

**ST Catherines**  
CHURCH



*Artist: Vincent van Gogh*

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JUNE 13, 2021  
MORNING PRAYER**



*Artist: Gbenga Offo*

**Presider: Rev. Sharon Smith**

**Music: Rob Gloor  
Vivian McGie  
Robb Watt**

**Reader 1: Melanie Hackett**

**Reader 2: Tony Dodd**

**Intercessor: Heather Luccock**

**Altar Guild: Vivian McGie**

**Sound: Ethan Spence**

**Livestream: Armin & Gordon Lee**

## **Welcome and Setting Intentions – Rev Sharon**

### **Opening Hymn: The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy**

The kingdom of God is justice and joy,  
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy;  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,  
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace:  
The prisoners are freed, the sinners find place,  
The outcast are welcomed, God's banquet to share,  
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice;  
Believe the good news; repent and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,  
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,  
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;  
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,  
And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

## **Gathering of the community**

Presider: For thousands of years,  
indigenous peoples 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 be to God.**

Presider: We gather in the name of God,

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

## **Gloria:**

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

**Children's talk – Rev Sharon**

*The Story of the prophet Ezekiel*

## **Psalm 92** (*Inclusive Psalter*)

*The people are led by Tony Dodd*

Presider: It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

**People: To herald your love in the morning  
and your faithfulness at night;**

Presider: On the psaltery, and on the lyre,  
and to the melody of the harp.

**People: For you have made me glad by your acts,  
O LORD;  
and I shout for joy because of the works of  
your hands.**

Presider: The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of  
Lebanon.

**People: Those who are planted in the house of the  
LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

**Presider: They shall still bear fruit in old age;  
they shall be green and succulent;**

**People: That they may show how upright the LORD is,  
my rock, in whom there is no injustice. Amen**



*Artist: Jan Richardson*

## **First Reading: Ezekiel: 17:22-24**

*Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the LORD will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.*

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



*Artist: Egon Schiele*

**Second Reading:** Letters to a young poet  
*by Rainer Maria Rilke*  
*(translator: Stephen Mitchell)*

Worpswede, near Bremen  
July 16, 1903

About ten days ago I left Paris, tired and quite sick, and traveled to this great northern plain, whose vastness and silence and sky ought to make me well again. But I arrived during a long period of rain; this is the first day it has begun to let up over the restlessly blowing landscape, and I am taking advantage of this moment of brightness to greet you, dear Sir. My dear Mr. Kappus:

I have left a letter from you unanswered for a long time; not because I had forgotten it - on the contrary: it is the kind that one reads again when one finds it among other letters, and I recognize you in it as if you were very near. It is your letter of May second, and I am sure you remember it. As I read it now, in the great silence of these distances, I am touched by your beautiful anxiety about life, even more than when I was in Paris, where everything echoes and fades away differently because of the excessive noise that makes Things tremble. Here, where I am surrounded by an enormous landscape, which the winds move across as they come from the seas,

here I feel that there is no one anywhere who can answer for you those questions and feelings which, in their depths, have a life of their own;

for even the most articulate people are unable to help, since what words point to is so very delicate, is almost unsayable. But even so, I think that you will not have to remain without a solution if you trust in Things that are like the ones my eyes are now resting upon. If you trust in Nature, in what is simple in Nature, in the small Things that hardly anyone sees and that can so suddenly become huge, immeasurable; if you have this love for what is humble and try very simply, as someone who serves, to win the confidence of what seems poor: then everything will become easier for you, more coherent and somehow more reconciling, not in your conscious mind perhaps, which stays behind, astonished, but in your innermost awareness, awakeness, and knowledge.

You are so young, so much before all beginning, and I would like to beg you, dear Sir, as well as I can, to have patience with everything unresolved in your heart and to try to love the questions themselves as if they were locked rooms or books written in a very foreign language. Don't search for the answers, which could not be given to you now, because you would not be able to live them. And the point is, to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps then, someday far in the future, you will gradually, without even noticing it, live your way into the answer.

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



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# **Gospel Hymn: Come and Journey With the Saviour**

*Refrain:*

Come and journey, come and journey  
With a Savior who has come.  
We are all God's sons and daughters.  
In the Spirit we are one.  
In the Spirit we are one.

Come and journey with a Savior  
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, journey inward,  
Come and seek him deep within,  
Where he meets us in our living,  
In our striving and our sin.

*Refrain*

## Gospel Reading: Mark 4: 26-34

*Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.*

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.**



Artist: Millet, Jean François,

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Gospel Hymn continued:**

Come and journey, journey upward,  
Sing his praises, offer prayer.  
In the storm and in the stillness,  
Find his presence ev'rywhere.

### *Refrain:*

Come and journey, come and journey  
With a Savior who has come.  
We are all God's sons and daughters.  
In the Spirit we are one.  
In the Spirit we are one.

## **Homily – Rev Sharon Smith**

*Reflective Silence Follows*

## **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 neighbour as yourself.  
There is no commandment greater than these.**

**All:       Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

## **Prayers of the People**



Presider: As our Saviour taught us,  
let us pray in the language of our hearts:

**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.**



## **Prayer of the Day:**

*(Pray as You Can, by Sr Kym Harris osb)*

Presider: Loving God,

**All: give us true patience of heart  
that we may believe that your love  
and goodness is at work in our lives.**

**May we do all that we should do,  
and then trust that your loving care  
will do the rest.**

**We ask this in Jesus' name,  
confident that you will hear us.**

**Amen**

# Announcements

- Memorial in the chancel
- Zoom Coffee at noon with St Martins
- Re-opening June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, registration opens



## **Blessing:**

From *Praying with the Earth* by John Philip Newell

Presider: On this day

**All: the blessings of heaven.**

Presider: On this day

**All: the blessings of earth.**

Presider: On this day

**All: the blessings of sea and of sky.**

Presider: To open us to life

**All: to ground us in life**

**to fill us with life**

**and with wonder.**

Presider: On those we love this day  
and on every human family

**All: the blessings of heaven**

**the blessings of earth**

**the blessings of sea and of sky.**

**Amen**

## **Closing Hymn: Love Divine All Loves Excelling**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee:

changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.



*Artist: Tapiwa Matsinde*

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## Dismissal :

*(Book of Alternate Services)*

Presider: Let us bless the Lord,

**All:        Thanks be to God!**



*Artist: Sarah Hornsby*

# *Coffee Time Follows @ Noon – 12:30pm*

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