

# ST Catherines CHURCH



*Image by Vivian McGie*

**LENT 2**

**FEBRUARY 28, 2021**

**FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE**

## Prelude

### Land Acknowledgement

Presider: For thousands of years, indigenous people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We are gathered on the traditional territory of the Squamish and Tsleil Waututh peoples.

**All: We acknowledge their stewardship of this land.**

Presider: We who come from other lands express our gratitude for the blessing of living, working, playing, laughing and loving on this beautiful land.

**All: Thanks to be God**



*Contemplative Photography Practice:  
Vivian McGie*

# **Processional Hymn: Beyond the Days** *(with children's video)*

## *Refrain*

Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry  
we see a light of faith renewed,  
and in our longing we thirst for guidance  
to walk with you day by day.

Not on bread alone  
are we to walk on this journey.  
Speak the words that give life  
to the yearnings of our hearts.

## **Welcome and Lenten Intentions – Rev Sharon**



**Presider:**            **Rev. Sharon Smith**

**Music:**                **Siiri Rebane,  
Alice Korfman**

**Reader 1:**            **Roslyn Jackson**  
**Reader 2:**            **Vivian McGie**  
**Intercessor:**       **Linda Robertson**

**Altar Guild:**        **Bonnie Grundy**  
**Sound:**                **Susana Valente**  
**Livestream:**        **Armin and Gordon Lee**

*Image from Liverpool Anglican Cathedral*

## Opening Hymn: Community of Christ

Community of Christ,  
who make the cross your own,  
live out your creed and risk your life  
for God alone:  
the God who wears your face,  
to whom all worlds belong,  
whose children are of every race  
and every song.

Community of Christ,  
look past the Church's door  
and see the refugee, the hungry,  
and the poor.  
Take hands with the oppressed,  
the jobless in your street,  
take towel and water, that you wash  
your neighbor's feet.

Community of Christ,  
through whom the word must sound --  
cry out for justice and for peace  
the whole world round:  
disarm the powers that war  
and all that can destroy,  
turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish  
into joy.

When menace melts away,  
so shall God's will be done,  
the climate of the world be peace  
and Christ its sun;  
our currency be love  
and kindness our law,  
our food and faith be shared as one  
for evermore.



***ARTIST: RANDY HESTER***

## **Prayer of Purity:**

Ever-present God,  
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

*(Book of Alternative Services)*

## **Confession:**

Presider:                    Let us remember before God our  
selfish ways, the things we have  
done wrong, the sorrows we have  
caused, the love we have not  
shown.

*Silence is kept*

Presider Clear our heart, O God

**All: that we may see you.**

Presider: Clear our heart, O God

**All: that we may truly see ourselves.**

Presider: Clear our heart, O God,

**All: that we may know the sacredness of this moment, and in every moment seek you, serve you, and strengthen you as the Living Presence in every presence.**

Presider: Clear our heart, O God

**All: that we may see.**

**Amen**

*(from Praying with the Earth – John Philip Newell)*

## **Kyrie (sung)**

**Lord have mercy**

**Christ have mercy**

**Lord have mercy**

Presider: 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.**

### **Prayer of the Day (Collect):**

Presider: Faithful God,

**All: may we set our minds, our wills, our  
hearts to your ways.**

**May we practice restraint,  
following the just and kind  
ways of Jesus the Christ,  
Amen.**

*(Adapted from Collect of the Faith, Worship and Ministry  
Committee Anglican Church of Canada)*

# The Proclamation of the Word

## First Reading by Amma Theodora

*(Desert Mother of the 4<sup>th</sup> Century)*

Amma Theodora said that neither asceticism, nor vigils, nor any kind of suffering are able to save. Only true humility can do that. There was a hermit who was able to banish the demons. And he asked them: "What makes you go away? Is it fasting?" They replied: "We do not eat or drink." "Is it vigils?" They said: "We do not sleep." "Then what power sends you away?" They replied: "Nothing can overcome us except humility alone." Amma Theodora said: "Do you see how humility is victorious over the demons?"



