

ST Catherines
CHURCH



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
JANUARY 2ND, 2022
10 AM SPOKEN SERVICE WITH COMMUNION



Presider:

Rev. Sharon Smith

Greeters:

**Marion Porter and Gillian
Holland**

Reader:

Penny Zuk

Altar Guild:

Bonnie Grundy

Livestream:

Gordon Lee

Sunday

School:

Ethan Spence

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Intentions: Rev. Sharon Smith

Presider: In this time and place
We gather on the ancestral lands of the
Squamish and Tsleil-Watuth nations

**All: From many places and peoples we come to
this house of prayer.**

Presider: In this time and place
We give thanks for the light of God that shines
in the darkness

All: A light no darkness can quench.

Presider: In this time and place
We give thanks for the light and peace of
Jesus Christ the Word made flesh

All: The light of all people.

Presider: In this time and place
We pray that the Spirit of God will be renewed
in our hearts and minds

**All: That we might be the light of God in the
world.**

Presider: In this time and place
Together, one people of God.

**All: In the name of God, Source of
all being, Eternal Word and
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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.

Presider: Ever-present God,

**All: To you all hearts are open, all
desires known, and from you 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.**

Prayer of the Day

Presider:

Hidden God,

All:

who made the face of Moses shine with the gift of your friendship: teach us the law of love, carried by breath of spirit and planted in hearts of flesh that we might be children again and the world restored to you; though Jesus the Christ, Amen



Artist: Diane Fairfield

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD AND PRAYER

First Reading: Sirach 24:1-12

The figure of Wisdom played a major role in early discussions of Christ. Wisdom is the divine word, coming from the mouth of God, and ruling over all of creation.

Wisdom praises herself and tells of her glory in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth, and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory:

“I came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and covered the earth like a mist. I dwelt in the highest heavens, and my throne was in a pillar of cloud. Alone I compassed the vault of heaven and traversed the depths of the abyss. Over waves of the sea, over all the earth, and over every people and nation I have held sway. Among all these I sought a resting place; in whose territory should I abide?

“Then the Creator of all things gave me a command,
and my Creator chose the place for my tent. He said, ‘Make
your dwelling in Jacob, and in Israel receive your inheritance.’
Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me, and for all
the ages I shall not cease to be.

In the holy tent I ministered before him,
and so I was established in Zion. Thus, in the beloved city he
gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my domain.
I took root in an honored people, in the portion of the Lord,
his heritage.”

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.



Artist: Emanuel Burke

Canticle: The Bread of Heaven

Wisdom 16.20–21, 26

Presider: You gave your people angels'
food
and sent them bread from
heaven,

**People: ready to eat, though they did
no work,
rich in delights, and suiting
every taste.**

Presider: The food which you gave
showed your sweetness
toward your children.

**People: It served the desire of those who ate,
was changed to the flavour each one
wished;**

Presider: That the children you love might learn, O
God,
that not by various crops are they fed,

**All: but it is your word which sustains
all those who trust in you. Amen**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us.

With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



Artist: Mher Evoyan

Gospel Reading: John 1: 10-18

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.**

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily – Rev Sharon

Reflective silence follows.

Affirmation of Faith

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
 using the Baptism creed of the church
 in Rome in the 3rd and 4th centuries, as
 we say,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,**

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in
mercy;
God welcomes all and invites us to this
table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Presider: Most faithful God,

**All: Remind us of your love and healing power.
Forgive us that we may forgive one
another.
Renew us so that when we fail, we may
begin again.
Amen**

The Passing of the Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with
 you.

People: And also with you.

*The members of the community, ministers and
people, greet one another saying ‘Peace be with you’.*



Artist: Emmanuel Garibay

COMMUNION

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Good and loving God,
**All: we rejoice in the birth of Jesus,
who came among the poor,
to bring the riches of your grace.
As you have blessed us with your gifts,
let them be a blessing for others.
With the trees of the field,
And with all on this earth our Island home,
we shout for joy at the coming of your
Light, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (*ELCIC III*)

Presider: May God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to God.
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: Blessed are you gracious God,
Creator of heaven and earth;
Source of light and life.
In the fullness of time you come among us
enfleshed.

Presider: And so, together with all the choirs of angels, your peoples on earth and in heaven, we praise your name and join the unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might ,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest**

Presider: Holy One,
the beginning and the end,
the giver of life.
Blessed are you
for the birth of creation,
Blessed are you
in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you
for your promises to your people,
Blessed are you
in the prophets' hopes and dreams
Blessed are you
for Mary's openness to your will
Blessed are you
for Jesus, the Word made flesh.

Presider: In the night in which he was betrayed,
Jesus, in a room with his friends,
took bread, and gave thanks; broke it,
and shared it, 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,
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.

Presider: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
**All: Christ has died
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Presider: With this bread and cup
we remember your Word
dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth,
We remember our new birth
And we look with hope for Christ's
coming.

All: Come, Lord Jesus

All: **Holy God,
we long for your Spirit,
Come among us,
Bless this meal,
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.**

Presider: All praise and glory are
 yours,
 Holy One of Israel,
 Word of God incarnate,
 And Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever,

All: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us 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 for ever. Amen.

Presider: We break the bread of life, and that life is
the light of the world.

All: God here among us, light in the midst of
us, bring us to light and life.

Words of invitation:

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Communion:

All people are welcome to receive Communion.

Gluten free wafer available upon request.

If you would like to dip a wafer (intinct), please do so.

If you would like a blessing, please bow your head.

While the communion is being administered, we respectfully ask that you keep the silence.

Prayer After Communion:

Presider: Loving God,

**All: You have united earth and heaven
in sending Jesus to take our human
nature.**

**May we who have received these
mysteries, walk in the Way that Jesus
taught us.**

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.**

SENDING

Announcements

New Year Blessing: Rev Sharon

Dismissal

Presider: Go now in peace to love and serve the Christ Child, born for us.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



Artist: Emmanuel Garibay