



MARCH 20TH, 2022

**10 AM FRESH EXPRESSIONS
SERVICE**

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



Presider:	Rev. Sharon Smith
Music:	Rob Gloor & Singers
Greeters:	Lori Burns, Pip Stigger
Coffee Group:	Penny Zuk, Roslyn Jackson, and Susana Wensley
Altar Guild:	Heather Luccock
Reader 1:	Elizabeth Barratt
Reader 2:	Gordon Lee
Eucharistic Minister:	Linda Robertson
Intercessor:	Kim Mead
Livestream:	Mermi
Sunday School:	Daela Dalzell

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GATHERING

A Fresh Expression is a form of church for our changing culture, this liturgy is co-created by members of our community in an attempt to incorporate Anglican Spirituality into worship.

Welcome & Intention: Rev Sharon Smith

Presider: Let us take a moment of stillness and remember why we are here.

A moment of silent reflection.

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.

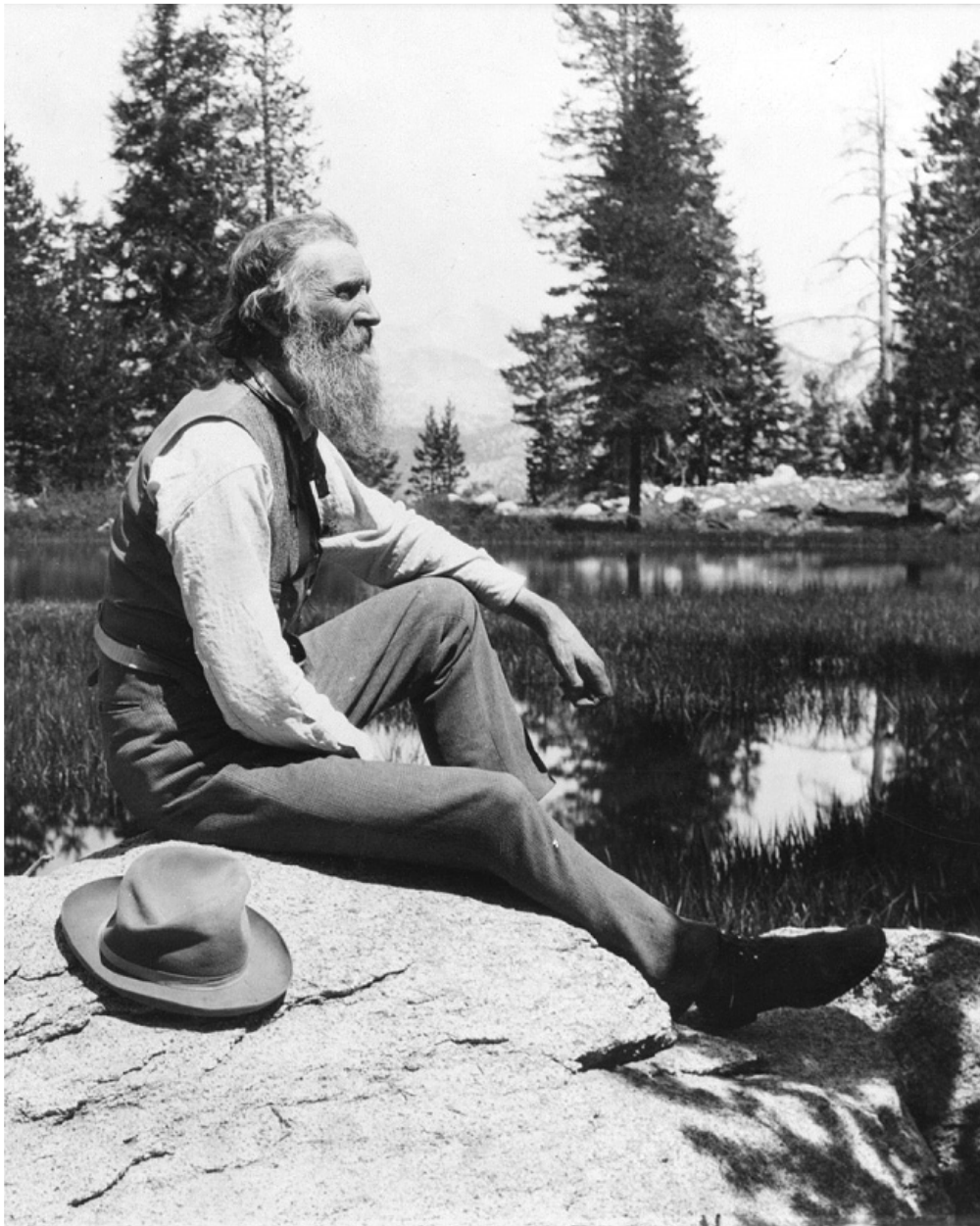
Presider: We who come from other lands express our gratitude for the blessing of living, working, playing, laughing, and loving on this beautiful land.

