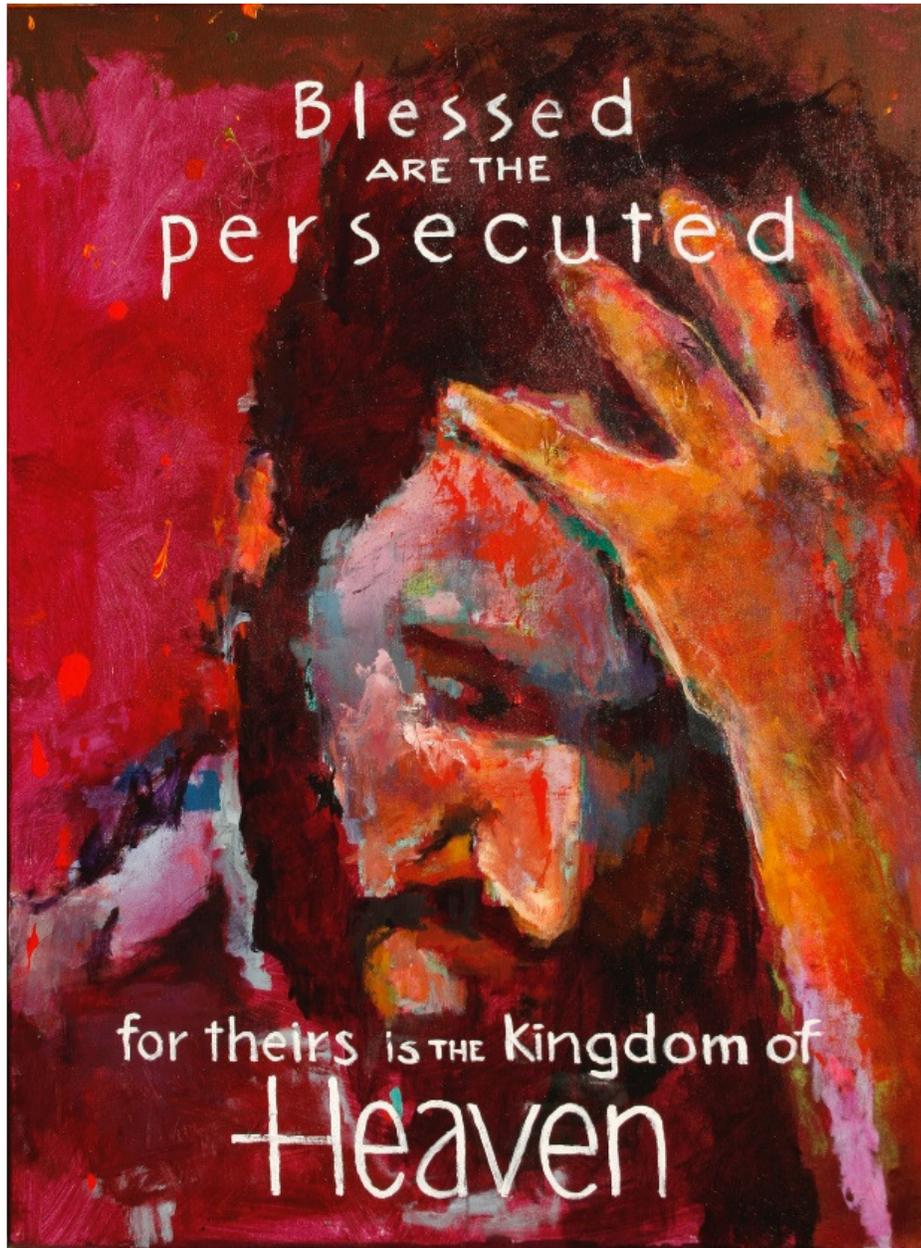


ST Catherines
CHURCH



FEBRUARY 13, 2022

6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

10 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE



Thank you for ministering this morning:

Music: Rob Gloor & Singers
Greeters: Lori Burns and Bob Paxton
Homily: Pip Stigger
Altar Guild: Vivian McGie
Readers: 1) Kim Mead 2) Pauline Barratt
Intercessor: Heather Luccock
Livestream: Mermi
Sunday Teacher: Ethan Spence

As you enter the church, we invite you to light a votive candle to remember a person or situation that you carry on your heart. Candles are also available during communion.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Intentions: Rev Sharon Smith

Rev. Sharon: 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.

Rev. Sharon: 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

Gathering Hymn: The Love of Jesus Calls Us

The love of Jesus call us
our joyous praise to sing;
our deeply felt thanksgivings
we now together bring,
for all God's many blessings,
unmasked yet still received,
and for the generations
who faithfully believed.

The love of Jesus call us,
that we may always be
companions on a journey,
where all the world may see
that serving Christ is freedom
which time does not destroy;
where Christ's command is duty,
and every duty joy.

