

Virtual Worship from St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Kamloops BC

Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 16, 2021

The Rev Len Fraser and Melissa Green lead worship today. Rhonda Dextraze, Jim Waldie sing and Gail Ovington is organist and pianist.

Today's service originates from the traditional territory of the Tk'emplúps te Secwepemc – Kamloops & Area First Nation. We acknowledge their care for and working of the land prior to contact with Europeans. As Canadian Anglicans, we continue to work toward healing and reconciliation and a new experience of sharing the land together.

All are welcome to attend Zoom Coffee after the service. The link will appear in the Facebook comments shortly before the end of the service.

Organ prelude: "Come, Children, Join and Sing"

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EMBRACING EASTER SEASON TOGETHER

Melissa Green

The bread of life opens our eyes.

The word of life opens our ears.

The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,
and by those wounds we are healed.

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty God, your power makes the lame walk
and the dead rise to new life.

We give you thanks for the love
poured into our world through Christ Jesus,
who opens our minds to understand what you have made,
whose appearance among his followers brings peace,
and who creates faith through touch and taste.

**Show us Jesus, even now,
through the mystery of your threefold presence,
one God, abiding now and forever. Amen.**

Feasting on the Word

SONG: **Let us Build a House** - MV 1 - Rhonda Dextraze

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat; a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace: let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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COLLECT

Rev Len Fraser

Giver of eternal life, send us to your world to speak the truth of peace, to stand with those who suffer, and to show another way; through Jesus Christ, the life of all things. Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

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In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus - for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us - one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

ACTS 1:15-17, 21-26

Hear what the Spirit says to all people

Thanks be to God

PSALM 1

Melissa Green

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seat of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

1 JOHN 5:9-13

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SONG : **Are you a Shepherd** - MV 126 -

Jim Waldie

Are you a shepherd, good shepherd who leads us safely through danger,
while calming our fears?

Are you a father who shelters and feeds us shares in our laughter and wipes away tears?

Yes, you are shepherd, parent and teacher,
but you are greater than all that we know.

Holy and living, loving and giving, God, you are with us wherever we go.

Are you a mother, good mother who bears us,
comforts, protects us and helps us to rest?

Are you a teacher who daily prepares us, challenging students to offer their best?

Great, gentle shepherd, forever beside us,
lead all your children in paths that are right.

Great, loving parent, wise teacher, you guide us.
We want to love you and bring you delight.

Yes, you are shepherd, parent and teacher,
but you are greater than all that we know.

Holy and living, loving and giving, God, you are with us wherever we go.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ

Rev Len Fraser

Jesus said, "Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

JOHN 17:6-19

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

SERMON

Rev Len Fraser

Solo - Jim Waldie

"I Know My Redeemer Liveth" by Henry Wildermere.

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Melissa Green

Hear, O Israel

Hear, O Israel,

the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
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 neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.

PRAYERS

Melissa Green

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rhonda Dextraze

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray

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.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **Have mercy upon us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **Have mercy upon us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **Grant us your peace.**

Let us pray. O Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God;
**In these times when we cannot receive you sacramentally,
come into ourselves, our souls and bodies,
as you have risen from the dead
bringing victory over death,
healing, comfort and peace.**
**Revitalize your Church in Love;
Strengthen us for service;
that when our wanderings end,
we may in courage and confidence
in joy and resilience,
discover your love throughout all creation, Amen.**

Quiet time

SENDING AND CELEBRATING

Rev Len Fraser

God of Eastertide –
of blazing bonfires and familiar gestures,
of serious questions and tears and laughter,
of conversations on the road –
come close to us as we walk,
as we warm ourselves,
as we dance in firelight,
as we share stories and food.
Bless us as we celebrate your rising in us,
closer to us than breathing,
life-giving as fire and bread.

Ruth Burgess. Fire and Bread

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melissa Green

HYMN: **Closing Hymn - Draw the Circle Wide – CP 418** - Rhonda Dextraze
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Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

God the still point of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms.

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

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