

7th Sunday After Epiphany

February 20, 2011

The cry 'Where is God?'
calls forth the echoing response, 'Everywhere is God'.

The more we can tune in to this echo,
the more we will discover God's presence in the world
around us:

Not just in the beautiful,
but in the mundane.

In the jostle of the crowds,
and the exuberance of our children.

In the loneliness of the marginalized,
and the silent aching of those who grieve.

In the passionate embrace
and in the passionate debate.

In the storm clouds
as well as in the sunsets.

Every place
is sacred space,
Because everywhere
Is where God IS.

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Helen Belcher
 Lay Reader: Wendy Both
 Lector: Rosemary Bishop

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Alternative Services*)
 Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Helen Belcher
 Lay Readers: Jeff Oneski and Lorraine Grant
 Deacon: The Reverend Julianne Hendrickson
Nursery is open at this service

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn: #10 We, the Lord's People

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Almighty God, *(Collect of the Day)*
your Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving love.
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Children's Talk - The Reverend Helen Belcher

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Clyde Elford

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD. You shall not defraud your neighbour; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf

or put a stumbling-block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the LORD.

Reader: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.**

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:33–40

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New Testament: 1 Corinthians 3:10–11, 16–23

Rita Leigh

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, 'He catches the wise in their craftiness', and again, 'The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.' So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Reader: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.**

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Gradual Hymn: #450 You Call Us, Lord, to Be

Gospel: Matthew 5:38–48

Reader: **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

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

‘You have heard that it was said, “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. ‘You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.” But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Reader: **The Gospel of Christ**

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

Homily – The Rev. Helen Belcher

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution – page 191

Peace

Offertory Hymn: #646 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Prayer Over the Gifts (*together*)

Merciful God, **accept all we offer you this day. Lead us to love you with all our heart, and to love all people with your perfect love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #4 – page 201

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

“I am the bread which has come down from Heaven,” says the Lord

Give us this bread for ever.

“I am the vine, you are the branches.”

May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

The Communion

All are welcome to join in the sacred feast of Holy Communion. If you would prefer to come forward for a blessing, please do so. All are invited to draw near the table of the Lord.

Prayer after Communion (together)

Gracious God, **in this eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. May we show your love in our lives and know its fulfillment in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing
Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #527 How Firm a Foundation (to the tune of 'St. Denio)

Dismissal Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia

Raju Paul is warden on duty today.

Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the church of Llandaff, Wales and their clergy, The Most Rev. Dr. Barry Cennydd Morgan and The Rt. Rev. David Yeoman.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. George, Stettler and their clergy, The Rev. Jack Schultze and St. Paul Byemoor.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. Phillip, Mesopotamia with St. Matthias and St. Joseph, St. Vincent and the Grenadines.
- In our own parish let us ask for God's healing love to uphold and sustain all who are in any kind of need, especially: Margo Brisbin, Edith Lenko, David Whitton, Trish Bentz, Fred Harshman. Pat McNamara, The Reverend Maurice Buck, Edith Cowan, Virginia Goodman, Marguerite Dimmer, Peggy Peckover, Paulette Sinkinson, Peggy Brookes, Bunny Hale, Annis Siddall, Tony Luca, Elma, Mariam Jacobs, Emily Sharpe, Win Ferrie, Eileen Williams, Eapen Mathew, Garnet Wallace, Andrew Howe, Elric Hicks. Let us also pray for Yphande Jean, our Church-school sponsored child in Haiti.

Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God.

SPIRIT ZONE (Children's Programs)

- **Nursery** –The nursery located on the lower level is available during the 10 am service.
- We are revamping our Sunday School. Watch for an exciting fresh approach to learning about God's word.

Stephen Ministry: During the upcoming two weeks the **2011** Stephen Ministry participants, who are attending the new training class at St. Peter's Anglican Church, will be considering the

subject of Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly. In these presentations they will be finding out the difference between passive, assertive and aggressive behavior and gaining skills that will help both in relating with others and in affirming their own worth. Please pray for those preparing themselves for a care giving role in our parish and community. **The 2009 and 2010 Stephen Ministry Groups** meet twice per month for Continuing Education and Peer Group Supervision. This is an important part of the program, where Care Givers are encouraged and prayed for, as they strive to be the best that they can be, as they reach out to their Care Receivers offering them Distinctively Christian Care every week.

2010 donation tax receipts are now in everyone's mail slots for pick up. Those not picked up by Sunday Feb. 20 will be mailed on Monday the 21st. Thanks, Cathy Bird.

CHANCEL RENEWAL UPDATE: Friesen Tokar (our architect) has been contracted to develop a Detailed Design for our Chancel Renewal Project based on the conceptual design approved at the Special Meeting of the Congregation in May 2010. This work is planned to take place between now and the end of May 2011. It will include continued consultation with the congregation before the design is finalized. Your input is welcomed – if you have any questions or concerns please contact a member of your Chancel Renewal Task Force. Thank you. Richard Bane, Chair, Chancel Renewal Task Force.

