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Come as You Are. All are Welcome!



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The Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury

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*Worship Celebration with Holy Eucharist
for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

Sunday, January 21st, 2024

10:30am

Preacher and Presiding Celebrant

The Most Reverend Anne Germond

Archbishop of Algoma and Metropolitan of Ontario

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather at the Church of the Epiphany is on the traditional territory of the Atikameksheng, Wahnapiatae, and Anishinaabek Peoples – First Nations who have sought to walk gently on this land.

This territory was the subject of the Robinson-Huron Treaty. We recognize the enduring presence of all Indigenous Peoples who are connected to and on this land; and as we commit ourselves to the work of healing and reconciliation, as we seek a new relationship with the original Peoples of this land; one that is grounded in justice, honour and deep respect for all Indigenous Peoples.

May it be so.

Welcome

Opening Hymn Here in This Place New Light is Streaming – CP 465

The Gathering of the Community

Bishop The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Almighty God,
People **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.**

The Gloria Glory, in the Highest Glory - CP 366

The Prayer of the Day *We pray in silence.*

Bishop Let us pray
Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us into 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.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated

We listen for God's Word spoken to us in Scripture.

The First Reading *from Jonah* *(3:1-5, 10)*

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Reader The Word of God. The Word of Life.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm **Psalm 62:6-14**

All

Normand L. Blanchard, 2021



Take re-fuge in God, all you peo-ple.

The Second Reading *from Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians (1.Cor. 7:29-31)*

Reader Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Leader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia – CP 714

Deacon The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Mark 1:14-20

Deacon The Gospel of Christ
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon *Archbishop Anne Germond*

Hymn **Jesus, You Once Called Disciples** *(Tune: Hyfrydol 374)*

Jesus, you once called disciples, choosing twelve to follow you:
Simon (also known as Peter), Andrew and Bartholomew,
Philip, Thomas, James and Matthew, Simon, Thaddaeus, John, and James,
Then there was the one called Judas. These were your disciples' names.

Women, too, were your disciples, sitting, learning, at your feet.
Mary knew your word was precious, even more than food to eat.
Martha trusted in your power when her brother Laz'rus died.
Women shared your journey, Lord, and stayed when you were crucified.

Lord, so many heard and followed, like the woman at the well.
Meeting you, the living water, she sought others she could tell.
Like the boy with loaves and fishes, like Zacchaeus in the tree,
Many gladly heard your message; many shared your ministry.

Jesus, still you call your people, "Come and follow me today!"
Some, like Paul, feel sudden wonder; some are brought up in your way.
Lord, no matter how we meet you, by your Spirit, make us new.
May we know your living presence; may we daily follow you.

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The Apostle's Creed

Bishop
All

Let us stand and confess the faith of our baptism, 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, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, and 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

Leader

Today in the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church of South India

In our diocese, we pray for Gathering Table, Thunder Bay.

Let us pray:

- For our Companion Diocese of Tarime
- For Anne, our Archbishop and Metropolitan of Ontario; for Linda, Primate of Canada; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray for our priest, teacher, and pastor Elizabeth; for our deacon, Norm, for our associate, Rhonda, and for Glen, Archdeacon of the Sudbury-Manitoulin deanery.
- For all who visit, or who have recently become members of the Church of the Epiphany. Our community of faith is blessed to have you with us. **Thanks be to God.**

- For our outreach missions, through the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund
- For Sudbury's ecumenical faith communities; today we pray for Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
- For Suicide Prevention through the Indigenous Ministries in the Anglican Church of Canada
- For our local initiatives; today we pray for Sudbury's Homelessness Network.
- For the Rev. Canon John Gibaut and for the staff and students of Thorneloe University.
- For those who are marginalized, racialized, despised, ignored and rejected for any reason. May their need for justice be met with genuine mercy and compassion.
- For this Country of Canada, especially we pray for new Canadians and for all Indigenous peoples of this land.

God of all goodness, we live in times of stress and controversy, injustice and cruelty. At times we cry to you for rescue and remember that we have leaned on you since our birth. Hear us as we pray to you now, O God of all creation, be our hope and trust.

We pray for your church in all its forms, that the Church may be united in love, so to serve as a true source of God's love for all the world, O God of all creation,

People

be our hope and trust.

Leader

We pray the United States, for Russia, for the State of Israel, and for all leaders and nations around the world, that they may seek genuine justice and peace, O God of all creation,

People

be our hope and trust.

Leader

We pray for all victims of domestic violence and for those people and agencies who work for their safety, health and wellbeing. We pray for all victims of war; we especially hold before you the people in Gaza who are now suffering from hunger, disease, injury, grief and all other atrocities of war and oppression. For all who suffer violence everywhere and anywhere, we pray you bring healing and bless them with your peace. O God of all creation,

People

be our hope and trust.

Leader We pray for the people of Japan and of Iceland and for all those in our world who are now trapped and endangered by natural disaster; embrace them with your calm and send them relief. O God of all creation,

People **be our hope and trust.**

Leader We pray for those who are ill, for those who are homeless, for those who struggle with addiction, for those who are forgotten, and for all who suffer in any way, shape or form, that they may feel the comfort of your love. O God of all creation,

People **be our hope and trust.**

Leader We pray for your creation and for all wildlife that are threated with extinction. We pray that the health of all the earth may be restored. O God of all creation,

People **be our hope and trust.**

Leader We pray for those who are born today and for those who will die today; may their quality of life be governed by loving choices. O God of all creation,

People **be our hope and trust.**

Leader Holy God, grant these prayers by your mercy and grace. Stir up in us the will to seek out your kingdom with the dedication of our lives in ministry to Sudbury, and to all the world, for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ, through whom we pray.

All **Amen.**

We Seek God's Forgiveness

Bishop Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

All **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.**

Bishop Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Peace *(As you are able, please stand.)*

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet each other with the peace of Christ.

Offertory Hymn Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness – CP 397

The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Bishop Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Bishop The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Bishop We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe. You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing

Sanctus **Holy, Holy, Holy – CP 732**

All ***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.***

Bishop We give you thanks and praise, loving God, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love.

On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people. On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “Take his, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.”

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children. Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Bishop Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as has Jesus 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 for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Bishop We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

The Communion

Bishop The gifts of God for the People of God

People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei Lamb of God – CP 745

All ***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.***

Anthem God Be in My Head *(Choir only)*

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Hymn **With the Body That Was Broken – CP 75**

*All people of faith are welcome to the table of the Lord.
It is Jesus himself who invites you.*

Prayer after Communion

As you are able, please stand

Bishop Let us pray together
All **Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things;
our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son.
May we who have eaten at this holy table
be strengthened for service in your world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Bishop 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,
for ever and ever. Amen**

A Sung Blessing

May the peace of God be your peace.
May the love of God be the love you show.
May the joy of God be the joy you know,
And may the world that God would see be found in you.

Closing Hymn You Call Us, Lord, to Be – CP 450

Dismissal

Lay Leader Let us go forth in peace to love and to serve the Lord,
as we love and serve one another.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Acknowledgements for today's worship service

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