.

Create in me a clean heart, open and receptive, so that I may embrace the many ways you choose to visit my life.

Amen

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 19 (*paraphrased by Nan Merrill*)

The people are led by Penny Zuk

Presider: The Law of Love is perfect, reviving the
soul;

**People: The testimony of Love is sure, making
wise the simple**

Presider: The precepts of Love are right, rejoicing
the heart;

**People: The authority of Love is pure,
enlightening the eyes;**

Presider: The spirit of Love is glorious, enduring
forever;

**People: The rites of Love are true, awakening
compassion.**

Presider: More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;

People: **Sweeter also than honey and
drippings of the honeycomb.**

Presider: Moreover, by them are the loving
guided; in keep them there is great
reward.

People: **Cleanse me, O Love, from all my
hidden faults.**

Singing Bowl

A moment of Silence

Singing Bowl

Presider: Let the words of my mouth and the
meditation of my heart find favor in
your Heart, O my Beloved, my
strength and my joy!. Amen

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1: 18-25

The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us.



Artist: Jyoti Sahi (Indian, 1944)

Reader:

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my Great Father, thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Gospel Reading: John 2:13-22

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

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.



Artist: Gustave Caillebotte

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn: Be Thou My Vision continued.

Riches I heed not, nor world's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

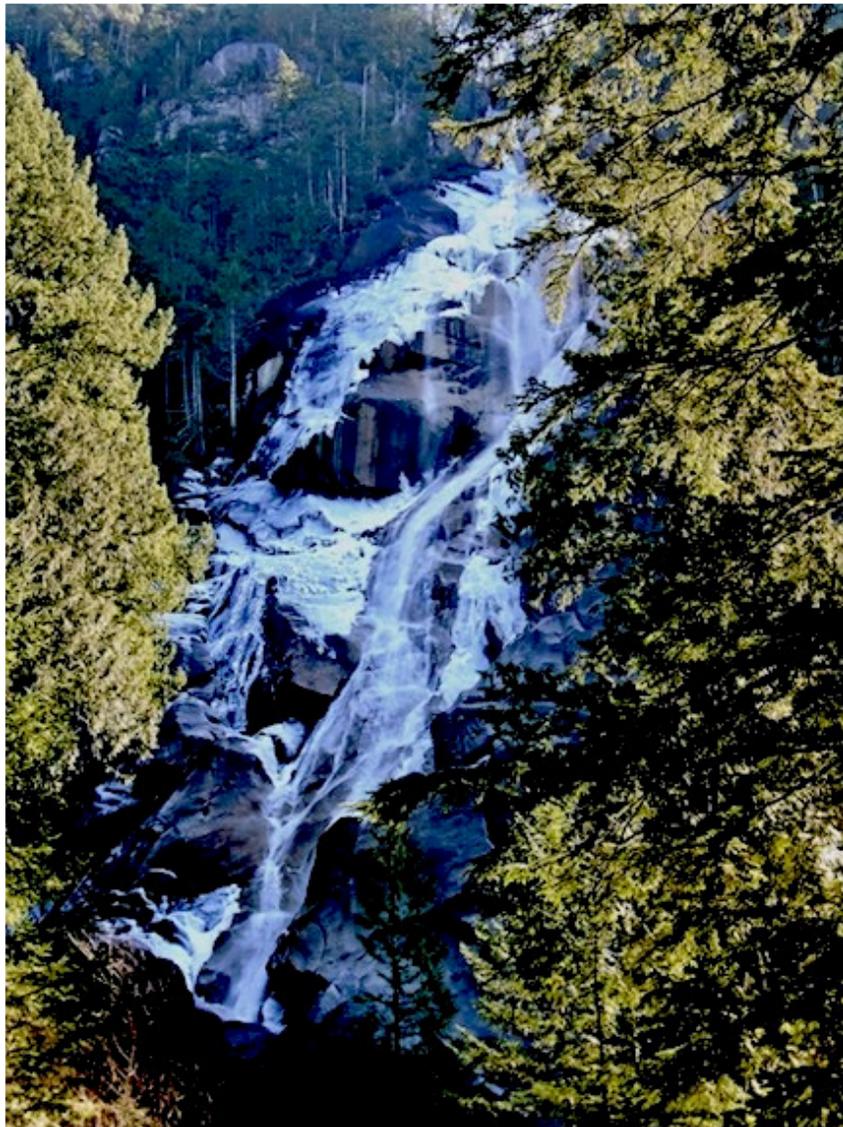


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Homily – Rev Anne Crosthwait

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



Setting the Table: Change My Heart, Oh God

Change my heart oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God
May I be like You

Change my heart oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God
May I be like You

You are the potter
I am the clay
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray

Change my heart oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God
May I be like You

The Eucharistic Prayer

Preface for Lent (BAS);

Eucharistic Prayer (ELCIC VIII)

Blessed are you, gracious God
Creator of Heaven and Earth
Because you call your faithful people to
cleanse our hearts
And to prepare with joy with this paschal feast
That reborn through the waters of baptism
and renewed in the Eucharistic mystery
We may be more fervent in prayer
And more generous in works of love.
Therefore, we raise our voices to you in praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

Presider: God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
You have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did
not abandon us.

