**St. John the Divine Anglican Church**

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Sunday February 5th, 2023

Fifth 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**: May the Spirit of Christ be our Hope CP (Blue Book) #483

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY** *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

LeaderLet us pray.

*(Silence)*

O God of light,

**People** **your Spirit reveals and illumines your presence in creation. Shine your radiant holiness into our lives, so that we may offer our hands and hearts to your work: to heal and shelter, to feed and clothe, to break every yoke and silence evil tongues. Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

*We sit to listen for the word of God*

1ST READING: Isaiah 58:1-12

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

PSALM 112:1-10 BAS ( Green Book ) p.#860

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord

**and have great delight in his commandments!**

Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  **the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house,

**and their righteousness will last for ever.**

Light shines in the darkness for the upright;

**the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending

**and to manage their affairs with justice.**

For they will never be shaken;

**the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumours;

**their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.**

Their heart is established and will not shrink,

**until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor,

**and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honour.**

The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;

**the desires of the wicked will perish.**

2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 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 5:13-20

*(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:**This Little Light of Mine

1. This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Hide it under a bushel – no! I’m gonna let it shine…
3. Don’t let anyone blow it out. I’m gonna let it shine…
4. See it shine in my hometown. I’m gonna let it shine..
5. This little light of min, I’m gonna let it shine…

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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)*

God of compassion and forgiveness,

**All**  **receive our offering this day, and make us one with him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour. 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)*

Eternal God,

**All** **in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, 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:** You Are Salt for the Earth O People CP (Blue Book) #502

**DISMISSAL**

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God!**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**The Church**

Standing Committee on Mission and Ministry Development –

The Revd Andrew Halladay, Chair; The Revd Tellison Glover, Staff

The Anglican CanAsian Ministry (ACAM) Group

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 Mak, 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.

We thank God for the life of Frank Babuin.

**Rector’s Reflection**

What do Christian ministry and mission look like? Music? Prayer? Coffee and Tea? Feeding the hungry?

All good answers.

However, sometimes following Jesus can be related to plumbing, specifically toilets.   
  
Let me explain…

In 2022 the Diocese made available to every parish up to $2000 as a “Climate Response Grant.” Parishes were invited to apply for an initiative to help them respond and adapt to the current climate emergency. Another way of saying it would be for us as churches to live into our baptismal promise “to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.” This is one of the 5 Marks of Mission we say together at every baptism and renewal of baptismal vows.

After bouncing around a few ideas, St. John’s parish council decided to put the money towards replacing our toilets and urinal, both because they were old and breaking, but also because they used a lot of water.

There is a reason we baptize with water. It is holy. It is precious. It is life-giving. Our new low-flush toilets save litres of water with each flush, translating into thousands of litres of that sacred substance saved each year.

The changing climate is leading to more extreme weather events and less predictable precipitation in our region. This is impacting the watershed that we are a part of, presenting itself as more frequent water restrictions and increased stress on our forests, wildlife, fish, waterways, and communities. Decreasing our water usage is a small but significant way to adapt to this reality.

While it might seem simple, this initiative is a reminder that small everyday changes, added up and multiplied, can have a cumulative impact. Oh, and also, we can follow Jesus and live into our baptism in mundane ways, sometimes even one flush at a time.

Thanks be to God!  
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**Announcements**

**THIS WEEK Tuesday** Tot Time from 10am-noon. **Thursday**  Office hours 9am - noon **Friday** Office hours 9am –noon **Saturday** Multicultural Day at Totem Hall 1:30 – 4:30 St. John’s community is invited to make a batch of cookies or squares for the event. (drop off?) **Sunday** 6th Sunday after the Epiphany 10am **Shrove Tuesday** Tuesday February 21st Pancake Supper 5-7 Contact Rev. Cameron to help with set up, clean up, making food, or serving food. **Lenten Study** Five week study of Emma Ineson’s book Ambition: What Jesus Said about Power, Success and Counting Stuff. There will be two opportunities a week to participate: **Tuesdays at 4 pm at St. John’s**(beginning Feb 28th)**Thursdays at 7pm online**(beginning March 2nd)  Please register for this study through the office.   **Notice of Vestry** Sunday February 26th after the 10am service. Everyone is invited to bring something to the potluck lunch! Anyone interested in serving on Parish Council please contact David Hildreth, Karen Brumpton or Rev. Cameron. **Giving** The ministry of St. John’s is made possible from the gifts of the community.If you would like to make a financial donation to St. John’s, there are a variety of waysoutlined on our website.