All: Thanks be to God.

Presider:

All:

We gather in the name of God,
**Source of all being, Eternal Word and
Holy Spirit. Amen.**



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Prayer of Purity:

(Book of Alternative Services)

Presider: Ever-present God,

**All: 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**

Confession:

(Praying with the Earth – John Philip Newell)

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

Kyrie

Leader: Lord Have Mercy

All: **Lord Have Mercy**

Leader: Christ Have Mercy

All: **Christ Have Mercy**

Leader: Lord Have Mercy

All: **Lord Have Mercy**

Prayer of the Day: *(by Pat Bennett)*

Presider: Jesus,
grant us a listening ear
and a seeing eye

**All: that we may grow in
awareness
and insight;
grant us a courageous heart
and committed hands
that we may accept and work
towards change;
So may our lives
bear the fruit of your Kingdom
Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: Like a Healing Stream

Like a healing stream in a barren desert, Spirit water
bringing life to dusty earth, God is trickling through our lives
as in a dream unfolding,
promising revival and rebirth ... like a healing stream.

Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden, Spirit water comes to
nourish tiny seed, God is bubbling through the soil
to coax a new creation,
yearning for an end to want and need ... like a gentle rain.

Like a river strong with a restless current,
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,
God is carving out a channel in a new direction, calling for an
end to hate and war ... like a river strong.

Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,
Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow: God
will always challenge and provide!
Like a mighty sea, like a river strong,
like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading 1: by John Muir (1838 - 1914)

Nature is ever at work building and pulling down, creating and destroying, keeping everything whirling and flowing, allowing no rest but in rhythmical motion, chasing everything in endless song out of one beautiful form into another.

Artistic response:

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Music by Ludovico Einaudi



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Song of Response: Garden Song (John Denver)

Inch by inch, row by row
Gonna make this garden grow
All it takes is a rake and a hoe
And a piece of fertile ground
Inch by inch, row by row
Someone bless these seeds I sow
Someone warm them from below
Till the rain comes tumblin' down
Pullin' weeds and pickin' stones
Man is made of dreams and bones
Feel the need to grow my own
'Cause the time is close at hand
Rainful rain, sun and rain
Find my way in nature's chain
Tune my body and my brain
To the music from the land.

Plant your rows straight and long
Temper them with prayer and song
Blessed Earth will make you strong
If you give her love and care.
Old crow watchin' hungrily
From his perch in yonder tree
In my garden I'm as free
As that feathered creature there.

Inch by inch, row by row
Gonna make this garden grow
All it takes is a rake and a hoe
And a piece of fertile ground
An inch by inch, row by row
Someone bless these seeds I sow
Someone warm them from below
Till the rain comes tumblin' down.



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Second Reading : Luke 13:1-9

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus shifts a question about whether suffering is deserved into a call for service. He then tells a parable that holds out hope about the patient gardener.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”

Reflections: Rev. Sharon

Silent Reflection:

The community are invited to respond in silent contemplation.