But guided us in the path of
love and light.

In every age you sent prophets to make
known your loving will for all humanity.
The cry of the poor has become
your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice
is your own desire.

In the fullness of time,
you sent your chosen servant to preach
good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast
and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to
prejudice and sin.

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.

Presider: Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup,
Gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup is the new covenant in my
blood, shed for you and all people for the
forgiveness of sin. Do this for the
remembrance of me.
For as often as we eat of this bread and
drink of this cup we proclaim the Lord's
death until he comes.

**All: Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

Presider: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate.

**All: To fill the hearts of all who share this
bread and cup with courage and
wisdom to pursue love and justice in
all the world.
Join our prayers and praise with your
people of every age, that, rejoicing in
the hope of the resurrection, we might
live in freedom.**

Presider: Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory
and honour is yours,
Creator God, now and forever,

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer:

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
as we sing:

**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: We break this bread,

All: **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Presider: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its
fruit in dying.

All: **If we have died with him, we shall live with
him; if we hold firm, we shall rise with him.**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God,

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer for those at home:

Presider: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,

People: We trust that you grace us in the breaking and eating of bread in community.

Since I cannot now receive this sacrament in community, ever-present Spirit fill my heart and sustain me. Amen.

Prayer of communion (Sung):

God be in my head,
God be in my heart,
God be in my mind,
God be in my soul,
God be in my eyes,
so that I may see your face;
God be on my lips,
God be in my life.

God be in my work,
God be in my play,
God be in my home,
God be in my prayer,
God be in my song,
so that I may sing your praise;
God be in my night,
God be in my day.



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Announcements

Contemplative Photography Lenten Bags

Lent Study:

*Desert Mothers: Tuesdays in
March 2021*



Blessing:

Presider:

Jesus said: I am with you always

All:

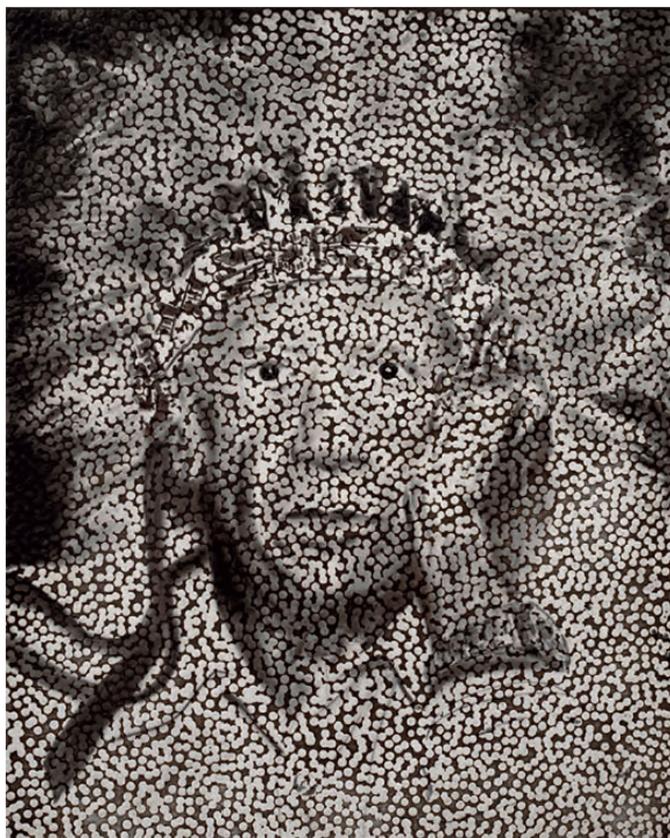
May God the Creator bless you

May God the Son walk with you

May the Spirit lead your lives with love

Amen

(Iona Abby Worship Book, 2011)



Artist: Daniel Boyd

Closing Hymn: Praise to the God Who Clears the Way

Praise to the God who clears the way
Preparing room and space;
For power and pride will lose their sway
As peace comes in their place.
Praise to the one who comes to bring
The truth of word and deed,
Who calls our minds and wills to change
Rebuking wealth and greed.

Praise to the God who waits with us
For hope and joy to reign,
Who shares our suffering and our loss,
Embodied in our pain.
Praise to the God who comes to bring
Comfort to all who mourn.
And all who seek new hope will find
In Jesus Christ our Lord

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Dismissal

Presider: Go forth with a patient heart open to
simplicity

All: **Thanks be to God.**



Artist: Antonius Roberts

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