

St. John the Divine Anglican Church



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The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Service of the Word

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*Take a deep breath.
And again.*

The Gathering of the Community

Leader 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.

Leader Let us pray.

**All We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's
Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing.
Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past,
and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Leader Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins.

**All Most merciful God,
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 Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Leader May the Peace of God be with you.

All And also with you.

Refrain

*The King of glory comes,
the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him,
lift up your voices.*

Who is the King of glory;
what shall we call him?
He is Emmanuel,
the promised of ages.

Refrain

In all of Galilee,
in city or village,
He goes among his people
curing their illness.

Refrain

He gave his life for us,
the pledge of salvation,
He took upon himself
the sins of the nations.

Refrain

He conquered sin and death;
he truly has risen,
And he will share with us
his heavenly vision.

Refrain

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The Collect of the Day

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, so that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Psalm 147:1-12, 21

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!
how pleasant it is to honour him with praise!
The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem;

he gathers the exiles of Israel.
He heals the broken hearted
and binds up their wounds.
He counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.
Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
there is no limit to his wisdom.
The Lord lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground.
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God upon the harp.
He covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth;
He makes grass to grow upon the mountains
and green plants to serve mankind.
He provides food for flocks and herds
and for the young ravens when they cry.
He is not impressed by the might of a horse,
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man.
He has not done so to any other nations
to them he has not revealed his judgements. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Acclamation: Alleluia

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Sermon

The Apostle's Creed

Leader Let us confess our faith as we say,

**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**

The Prayers of the People

Offertory Hymn: We Cannot Measure How You Heal

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We Cannot Measure How You Heal



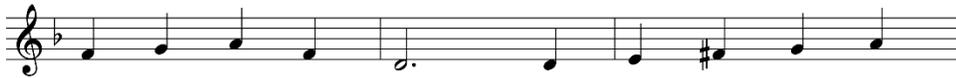
1. We can - not meas - ure how you heal Or an - swer ev - 'ry
2. The pain that will not go a - way, The guilt that clings from
3. So some have come who need your help, And some have come to



suf - f'rer's prayer, Yet we be - lieve your grace re - sponds
things long past, The fear of what the fu - ture holds,
make a - mends, As hands which shaped and saved the world



Where faith and doubt u - nite to care. Your hands, though
Are pres - ent as if meant to last. But pres - ent
Are pres - ent in the touch of friends. Lord, let your



blood - ied on the cross, Sur - vive to hold and
too is love which tends The hurt we nev - er
Spir - it meet us here To mend the bod - y,



heal and warn, To car - ry all through death to
hoped to find, The pri - vate ag - o - nies in -
mind, and soul, To dis - en - tan - gle peace from



life And cra - dle chil - dren yet un - born.
side, The mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.
pain, And make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

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Leader Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,
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

Leader Glory to God
All **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

Leader May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power
of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

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St. John the Divine Prayers for February 7th, 2021

The Church

Standing Committee on Mission and Ministry Development – The
Reverend Phillipa Segrave-Pride, Chair; The Reverend Tellison Glover,
Staff

St. John the Divine, Squamish – The Reverend Cameron Gutjahr

Immediate Prayer Requests

Clive, Nina, Ed, Rob, Jessica, Susan, Eleanor, Lori, The Howe Sound
Women’s Centre, the residents of Hilltop House, the residents of
Shannon Falls and the patients of Squamish General Hospital.

In this time of COVID-19, we pray for all who are sick, for all who are grieving, for health care professionals, researchers and emergency personnel.

Reflection : Music as Prayer

by Carol Grolman

Someone once told me there are three kinds of prayer:

“Help me, help me, help me”

“Thank you, thank you, thank you”

“WOW!”

I’d like to add a fourth to that: Music

For me, music is the dimension that enhances prayer. Do you have a favourite hymn? Why is it your favourite? Are the words meaningful? Does the tune move you? Does it bring back memories? If there were no music, would you remember the words? I dare say there are songs you remember from childhood that have stayed with you precisely because of the melody.

In times of trouble, we turn to music. When words cannot express what we want to say, music can empower and lift us. Or it can commiserate, expressing our deepest grief.

In times of deep sorrow, we often turn to music. Protesters sing for unity and also to get their message across.

In times of great joy we turn to music. Most celebrations would be bland without it.

In times when words cannot suffice, music can fill us with a deep, spiritual longing.

When I behold a beautiful moment, something in the deepest part of me responds with rhythm and melody. An amazing sunset, a new born (of almost any species), a deep moment of spiritual awakening. The saturated green in the forest after a rain. It’s not anything I can explain. And that is exactly the point.

Music can spring from inside, as it often does with me. Or, in listening, it can sweep you away. Many of the arts depend on music to enhance the moment or the message. What would a movie or stage play be without strains in the background causing excitement or contemplation, danger or excitability?

I've only recently realized that not everyone has some sort of melody floating around in the brain at all times. I can't remember a time that I've been without it. But I dare say that every one of us holds some music that moves us in our hearts. And when the words fail us, that music is your prayer.