The time ends with the sound of a singing bowl.



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PRAYER

Prayers of Concern:

(Adapted from Steve Garnaas-Holmes)

Leader: God of Yes,

**All: Nourish us.
 May your hidden gifts unfold in
 and around us.**

Please add your prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader: God of Yes

**All: Dig around our roots.
 Patiently disturb us.**

Please add your prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader: God of Yes

**All: Bear fruit in us,
 the fruit of Yes for others,
 for nourishing, not judging.
 Teach us to lay down your axe
 and take up a trowel.**

The leader adds specific prayers at this time.

Leader: God of Yes,

All: Nourish us.

**May your hidden gifts unfold in
and around us. Amen.**

The Light of Peace

A member of the community lights a candle from the Altar light and lights votive candles.

Presider: We light this candle in the name
 of the Creator.
 We light this candle in the name of Christ.
 We light this candle in the name of the
 Spirit.

Song of Peace *(Sara Thomsen from traditional Gaelic)*

Deep peace of the rolling waves to you.

Deep peace of the silent stars.

Deep peace of the blowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth.

Let peace, let peace, let peace fill your soul.

May peace, may peace, may peace keep you whole.

Presider: May the peace of God – Creator,
Christ and Holy Spirit be always
with you, and those you love.

People: And also with you.

*The community is invited to gesture to one another a
sign of peace, respecting social distancing.*

*You are invited to light candles for people and places
that have no peace*

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that have no peace.*

COMMUNION

Preparing the Table:(Instrumental)

The Eucharistic Prayer

Preface for Lent (BAS); Eucharistic Prayer (ELCIC VIII)

Presider: 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:

**All: 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 (*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 the Bread):

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.**

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:

Step By Step

O God, you are my God
And I will ever praise you.
Oh god, you are my God
And I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning,
I will learn to walk in your ways,
And step by step you will lead me,
And I will follow you all of my days

Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true;
Change my heart, O 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, O God,
Make it ever true;
Change my heart O God,
may I be like you.

SENDING

Announcements – Rev. Sharon

Blessing: *(Praying with the Earth: a Prayerbook for Peace)*

Presider: May the deep blessings of earth be with us.

**All: May the fathomless soundings of seas
surge in our soul.**

Presider: May boundless stretches of the universe
echo in our depths

**All: to open us to wonder
to strengthen us for love
to humble us with gratitude.**

Presider: That we may find ourselves in one another

**All: that we may lose ourselves in gladness
that we give ourselves to peace. Amen**

Sending Song: There Is a Redeemer

There is a redeemer
Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Holy One.

REFRAIN

Thank you, oh my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
'Til the work on Earth is done.

Jesus my redeemer
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Oh, for sinners slain. (*REFRAIN*)

When I stand in Glory
I will see His face
And there I'll serve my King forever
In that Holy Place. (*REFRAIN*)

Dismissal:

Presider: Go in peace to live a life of service

People: **Thanks be to God.**



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Lenten Study

Engaging Sacred Space

As St Catherine's looks at how we can transform our Sanctuary into a more inviting and beautiful space for worship and for members of the community to use, we need to look at ideas that honour our tradition and incorporate a respectful use of space by the community. Join us on this journey so that we can explore these ideas together on three evenings (from 7 to 8:30pm) in Lent. The first two will be on zoom, and we hope that the final one will be in the church. We encourage you to participate in all three if possible.

Thursday, March 17: ***On Holy Ground*** – reflecting upon Mission from the place we are now.

Thursday, March 24: ***Building a Blueprint*** – moving towards a renewed understanding of Mission rooted in architecture and theology.

Thursday, March 31: ***In this Together*** – hospitality and the ministry *of* Sacred Spaces from and for communities.

Our guides for these evenings are Peter Elliott and Thomas Roach.