

8th Sunday After Epiphany

February 27, 2011

**All true knowledge of God
is born out of obedience.**

John Calvin (1590-1654)

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)
 Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Christine Conkin
 Lay Reader: Rosemary Bishop
 Lector: Des Bourke

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Alternative Services*)
 Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Christine Conkin
 Lay Readers: David McKeown and Connie Kadey
 Deacon: The Reverend Julianne Hendrickson
Nursery is open at this service

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude – “Chorale and Menuet” from Suite Gothique by L. Boellmann

Processional Hymn: #645 Come Down, O Love Divine

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)*
**grant us the Spirit to think and do always
 those things that are right,
 that we who can do nothing good without you,
 may live according to your holy will;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children’s Talk – The Reverend Christine Conkin

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 49:8–16a

Carol Kyle

Thus says the LORD: In a time of favour I have answered you, on a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages; saying to the prisoners, ‘Come out’, to those who are in darkness, ‘Show yourselves.’ They shall feed along the ways, on all the bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will turn all my mountains into a road, and

my highways shall be raised up. Lo, these shall come from far away, and lo, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene. Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones. But Zion said, 'The LORD has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me.' Can a woman forget her nursing-child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 131

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New Testament: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Doug Kyle

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they should be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgement before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: #508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

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

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

Jesus said 'No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value

than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Reader: **The Gospel of Christ**

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

Homily – The Reverend Christine Conkin

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution – page 191

Peace

Offertory Hymn: #444 Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Prayer Over the Gifts (*together*)

Merciful God, **your word inspires us to bring an offering of our love. May we always be ready to work according to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord. 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.

Communion Music – “Priere a Notre Dame” by L. Boellmann

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.**

Anthem (after Communion) – “The Lord is Lifted Up” by Benjamin Harlan

The Blessing
Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #381 Praise, My Soul

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

Postlude – “Toccatà” by L. Boellmann

Barry O’Flynn is warden on duty today.

Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the church of South East Asia and Singapore and their clergy, The Most Rev. Dr. John Chew and The Rt. Rev. Rennis Ponniah.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for All Saints, Hanna and their clergy The Rev. Andrew Lees and St. John, Acme and their clergy, The Rev. David Asher.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. Matthew, Biabou with St. Sylvan and St. Mark, St. Vincent and The Grenadines and their clergy, The Rev. Clive Thomas.
- 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: Helen Patrice and Bill, 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.

St. Peters welcomes Raju :Paul as our new Rector’s Warden, Barry O’Flynn as our Rector’s Deputy Warden, Marg McKay as People’s Warden and Claire White as People’s Deputy Warden. A huge thank you to all of them for their service at St. Peter’s.

Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God by

- Cheryl and Gary Herle and family in loving memory of Cheryl's mother, Doreen Toole, her brother, Greg Toole and Gary's father, Jordan Herle.
- Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Dunn in loving memory of family and friends.

SPIRIT ZONE (Children's Programs)

- **Nursery** –The nursery located on the lower level is available during the 10 am service.
- Please note that Sunday, March 6 will be a Family Service.

Stephen Ministry: This coming week the Stephen Ministry training class will be considering the subject of Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving. In this presentation they will be learning how to guard against being manipulated and how to recognize their own tendencies to foster dependency by doing too much. Please pray for those preparing themselves for a care giving role in our parish and community.

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.
- **Shrove Tuesday** – St. Peter's will be serving a pancake breakfast to Henry Wisewood School on March 8th from 8 am until 10 am. We are in need of servers that morning. If you are able to help, please call the office and let Avril know. 403-252-0393.

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.

Please Note: The deadline for our next *Fisherman's Catch* newsletter will be March 11th, 2011. Please email all reports to Avril at avril@stpeterscalgary.ca prior to this date.

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Monday	7:00 pm	Christian Meditation cancelled
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
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	9:30 am	Yoga Cancelled
	7:00 pm	Youth Group

Mark your calendars for Lent

March 8	8 am – 10 am	Shrove Tuesday Pancakes
	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

See insert in today's bulletin

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