**St. John the Divine Anglican Church**

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Sunday January 15th, 2023

Second 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**: Sing a New Song unto the Lord CP( Blue Book ) #312

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

LeaderLet us pray.

*(Silence)*

Steadfast God,

**People** **you have enriched and enlightened us by the revelation of your eternal Christ. Strengthen us to walk the path of his teaching, so that by word and deed and in the power of the Spirit we may manifest the gracious news of your faithfulness and love. Amen.**

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

*We sit to listen for the word of God*

1ST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

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

PSALM 40:1-12 BAS ( Green Book ) #755

I waited patiently upon the Lord;

**he stooped to me and heard my cry.**

He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;

**he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;

**many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.**

Happy are they who trust in the Lord!

**they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.** Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! **there is none who can be compared with you.**

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!

**but they are more than I can count.**

In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure

**(you have given me ears to hear you);**

Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, **and so I said, “Behold, I come.**

In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:

**‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.’”**

I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; **behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.**

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; **I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.**

You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me;

**let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,**

2ND READING:1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

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

**GRADUAL HYMN:** Jubilate Deo CP( Blue Book ) #308

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

*(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 John. **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:**When Long Before Time CP (Blue Book) #307

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*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)*

Living God,

**All**  **you have revealed your Son as the Messiah. May we hear his word and follow it, and live as children of light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.**

**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)*

God of glory,

**All** **you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world.We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. 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:** How Great Thou Art CP (Blue book) # 423

**DISMISSAL**

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God!**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**The Church**

The Cathedral Chapter – The Very Reverend Chris Pappas, Chair

         Urban Aboriginal Ministry – Mr. Stephen Seegerts

St. John the Evangelist, North Vancouver - The Reverend Patrick Blaney

St. Stephen the Martyr, Burnaby - The Reverend Ruth Monette

St. Stephen, West Vancouver - The Reverend Ken Vinal

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 upcoming week I have been 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.

Maybe this is an opportunity for you to try this ancient rhythm on for size, and bring in some prayer and study into your daily lives!) Below is my reflection for Tuesday.

To sign up for these reflections, fill out this online form: <http://eepurl.com/iap-99>

**TUESDAY JANUARY 17th**

*Let no evil talk come out of your mouths but only what is good for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. (Ephesians 4:29)*

Today we remember Saint Antony, a monk in Egypt in the early centuries of the Church. While he was popular during his lifetime, he went “viral” through an account of his life by Saint Athanasius of Alexandria, inspiring countless others in their faith through the centuries, including several notable examples, like Saint Augustine of Hippo. I wonder if Antony ever imagined that his words, his life, his example, would have such far reaching effects, rippling through the millennia. Our lives, our actions, our words can have that same power, like it says in Ephesians, to build up others, to give grace to those who hear them.

Thanks be to God!

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**Announcements**

**THIS WEEK** Tuesday Tot Time will be back on Tuesday January 17th from 10am-noon. Please contact Rev. Cameron if you are interested in helping with this exciting ministry. Friday Office hours 9am – 1pm Sunday 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany 10am Rev. Canon Dr. Rob James as our guest preacher. Rob is a priest of the Diocese of New Wesminster, and recently moved from Wells Cathedral in the UK to be the Associate Professor of Anglican Formation and Studies at the Vancouver School of Theology.

**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!

**Baptism, Confirmations, Receptions, &amp; Reaffirmations of Baptismal Vows**

If there is anyone who is interested in baptism, confirmation, reception or thereaffirmation of baptismal vows in the coming months or in finding out more, please be in touch with Rev. Cameron([priest@squamishanglicanchurch.ca](mailto:priest@squamishanglicanchurch.ca))Please also be in touch if you might be interested in joining in an intro/basics program to the Bible, the sacraments, prayer, worship, Church history, Anglican Identity…etc. (open to anyone)

**Helping Out**

We are truly blessed at St. John’s by all the people who use their gifts to help make thisbody, this community, work to love God and love each other in the name of Jesus.Where would we be without our readers, the people who lead us in music and prayer,the welcomers, the coffee makers, the folk who help out in the office…etc**.** This New Year might be a perfect time to try something new, to use your spiritual gifts aspart of this body! Please get in touch with Rev. Cameron.

**Ministry Schedule for Sunday January 22, 2023**

Greeter: Don and Alice

Reader: Stacey

Prayers: Sean

Communion Minister: David

Coffee: TBA