

The Anglican Parish of St. Peter, Quamichan

CHRISTMAS DAY

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Officiant: People of God in this place and in all places people of God settled in your homes, by yourself or with a loved one or a family of loved ones, we give thanks that you are worshipping with this community and we welcome you to the Anglican Church of St. Peter, Quamichan. You're part of our virtual church family. And on this holiest of days, we come together to share in the Liturgy of the Word as we welcome the One who has come to be the light of the world.

Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful (Barry De Silva, Music Director)

Opening Acknowledgement:

Officiant: In this time and place, we gather on the unceded ancestral territories of the Coast Salish people and the Cowichan Tribes.

In this time and place we gather in the name of the living God.

In this time and place we gather with the community of faith around the globe and across the ages

In this time and place we are not alone, but one in Christ

In this time and place Hallowed, expectant, one people in God

All: In this time and place, heaven and earth are one. In the name of the Holy and Blessed one, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn: Good Christians All, Rejoice

Greeting:

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Collect of Purity

Officiant: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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.

Collect of the Day:

Officiant: Almighty God,

All: You wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Officiant: I invite you to settle your hearts and minds and be attentive as we hear the words of Scripture for today.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm 98

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, * **for he has done marvellous things.**

2 With his right hand and his holy arm * **has he won for himself the victory.**

3 The Lord has made known his victory; * **his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.**

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * **and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; * **lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, * **with the harp and the voice of song.**

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * **shout with joy before the King, the Lord.**

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * **the lands and those who dwell therein.**

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * **and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.**

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world * **and the peoples with equity.**

Lord God, we see your righteous rule in all your works, and we join our voices with the song of your whole creation in praising you, in and through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Gospel: John 1:1-14 (read by Norah Fisher, Deacon)

Homily (Rev. MJ Leewis-Kirk, Priest)

Music for reflection

Affirmation of Faith

Deacon: Let us confess our faith as we say,

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People (Kirsten Evenden, Seminary Student)

Leader: As I offer this bidding, *Emmanuel, God with us*, I invite you to respond, **Hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

Deacon: Dear friends in Christ, let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.
Silence is kept

Deacon: 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.

Officiant: 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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Hymn: The First Nowell

The Lords Prayer:

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Officiant: Give thanks for all God's goodness

All: God's love shall last forever.

Officiant: Generous and faithful God,

All: May the nourishment we have received during our time together, enable us to enrich the lives of others wherever we may go. Whether the future be dark or bright, the road be smooth or rough, whether our cares are light or heavy, our song be strong or weak, keep our hearts warm and our hands open, our lives ever embracing and ever embraced by your love. Amen.

Blessing

Officiant: May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Officiant: Alleluia – Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.