

4th Sunday After Epiphany

January 30, 2011



8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Christine Conkin
 Lay Reader: Wendy Both
 Lector:

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

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn: #8 Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

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.

Living God, *(Collect of the Day)*
in Christ you make all things new.
Transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your glory;
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: Micah 6:1–8

Carol Kyle

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of

the Lord.” “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15

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New Testament: 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

Doug Kyle

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: #439 Blest Are the Pure in Heart

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Reader: **The Gospel of Christ**

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

Homily – The Reverend Christine Conkin

Prayers of the People

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Peace

Offertory Hymn: #583 When God Restored Our Common Life

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Prayer Over the Gifts (*together*)

God of steadfast love, **may our offering this day, by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. 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)

Source of all goodness, **in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine. May these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing
Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #602 Lift High the Cross

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

Richard Bird is warden on duty today.

Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the church of South Africa and their clergy The Rt. Rev. Garth Quinton Counsell.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. Paul, Calgary and their clergy, The Rev. Fergus Tyson, The Rev. Cyril Haynes and the Rev. Dr. Norman Knowles.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for Christ-the-King with St. Francis, Carriacou, Grenada.
- 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.

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 10th.*

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.
- **Prayer Partner Pot Luck** today, Sunday, Jan. 30th in the Lower Hall following the 10 am service.

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.

THANK YOU TO Lois Ellis, Delores James, Deena Janzen and Diane Mockridge for sorting and cleaning the kitchens. All kitchen ware in the Cormack Hall displayed on the cupboards is to be given away. Please help yourself. All items left will be donated to Women In Need.

Upcoming Events:

- **“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 *second seal*. Come and join us.

Help Wanted – Do you have 2 hours to spare on the 2nd 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.

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 18th 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.

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.

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.

Rejoice with me for that which was lost is found! My cream quilted coat disappeared from the clothes rack downstairs on Sunday, November 7th. It miraculously reappeared last week and is now reunited with me and its' hood. Many thanks to the person who returned it. Vera.

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
We now have wireless access in the Church – stpeterswireless – password [peterswireless](http://stpeterswireless)
Phone 403-252-0393**

Our annual AGM will be held on **February 6, 2011**. Reports and financial statements are in the narthex today, Sunday, January 30th. Please sign the sheet to indicate you have received your copy.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Monday	7:00 pm	Christian Meditation
Wednesday	10:00 am	Mayfair 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