*Image from Axia Women*

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm: 22:23-31**

*The people are led by Roslyn Jackson*

Presider: You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

**People: For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

Presider: From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

**People: The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!  
May your hearts live forever!**

Presider: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

**People: For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
who rules over the nations.**

Singing Bowl

***A Moment of Silence***

Singing Bowl

**Presider:** Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

**People:** **Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

**All:** **They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"**  
**Amen**

## Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

*Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God through faith. Abraham and Sarah trusted God's promises.*



***Artist: Randy Hester***

## **Gospel Hymn: Keep Calling Me**

Christ you stand before us all  
Christ you come and Christ you call:  
leave it all behind and join my journey  
Come with me and find your life  
Live my love and shine my light  
Leave it all behind you,  
Come and follow

And you keep calling me  
You keep calling me  
You keep calling me  
Come and follow

You keep calling me  
You keep calling me  
You keep calling me  
and I will follow

## **Gospel Hymn continued:**

You beckon us to walk your way  
Your kingdom come on earth this day  
To lose our life yet find it in the rising  
Find it in your love for all  
Find it in compassion's call:  
to seek the lost  
to whom your grace is calling

And you keep calling me  
You keep calling me  
You keep calling me  
Come and follow

And you keep calling me  
You keep calling me  
You keep calling me  
and I will follow  
You keep calling me  
and I will follow

## Gospel Reading: Mark 8:31-38

*After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel..*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



**Artist: Tissot, James (1836-1902)**

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily – Rev Sharon

### Affirmation of Faith

Presider: Moses said,

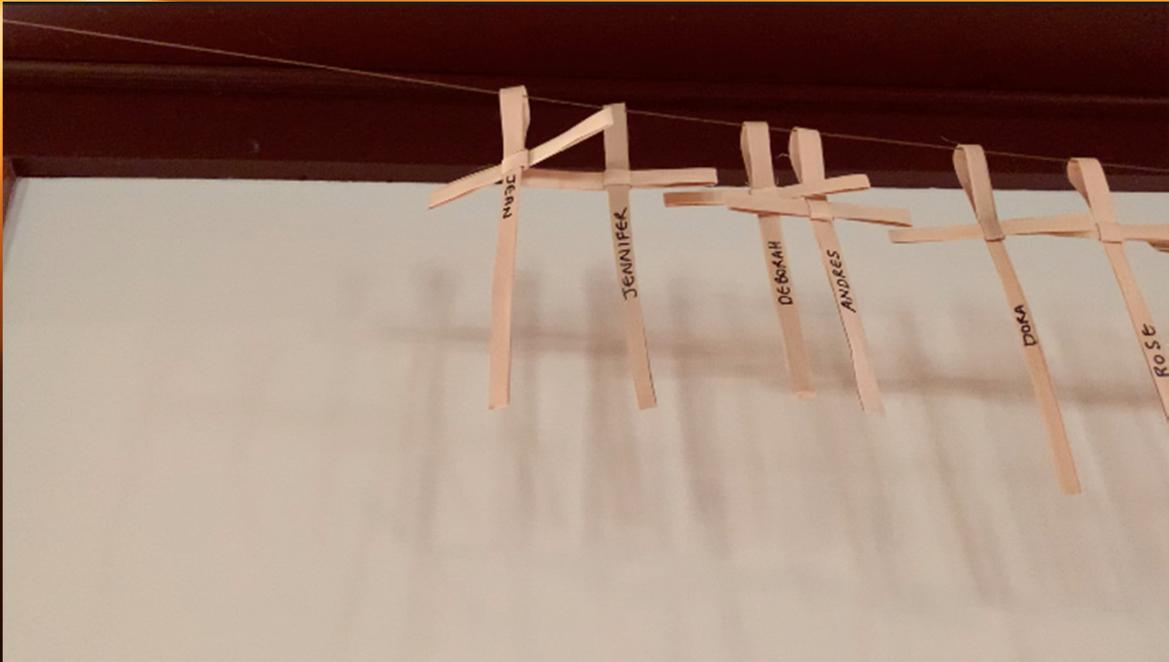
**All: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

Presider: And Jesus affirmed:

**All: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, And with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment, the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.**

**All: Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

### Prayers of the People



## Setting the Table: Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am;  
Summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart  
And live in me.



## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*Preface for Lent (BAS);*

*Eucharistic Prayer (ELCIC VIII)*

Blessed are you, gracious God  
Creator of Heaven and Earth  
Because you call your faithful people to  
cleansing our hearts  
And to prepare with joy with this paschal feast  
That reborn through the waters of baptism  
and renewed in the Eucharistic mystery  
We may be more fervent in prayer  
And more generous in works of love.  
Therefore, we raise our voices to you in praise:

### ***Sanctus (Sung):***

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Presider:

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
You have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did  
not abandon us.

But guided us in the path of  
love and light.

In every age you sent prophets to make  
known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become  
your own cry;  
our hunger and thirst for justice  
is your own desire.

In the fullness of time,  
you sent your chosen servant to preach  
good news to the afflicted,  
to break bread with the outcast  
and despised,  
and to ransom those in bondage to  
prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
Our Lord Jesus took bread  
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his  
disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Presider: Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup,  
Gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,  
saying: This cup is the new covenant in my  
blood, shed for you and all people for the  
forgiveness of sin. Do this for the  
remembrance of me.  
For as often as we eat of this bread and  
drink of this cup we proclaim the Lord's  
death until he comes.

**All: Christ has died.  
Christ has risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Presider: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate.

**All: To fill the hearts of all who share this  
bread and cup with courage and  
wisdom to pursue love and justice in  
all the world.  
Join our prayers and praise with your  
people of every age, that, rejoicing in  
the hope of the resurrection, we might  
live in freedom.**

Presider: Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory  
and honour is yours,  
Creator God, now and forever,

**All: Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer:**

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,  
as we sing:

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Presider: We break this bread,

All: **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Presider: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its  
fruit in dying.

All: **If we have died with him, we shall live with  
him; if we hold firm, we shall rise with him.**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God,

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Prayer for those at home:**

Presider: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,

**People: We trust that you grace us in the breaking and eating of bread in community.**

**Since I cannot now receive this sacrament in community, ever-present Spirit fill my heart and sustain me. Amen.**

## **Prayer of communion (Sung):**

God be in my head,  
God be in my heart,  
God be in my mind,  
God be in my soul,  
God be in my eyes,  
so that I may see your face;  
God be on my lips,  
God be in my life.

God be in my work,  
God be in my play,  
God be in my home,  
God be in my prayer,  
God be in my song,  
so that I may sing your praise;  
God be in my night,  
God be in my day.

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*Contemplative Photography Practice:  
Deborah Foster*

# Announcements

***Contemplative Photography  
Lenten Bags***

***Lent Study:***

***Desert Mothers: Tuesdays in March 2021***

***Vestry Meeting on Zoom:***

***February 28th, 2021 at 1pm***

***Long Long Night of Hope***

***February 27-28, 2021***



## Blessing:

Presider:

Jesus said: I am with you always

All:

**May God the Creator bless you**

**May God the Son walk with you**

**May the Spirit lead your lives with love**

**Amen**

*(Iona Abby Worship Book, 2011)*



*Artist: Laura James*

## **Final Hymn: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**

I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow,  
Though none go with me I still will follow,  
Though none go with me, I still will follow;  
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
No turning back, no turning back.

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## Dismissal

Presider: Go forth with a patient heart open to generosity.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



*Artist: Jan Richardson*

# *St. Catherine's Vestry Begins @ 1pm on Zoom*

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