

## **5th Sunday After Epiphany**

February 6, 2011

Most merciful Father, we beseech thee to send down thy heavenly blessing upon thy Church in this Parish, that all its members may dwell together in unity and love.

Keep far from us all self-will and discord. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness and enable them faithfully to dispense thy holy Word and Sacraments, to bring again the outcast and to seek the lost. Grant that we may so receive their ministrations and use thy means of grace, that in all our words and deeds we may seek thy glory and the advancement of thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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

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**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Processional Hymn: #5 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

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.**

Merciful Lord,

*(Collect of the Day)*

**Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
 that we may be cleansed from all our sins  
 and serve you with a quiet mind;  
 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: Isaiah 58:1-9a(9b-12)

Barbara Jean Moore

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice? 'Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable

to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to lose the bonds of justice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Gradual Hymn: #576 For the Healing of the Nations**

Gospel: Matthew 5:13–20

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

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

‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called

great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

*Reader:* **The Gospel of Christ**

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

**Homily** – The Reverend Helen Belcher

Prayers of the People

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Peace

**Offertory Hymn: #502 You Are Salt for the Earth**

**THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED**

Prayer Over the Gifts (*together*)

God of Compassion and forgiveness, **receive our offering this day and make us one with him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #2 – page 193

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*)

Eternal God, **in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Announcements

**Recessional Hymn: #393 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

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 North Africa and Egypt and their clergy; The Most Rev. Dr. Mouneer Hanna Anis, The Rt. Rev. Andrew Proud and the Rt. Rev. Bill Musk.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. Peter's, Calgary and their clergy, The Rev. Helen Belcher and The Rev. Christine Conkin.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for Cathedral Church of St. George with Transfiguration, The Ascension and Holy Redeemer, St. Vincent and The Grenadines and their clergy; The Very Rev. Patrick McIntosh.
- 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: David Whitton, Trish Bentz, Bonnie Sinclair, Fred Harshman. Pat McNamara, The Reverend Maurice Buck, Dennis Moore, Edith Cowan, Virginia Goodman, Marguerite Dimmer, Peggy Peckover, Paulette Sinkinson, Peggy Brookes, Bunny Hale, Annis Siddall, Tony Luca, Elma, Blaine Bonner, Mariam Jacobs, Pat Clayton, 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 by:

- Aileen and Murray Shier and family in loving memory of Carly and with prayers for little Peter.
- Ellen Lee in loving memory of her husband, Loring.
- Arnold, Eileen and Adrienne Williams in thanksgiving.
- Angela and Richard Bane and family in loving memory of Richard's parent's; Clifford and Muriel Bane and Angela's parents; Rita and Leo Schofield Canham.
- Asha and Raju Paul in loving memory of Raju's father, Mr. C. Paulose.

**Parish Profile:** The final draft of the parish profile is available for parishioners to review. Please contact any of the Canonical Committee members. The profile is still in draft form and intended to stay within the parish. Members of the Canonical Committee are: *Alan Flanders, Rita Leigh, Clyde Elford, Lynn McKeown, Raju Paul and Carol Kyle will be meeting with the Archdeacon Barry Foster on February 10<sup>th</sup>.*

## **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.

**THANK YOU TO** Margaret Cull, Lois Ellis, Delores James, Deena Janzen and Diane Mockridge for sorting and cleaning the kitchens.

**Stephen Ministry:** In the upcoming two weeks, the Stephen Ministry trainees will investigate a most important topic known as Distinctively Christian Caring. In this 2-part module they will discover effective ways of using resources such as prayer and Scripture as tools in caring

ministry. Please pray for those preparing themselves for a care giving role in their parish, home or community.

**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.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- **Theology and a Pint** – Monday, Feb 14, 7pm, Limerick's Pub (7304 MacLeod Trail S) – Come to hang out and to consider Saint Valentine and the day that has made him famous! For more information, contact Christine: [christine@stpeterscalgary.ca](mailto:christine@stpeterscalgary.ca)
- **"Food For Thought"**, Thursdays following the 9:30am mid-week Eucharist. We are studying the book of Revelation. This week we will be looking at the breaking of the *third seal*. Come and join us.

**ACW** – The ACW AGM was held Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. That evening, funds were allocated as follows: Poppy Fund - \$500; Mother's Union/Northern Family Clergy - \$2000; Emmanuel St. Chad - \$600; Cormack Scholarship Fund - \$500; Laptop Project - \$400; PWRDF (Haiti) - \$1000; Rebuilding of St. Jude's - \$500; St. Peter's - \$2500.00.

**Help Wanted** – Do you have 2 hours to spare on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, September to June from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm? Help is required to push clients in wheelchairs to communion service at the Chinook Care Centre. If you can assist, please contact Joan Siddall at 403-238-7588.

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

**People with Sergers Wanted** – Diane Mockridge (403-257-3543) is looking for people who could take fabric and do a rolled hem to make new napkins for the upcoming St. Peter's Player's Dinner Theatre. If you can help, please call Diane. Thank you.

**First Friday Club** is having a night out! On Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> we will be going as a group to the play "My Fair Lady" put on by St. Peter's Players. We will go for dinner first at the Church and then to the play. We have seats blocked off. If you are interested in attending please see Fran McWilliams in Cormack Hall after church on Sunday. Dinner - \$15, Play - \$15 (\$12 for seniors). You can purchase for the play only. The First Friday Club is open to anyone at St. Peter's.

**"My Fair Lady" by St. Peter's Players** – Tickets for next spring's play are now available. You can purchase a 'Gift Offering Letter' that you can use as a present to pass on for a couple of tickets or to purchase your tickets, please call Vera Apeltree at 403-255-2406. The dates of the play are as follows: February 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27 and March 4, 5; 2011. Dinner will be served on Friday and Saturday evenings. First Friday members should call Fran McWilliams for tickets at 403-255-5371.

**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, 629-49<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.W. – Friday, March 4, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

**SORRENTO CENTRE POTLUCK SUPPER AND GATHERING**, Saturday February 12th at Church of the Good Shepherd, 408 - 38th Street S.W. Refreshments 5:30pm; Dinner 6:00pm. Come and meet Christopher Lind, the new Director and Kathie MacDuff, President and Board Chair.

**PWRDF Update on Haiti Earthquake Response – January 18, 2011**

PWRDF received more than 2.2 million in designated donations from Anglicans in Canada for Haiti earthquake response (January 12, 2010). To date, 1.3 million has been contributed to the relief and recovery work of three partners with longstanding experience working in Haiti. The partners have expended the grants received from PWRDF and shared their reports. Partners are finalizing their plans to which PWRDF will contribute the remainder of the available funds.

**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.

**The Change Fund** - *Please bring your loose change to the Church rolled or unrolled. It will be used for the Chancel Renewal Project. The Sunday School put in the first .35 cents. Let's watch this penny fund grow.* The fund is now over \$500.00.

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

**Our annual AGM** will be held today, **February 6, 2011** following the 10 am service. A light lunch will be served prior to the meeting.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S**

Monday	7:00 pm	Christian Meditation
Wednesday	11:00 am	Chinook 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
	7:00 pm	Youth Group