**St. John the Divine Anglican Church**

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Sunday January 22nd , 2023

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

**We gather on the unceded territory of the Squamish Nation**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Presider In this time and place, we gather on the traditional, ancestral and unceded lands of the Squamish nation.

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

  Presider In this time and place, we meet in the presence of the living God.

**All The living God who creates us and all that is.**

  Presider In this time and place, the risen Christ stands in our midst.

**All The risen Christ who accompanies us and all people.**

  Presider In this time and place, God’s Holy Spirit breathes in and through us.

**All The Holy Spirit who transforms us and all life.**

  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.**

**ACT OF PRAISE**: Come All You People (Sing a New Creation #16)

Ostinato Refrain

Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari,

Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari,

Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari,

Uyai mose zvino.

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker,

come all you people, come and praise your Maker,

come all you people, come and praise your Maker,

come now and worship the Lord. Text: Alexander Gondo, b.1936

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY** Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

LeaderLet us pray.

*(Silence)*

God of all people,

**People** **you sent your Son into our shadowed world. May his dawning light give hope to the broken, the persecuted, the alien and the excluded, so that we might feel the kingdom drawing near and turn to follow him; through Jesus Christ, the morning star. Amen.**

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

*We sit to listen for the word of God*

1ST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4;

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **People** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 27:1, 5-13 BAS ( Green Book ) p.#735

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? **the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?**   
One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; **that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;**  
To behold the fair beauty of the Lord **and to seek him in his temple.**   
For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; **he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.**  
Even now he lifts up my head **above my enemies round about me.**   
Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;

**I will sing and make music to the Lord.**   
Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; **have mercy on me and answer me.**You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." **Your face, Lord, will I seek.**Hide not your face from me, **nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**You have been my helper; cast me not away; **do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People**  **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN:** Hallelujah CP( Blue Book ) #324

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

*(as you are able, please stand)*

Reader The Lord be with you. **People**  **And also with you.** Reader The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **People** **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*(At the conclusion…)*

Reader The Gospel of Christ! **People** **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**HOMILY**

**APOSTLE’S CREED**

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 OF THE PEOPLE** *Standing, sitting or kneeling, we offer prayer as a community for the Church, for the world, for those in need and for those who have died.*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Leader Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

*(Silence)*

Leader 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.**

Leader Almighty 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 Christ our Lord. **People**  **Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All**  **And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY HYMN:**Here in this place CP (Blue Book) #465

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*To make a gift to the life and ministry of St. John’s you can leave a cheque*

*or cash in the plate by the entrance of the sanctuary, send an e-transfer to* [***give@squamishanglicanchurch.ca***](mailto:give@squamishanglicanchurch.ca) *Or make a donation through our*

*online portal (Tithely), which can be accessed through our website,*

*or by scanning the QR code.*

**THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Leader Let us pray,

*(Silence)*

Loving God,

**All**  **before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

**Salal and Cedar Eucharistic Prayer**

Leader May God be with you

**All And also with you**

Leader Lift up your hearts

**All We lift them up**

Leader Let us give thanks to God our Creator

**All It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Leader It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here where the Squamish River meets Átl’ka7tsem/Howe Sound, where city and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, orca and salmon, bear and raven, salal and cedar we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

**All 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.**

Leader We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of famers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus’ life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we may know Jesus in them and be gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.

**All** **Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

LeaderAs 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 forever. Amen.**

**FRACTION SENTENCE** #4 Green Book (BAS) p.#212

Leader 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.**

LeaderThe gift’s of God for the people of God.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*If you wish to receive a blessing rather than the bread, place your hand over your heart.If you wish to receive a wafer, extend two hands. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Please refrain from intincting (dipping) the bread in the chalice.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Leader Let us pray, *(Silence)*

Gracious God,

**All** **our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

**DOXOLOGY Glory to God 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN:** Will You Come and Follow MeCP (Blue book) #430

**DISMISSAL**

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God!**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**The Church**

St. Agnes, North Vancouver - The Venerable Stephen Muir St. Paul, Vancouver - The Reverend Philip Cochrane, The Reverend José Luis Aranda Moyano

St. Titus, Oakridge -The Reverend Marion Wong

St. Timothy, Brentwood - The Reverend James Duckett

Our companion diocese, the Episcopal Diocese of the Northern Philippines and our companion parish, St. John the Divine Mission, Lacmaan.

St. John the Divine, Squamish - The Reverend Cameron Gutjahr, Rector, Canon Donald J. Lawton, Honorary Assistant.

**Immediate Prayer Requests**

Lillian and Michael Moore, Kayla, John, Dorothy, Marilyn, Jen, Sandra, Rob, Mari, Brian and Carol, The Howe Sound Women’s Centre, the residents of Hilltop House, the residents of Shannon Falls, the Elders of the Squamish Nation, the patients of Squamish General Hospital and the patients of the Sea to Sky Hospice.

**Rector’s Reflection**

This past week I was invited to offer short daily reflections for the lectionary readings for morning and evening prayer (the daily cycle of readings that many Anglicans and others use for their daily prayer and study.) This is part of a series organized by the Rev. Alex Wilson, priest at St. Anselm’s at UBC.

To sign up for these reflections from different voices from around the Diocese, fill out this online form: <http://eepurl.com/iap-99>

**SUNDAY JANUARY 22nd**

*“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” (John 4:29)*

This line was spoken by the Samaritan woman at the well. The one from whom Jesus asked for a drink of water. This unnamed woman is an example and inspiration for me today to invite others to ‘come and see.’ I know it is scary to make that invitation. It can be uncomfortable, and we don’t want to be rude or annoying or in people’s faces. However, you have a story, like that woman, that no one else can tell like you, about what God is like; about the challenge and discomfort and joy and peace of the life of faith; about the grace of God that passes all understanding; of being known, intimately, and loved by Jesus. So, let us be brave. Let us be loving. Let us be gentle. Let us have understanding and compassion for where people are. Let us say it with no strings attached – ‘come and see,’ because we have drunk that living water, we have tasted that bread from heaven, and we want to sit down and feast on that meal together.

Thanks be to God!

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**Announcements**

**THIS WEEK** Tuesday Tot Time will be back on Tuesday January 24th from 10am-noon. Please contact Rev. Cameron if you are interested in helping with this exciting ministry. Friday Office hours 9am – 1pm Sunday 4th Sunday after the Epiphany 10am **2023 Pledges** Thank you to everyone who made a pledge of their time, talents and treasure. In the coming weeks, we will be putting together and reviewing our 2023 church budget. If you have not made a pledge for 2023, but would like to, please fill out a form and hand it in by the end of the month so that we can consider it in our budgeting process!

**Ministry Schedule for Sunday January 29th , 2023**

Greeter:

Reader:

Prayers:

Communion Minister:

Coffee: TBA