Upcoming Events:

- **“Food For Thought”**, Thursdays following the 9:30am mid-week Eucharist. We are studying the book of Revelation. Come and join us.
- **Theology and a Pint** – Monday, Feb 28, 7pm, Limerick's Pub (7304 MacLeod Trail S) – Come to hang out and to consider how we nurture spirituality in our lives. For more information, contact Christine: christine@stpeterscalgary.ca
- **Chancel Guild Change of Date:** The Chancel Guild Social date has been changed to Wednesday, May 4, at 6:30 pm. Pam
- **First Friday Club** will be hosting a 'Mini Horseshoe Toss (3" Washer Toss) at 7 pm on March 25th at St. Peter's. All are welcome. Wine and cheese to follow. Please RSVP to Keith Shaw at 403-252-9238.
- **Christian Meditation.** Monday and Wednesday sessions will be cancelled on February 28 and March 2.
- **Coffee, Fair Trade and Inspiration: An evening with Stacey Toews.** Friday February 25, 2011 7pm. Foothills Mennonite Church, 2115 Urbana Rd. N.W. Call 403-270-0631 for information or to register. Admission is Free.

Volunteers are needed to operate our sound system. Training will be provided. Please call Sheila Leigh at 403-281-1376.

We need a parishioner from Shawnessy to give someone a ride to church once or twice a month. Please call Ann Bright 403-249-4075

“My Fair Lady” by St. Peter’s Players – Tickets are selling fast. Call Vera Apeltree at 403-255-2406 to reserve yours. The remaining dates of the play are as follows: February 20, 24, 25, 26, 27 and March 4, 5; 2011. Dinner will be served on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Fellowship of the Least Coin – Pennies collected at St. Peter’s in 2010 made a total of \$356.05. That sum, when totaled with all the worldwide collections enabled grants totaling \$192,000 US. Some areas of disbursement are \$5000 in Kenya for a children’s home; \$5000 in Papua New Guinea for medical evacuation of women; \$5000 in Bangladesh for the pre-schooling of disadvantaged children. Please keep those pennies coming! Joyce Willis
There is also a demand for used postage stamps. One pound of stamps will purchase a bible. Please clip them one quarter of an inch around. For more information please talk to Joyce Willis at 403-255-1683.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2011 – How Many Loaves Have You? World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together the first Friday of March to observe a common day of prayer each year. Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm their faith in Jesus Christ and become aware of the whole world; are enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures; share the burdens of other people and pray with them and for them; become aware of their own talents and use them in the service of God’s world. Prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world.

World Day of Prayer – Living Spirit United Church, 629-49th Avenue S.W. – Friday, March 4, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

Emergency Crew Wanted – St. Peter’s would like to compile a list of people who could be contacted in the case of an emergency. Examples: flooding, water leaks, emergency cleaning, disposal of unwanted good, etc. Please contact or talk to Glenn Werth at 403-259-6662.

Donations wanted for Unused Fabric Sale

We are looking for donations of **unused fabric 0.5 metre or longer, unless** quilting cotton or exceptional pieces; yarns, sewing notions; threads, knitting needles, beads, patterns, embellishments etc.

**Donations may be dropped off at; Woodcliff United Church
5010 Spruce Drive S.W. Calgary Wed. April 6th & Thurs. April 7th**

10:00 am to 8:00pm NO FRIDAY DROP OFF For more information contact Joan 403 281 9390 brunswick@telus.net Carla 403 256 2828 Carla.lorfing@live.ca

Fourth Annual Unused Fabric Sale Saturday April 9th 9:30 am to 2:00pm At Woodcliff United Church 5010 Spruce Drive S.W. Calgary All proceeds go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation

North to the Bay – Bishop Gary and Marie Woolsey will be leading a tour to Churchill, Manitoba November 1-7, 2011. Experience the north during polar bear season. For more information, contact Bishop Gary at 403-251-9569.

**To check out St. Peter's Website – www.stpeterscalgary.ca
We now have wireless access in the Church – stpeterswireless – password peterswireless
Phone 403-252-0393**

Found – Watch in the Cormack Hall. Call the office.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Monday	7:00 pm	Christian Meditation
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Prayer Group
Wednesday	10:00 am	Beverly Care Centre
	11:30 am	Hunger For Healing
	3:00 pm	Christian Meditation
Thursday	9:30 am	Chapel Service @ Food For Thought
	7:00 pm	EFM
Friday	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Yoga Cancelled
	7:00 pm	Youth Group

Mark your calendars for Lent

March 8	6 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancakes
March 9	6 pm	Ash Wednesday Soup
	7 pm	Eucharist with the imposition of ashes

Soup Sanctuary and Study

-Wednesdays during Lent

Watch for details next week about our Lenten exploration of the vitality and diversity of our Anglican tradition.

REMEMBER – EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES WILL BE AT 9 AM AND 11 AM