The love of Jesus calls us
to go where he would go,
to challenge all their limits,
to change, to learn, to grow,
to know that Christ has freed us,
that prisons are no more;
for those who seek his kingdom,
Christ opens every door.

The love of Jesus calls us
in swiftly changing days,
to be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways;
that God with men and women may so transform the earth,
that love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.



Artist: Denis Sarazhin

Prayer of the Day (Collect):

Presider:

Public Jesus

All:

**when you were in crowds,
you somehow saw their hunger:
hunger for justice, or
hunger for revenge.**

**Help us, in all the crowds we inhabit
to read the signs
and know how to respond
to the deepest hungers.**

**Because you invite us
at our truest hungers. Nothing else
will truly satisfy. Amen**



Artist: Ron Parker

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Jeremiah 17:5-10

These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God that brings vitality and life without God that lacks nourishment.

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse— who can understand it?
I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: Thanks be to God.



Artist: Denis Sarazhin

Psalm 1

The Psalm is led by Kim Mead

Presider: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

People: Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

Presider: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

People: It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Presider: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

People: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed. Amen.

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: The Church of Christ in Every Age

The church of Christ, in every age,
beset by change but Spirit led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live until they die.

Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:17-26

After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn cont:

We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord,
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating Word.

Homily: Pip Stigger

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 neighbor as yourself.
There is no commandment greater
than these.**

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

PRAYER

Prayers of the People

Confession:

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 merciful God,
**All: we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we
humbly repent. For the sake of your
Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and
forgive us, that we may delight in your
will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Presider: Gracious God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your
sins, confirm and strengthen you in
all goodness, and keep you
in eternal life; through Jesus the
Christ. Amen.

The Passing of the Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with
you.

People: And also with you.

*The community, standing at our seats, greet one
another saying or gesturing: 'Peace be with you'.*

Communion

Preparing the Table: We Will Lay Our Burden Down

We will lay our burden down,
we will lay our burden down,
we will lay our burden down,
in the hands of the risen Lord.

We will light the flame of love...
as the hands of the risen Lord.

We will show both hurt and hope...
like the hands of the risen Lord.

Preparing the Table Hymn cont...

We will walk the path of peace...
hand in hand with the risen Lord.



Artist: Denis Sarazhin

Prayer over the Gifts:

Presider: Eternal God,

All: you are our strength when we are weak
and our comfort when we suffer,
receive all we offer you this day
turn our sickness into health
and our sorrow into joy.
We ask this in the name of
Jesus the Christ, Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: Therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus, with
prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and
with those in every generation who
have looked to you in hope, to
proclaim with them your glory, in their
unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full
Are full of your glory.**

**Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending
us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he
was handed over to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing, broke the
bread, gave it to his friends, and said,
"Take this, and eat it: this is my body which
is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

Presider: In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations.
We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts.

**All: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.
Glory to you for ever and ever.**

All: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together from the
ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people, of every
language, race, and nation, may share the
banquet you have promised;

Presider: through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours, creator of
all.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer (*Sung*):

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 (Breaking of Bread):

Presider: We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ

**All: We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

Invitation to the Table:

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God.

Communion:

All people are welcome to receive Communion of one kind (Wafers). Gluten free wafer are available upon request.

Please wear your mask and sanitize your hands before receiving. We ask that you wait until you have returned to your seat before removing your mask and consuming the wafer.

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

Candle lighting during this time is welcomed.

Communion Hymns:

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

Forgive our sins as we forgive,
you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart,
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,
and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love,
our lives will spread your peace.

Healer of our every ill

Refrain:

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. [Refrain]
In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. [Refrain]

Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. [Refrain]

Refrain:

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. [Refrain]

Prayer after Communion:

Presider:

God of tender care,

All:

**in this eucharist we celebrate your
love**

for us and for all people.

**May we show your love in our lives
and know its fulfilment in your
presence.**

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.**



Artist: Kandice Keith

Sending

Announcements – Rev. Sharon

Blessing: *(Black History Month – UCC)*

Presider: Although the road is long and the journey is hard, although the mountains are too high and the valleys are too low,

All: **By your grace, give us hope.
By your power, give us strength.
By your mercy, give us wisdom
so that we may continue to go where
you lead us, until all your children are
safe from harm.**

Presider: May we go with your light shining in us,

All: **as we carry justice and equality into the
world to bring about change with our
voice. Amen.**

Sending Hymn: O Jesus I have promised

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.

Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of selfwill.
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

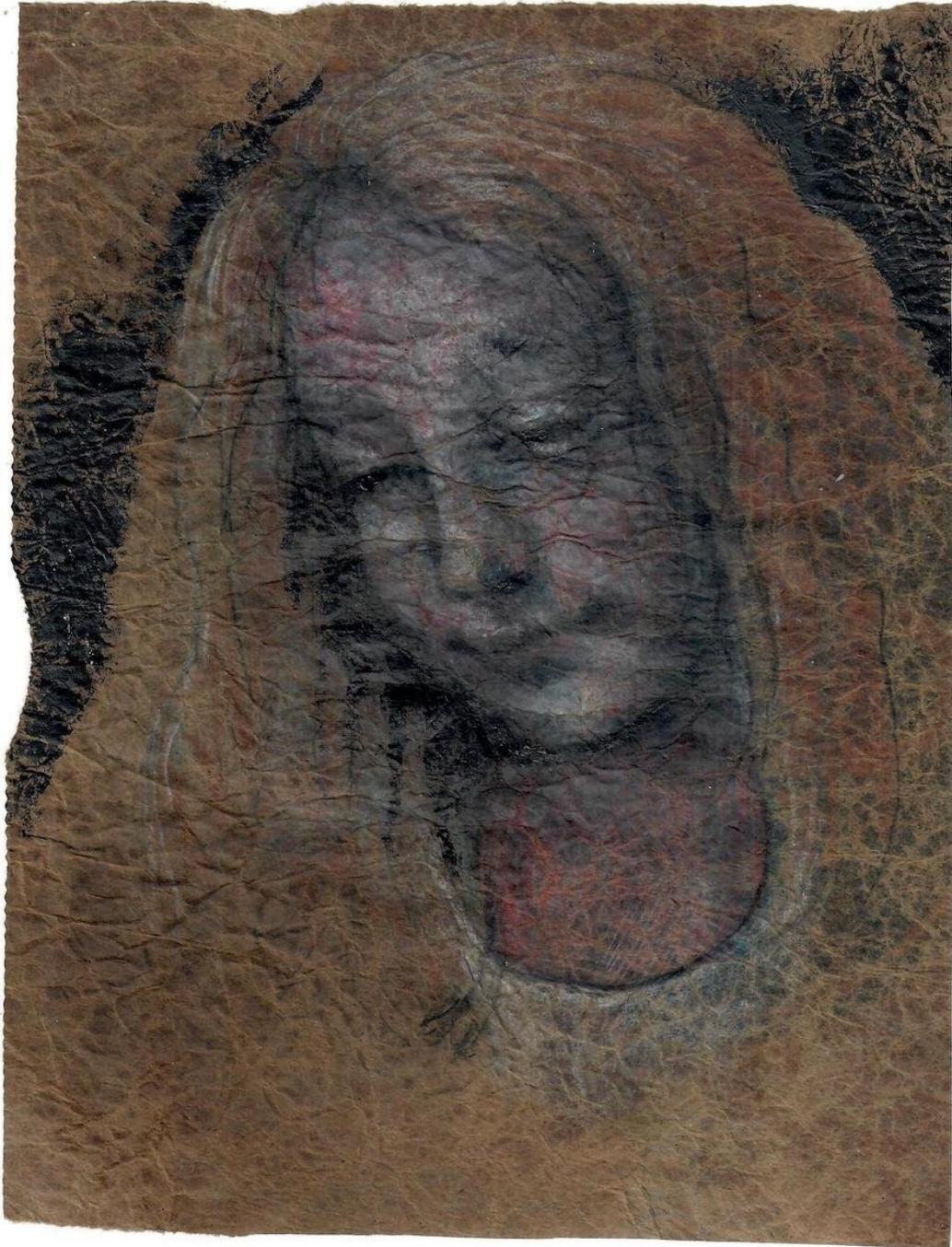
Dismissal – Rev Sharon Smith

Presider:

Go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.



Artist: Daniel Bonnell

VESTRY (St Catherine's AGM)

Please mark your calendars! We will be gathering in the Gym and on Zoom for morning prayer and our church AGM (Vestry Meeting) on February 27th, 2022.

Morning Prayer at 10 am

Feasibility Study Report and Table Conversations 10:20 am

Vestry Motions and Voting 11:30 – 1 pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED – scadmin@shaw.ca

LENT RETREAT (The VITA Retreat)

March 4th & 5th Zoom and at St Catherine's

The Vita Retreat creates an environment for people to reignite their lives of prayer and ministry.

Friday night: 5:30 – 9:30 pm

Saturday: 9:30 - 5:30 pm.

- creative prayer practices,
- time to reflect on experience

"I came to the retreat hoping to deepen my spiritual experience with the Holy Spirit. From the first moments of the weekend to the final ringing of the bell, I felt safe, welcome and enriched."

COFFEE TIME TODAY - NOON ON ZOOM

Following the In-person and Livestreamed service....

No matter how or when you participate in the Sunday Service you are welcome to join in the coffee time.

Join Zoom Meeting by video:

<https://zoom.us/j/93034140745>

Or by phone: 778 907 2071,
with the Meeting ID: 930 3414 0745