

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

Sunday, January 23, 2022 Proper 3

The Rev Len Fraser and Melissa Green lead worship today. Danielle Goodwin, will sing and our music director Gail Ovington is our pianist/organist.

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.

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.

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Imagine

Imagine with me for a moment-
don't worry, I'm not saying it's real.
Imagine, if you can, that there has been
not a calamity, but a great awakening.

Pretend, just for a moment,
that we all so loved our threatened earth
that we stopped going on cruises,
limited international flights,
worked on cherishing the places
where we already are.

In this pretty fantasy, everyone who possibly can
stops commuting. Spends the extra time
with their kids or pets or garden.

We have the revelation that everyone
needs health care, sick leave, steady work.

It occurs to us that health care workers
are heroes. Also teachers.

Not to mention the artists of all kinds
who teach us resilience and joy.

Imagine, if you will,
that we turned to our neighbors
in mutual aid, trading eggs for milk,
checking in on those who are elderly
or alone. Imagine that each of us
felt suddenly called to wonder

In this moment, what does the world
need from me? What are my gifts?

Yes, I know it's just a fantasy.

The world could never change
so radically overnight. But imagine.

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Welcome:

Melissa

OPENING

God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them

God calls us to be builders as well.

God calls us to build our lives:

to restore broken places and continue to grow.

God calls us to build our faith:

to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

God calls us to build our community:

to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.

Prayer:

Holy One,

we thank you for the gift of the Bible,

for its psalms and poems, myths and stories,

histories, teachings, and prophecies.

May the Holy Spirit who called out those ancient writings

continue to call us out today,

that our lives may reflect the first sermon of Jesus,

our crucified and risen Christ,

who brings good news to the poor and lets the oppressed go free.

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

SONG: **Will you Come and Follow me?** CP 430

Danielle

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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COLLECT

Len Fraser

Almighty God,
by grace alone you call us
and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit,
and make us worthy of your call;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

Elaine Parkes

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing

above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

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

PSALM: 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

PSALM 19

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Rae Long

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in

tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31A

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

Gradual: **Precious Lord. Take my Hand CP 509**

Danielle

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me
stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
light; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger
near; when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I
fall: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws
near; and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand; guide my feet, hold my
hand: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE Len

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

LUKE 4:14-21

The Gospel of Christ **Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

Song: **The Lord's my Shepherd** CP 519

Danielle

1 The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

2 My soul he doth restore again
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake;
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

4 My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be;
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.

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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

Barb Liotskos

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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Rev 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

Blessing:

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melissa Green

Refrain:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, Bless God's Holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, Bless God's Holy name.

1. Remember the kindness of our God

Who showers us with blessing all our days.

(Refrain)

2. Remember the justice of our God,

Who stands with those forgotten and confused.

(Refrain)

3. Remember the healing love of God,

Who calls us to be whole and to be free.

(Refrain)

Bless the Lord.

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