

St. Paul's Cathedral

Territory of the People

Anglican Church of Canada, Kamloops, BC

Joyful, Rooted, Hospitable, Responsive

Sunday, August 15, 2021 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's service originates from the traditional territory of the Tk'emlúps 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.

The flowers are in loving memory of Daniel Patch by Randy, Carol, and family.

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Prelude:

Let all Creation Sing by Drennan, Shawnee Press, 2016

A Journey of Faith by Besig, Shawnee Press, 2000

WORDS OF WELCOME

Melissa Green

God of wisdom sent Jesus Christ,
the bread of life,
to teach us his ways, to feed us,
and to fill us with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

Let us pray:

**God our Living Creator,
we give you thanks for sending Jesus Christ
to give his life as bread for the world.
Fill us now with your Spirit
that we may make the most of the time,
understanding your will and expressing your wisdom
in the midst of the people you have chosen. Amen.**

SONG: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (CP 425)

Rhonda Dextraze

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,

Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

COLLECT

Canon Len Fraser

Living God,
you are the giver of wisdom,
guiding those who seek your ways to choose the good.
Mercifully grant that your people,
who feast on the true bread of heaven,
may have eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
(Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2020) alt.)

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF KINGS

Lynn Snook

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established. Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to

go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life." (1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14)

Hear what the Spirit says to all people

Thanks be to God

PSALM 111

Lynn Snook

Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
They are studied by all who delight in them.

O Lord, your work is full of majesty and splendour, *
and your righteousness endures for ever.

You make your marvellous works to be remembered; *
you are gracious and full of compassion.

You give food to those who fear you; *
you are ever mindful of your covenant.

You have shown your people the power of your works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all your commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.

You send redemption to your people; you commanded your covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is your name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
**those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
the praise of the Lord endures for ever.**

from A Liturgical Psalter, General Synod 2016 Edition.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS Rae Long

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 5:15-20)

Hear what the Spirit says to all people
Thanks be to God

GRADUAL: Come Touch our Hearts (MV 12)

Rhonda Dextraze

Come touch our hearts
that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a work more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls
that we may know and love you,

your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our souls.

Come touch our minds
and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding,
to welcome truth and wisdom,
come touch and bless our minds.

Come touch us in the
moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve,
steady now our nerve,
come touch and bless our wills.

Come touch us now,
this people who are gathered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,
our mind, our strength, our all,
come touch us with your grace.

Gordon Light, Common Cup co., 1994

GOSPEL

Canon Len Fraser

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” The Jews then disputed among

themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” (John 6:51-58)

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

SERMON

Canon Len Fraser

OFFETORY HYMN: Spirit, Open my Heart (MV 79)

Rhonda Dextraze

*Refrain: Spirit open my heart
To the joy and pain of living
As you love may I love
In receiving and in giving Spirit,
open my heart*

God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender.

Refrain

Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory.

Refrain

May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another.

By Duck and Fedak, Morning Star Pub., 2016

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Melissa Green

Christ, our living bread,
has given his flesh for the life of the world.
Filled with the spirit,
let us offer our gifts of thanksgiving to God
through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Melissa Green

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 OF INTERCESSION

Jon Buckle

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.**

music by Gordon Light - St. George's Anglican Church, Edmonton, Alberta

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Canon Len Fraser

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

Canon Len Fraser

Drawn by God, nourished by Christ,
and sealed by the Holy Spirit,
go now to imitate God's love,
feeding the hungry, forgiving the hateful,
and spreading the fragrance of grace wherever there is need. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melissa Green

CLOSING HYMN: Draw the Circle Wide (VU 145)

Rhonda Dextraze

Refrain: *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 you all creation turns
Nothing lost but held forever
in God's gracious arms

Refrain

Let our hearts touch far horizons
So encompass great and small
Let our loving know no borders
Faithful to God's call

Refrain

Let the dreams we dream be larger
Than we've ever dreamed before
Let the dream of Christ be in us
Open every door!

Refrain

by Gordon Light, 1994, Common Cup Co.

POSTLUDE: Our God is Great, by Parker, Shawnee press, 1999

Selections from: *Feasting on the Word*

WORSHIP MINISTERS at 10 a.m. service

Presider: Canon Len Fraser & Melissa Green; Preacher: Canon Len Fraser; Pianist: Pat Rustand; Hymn Leader: Rhonda Dextraze; Altar Guild: Pat King, Mary Rolston, Joy Fudge; Greeter: Linda Jackson, Lynn Snook; Lock Up: Melissa Green; Prayers of the People: Jon Buckle; Readers: Lynn Snook, Rae Long; Camera: Pat Ebert; Technology: Melissa Green

Shoe Journey

On May 27th, 2021 the remains of 215 children were discovered in unmarked graves at the Kamloops Indian Residential School. All across Canada First Nations people were triggered. It affected them on a very deep level. It brought back the pain and hurt that residential schools caused.

The Shoe Journey is a memorial of 215 pairs of shoes to represent the children that were found. All across Canada there are more and more unmarked graves of children being found on the grounds of residential schools.

This memorial is brought forward to places that need to take accountability. The memorial is a place for people to gather in solidarity and have healing. The memorial is a reminder that we are standing strong, to let people know we are still here, and not to forget.

The shoes are here for a peaceful demonstration.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- The Chapel is open Monday to Friday from 9:30am-12:30pm with clergy present.
- 10am Wednesday worship: in-person in the Cathedral chapel and on ZOOM.
- Search Committee Update: This is an update to inform the congregation about the search committee work that started in February of 2021. The committee has met regularly and has been working with the guidance of Archbishop Lynne McNaughton since June. At this time, the search process for a new dean and rector continues and the position will be reposted this summer. We invite your continued prayers for our committee, our leadership and potential candidates.

Welcome Home!

We are excited to be opening our doors alongside providing ongoing virtual worship. We are beginning with a slow gentle start, a number of ministry groups will begin in the fall including coffee, servers, children and youth ministry, and communion in one kind.

For the comfort, health and safety of all, including those most vulnerable amongst us, we do ask you to consider the following:

- We encourage the wearing of masks while in the Cathedral.
- If you wish to sing, we ask that you wear a mask.
- We ask greeters, clergy, and others offering leadership to wear a mask unless they are speaking at the lectern.
- We encourage households to keep social distance between one another.
- Over the summer we will use printed bulletins, we hope to have books back in the fall!
- The offering plate is available at the entrance of the church (not passed around at this time) and will be brought to the altar by a greeter.

These are temporary restrictions over the summer and will be reviewed as we enter into the easing of further restrictions this fall.