

Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2011

Creative Prayer

Prayer doesn't have to be about words,
or even just about silence.

Prayer can flow from and through,
everything we do.

God's creative impulse,
to express something of Godself in creation,
also finds expression in our own creativity.

Lay Reader: Wendy Both
Lector:

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Alternative Services*)
Celebrant: The Reverend Graham Goode
Preacher: The Reverend Helen Belcher
Lay Readers: Lorraine Grant and Connie Kadey
Nursery is open at this service

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn: #383 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er 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.

Let us pray:

Eternal Father, *(Collect of the Day)*
**who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit,
keep your children, born of water and the Spirit,
faithful to their calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Children's Talk - The Reverend Christine Conkin

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in

righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

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New Testament: Acts 10:34–43

Peter began to speak to the Gentiles: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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Gradual Hymn: #325 Angel-Voices, Ever Singing

Gospel: Matthew 3:13–17

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

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

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Reader: **The Gospel of Christ**

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

Homily – We welcome 4 of 6 students from Henry Wisewood High School: Lien, Jerry, Nipuna and Dhruv. As part of their social studies class, "Social Action Project," they will be addressing the issue of the digital divide by working with the organization "One Laptop Per Child".

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

Peace

Offertory Hymn: #430 Will You Come and Follow Me

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Prayer Over the Gifts *(together)*

God of life and freedom, **we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.**

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The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Soloist – Sarah Marshall

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, **lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. Amen.**

The Blessing
Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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

Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of Leicester, Canterbury, England and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Timothy John Stevens.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. Laurence, Calgary and their Clergy; The Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee, The Rev. Vic Cabel and The Rev. Don McLeod.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. Andrew with Holy Innocents, St. Giles and St. Michael, 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: Trish Bentz, Denis Grady, 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:

- Marilyn and Keith Shaw in loving memory of Marilyn and Keith's parents, Alma and Bernard Smith and Phyllis and Jack Shaw.
- Rosemary Bishop in loving memory of her parents, Hugh and Phyl Peers.

Please visit the display in Cormack Hall following the 10 am service organized by the students from Henry Wisewood. A huge thank you to these students for sharing with us today.

Stewardship response: Target giving indications received so far are favourable and support the 5% overall regular envelope giving increase required to eliminate our deficit. Anyone who hasn't

yet submitted a target giving form for 2011 is encouraged to do so to facilitate finalization of the budget.

Vestry and Warden Vacancies: Suggestions are welcomed for consideration by the nominating committee for the roles of deputy people's warden, Christian education chair, welcoming chair and fellowship chair. If you are interested in one of these roles, or know of someone who might be, please contact one of the wardens. If you are interested but would like more information we would be happy to provide it.

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.*

Thank you to Sarah Marshall for singing this morning.

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** on Sunday, Jan. 30th in the Lower Hall following the 10 am service.

Stephen Ministry Training Begins: This past week, on Monday, January 3rd our new trainees began the 50 hours of training for people who have committed themselves to learning the skills of this caring ministry. This first week's training concerned "The Person as a Caregiver" in which trainees considered the five foundational characteristics of a Caregiver. They have begun the task of studying, discussing, experiencing and trying out the skills involved in sharing God's love and compassion with those who especially need these gifts. Let us thank God for these ministers and ask his continued help and blessing in their adventure. This coming week these Stephen Ministry trainees will be considering the subject of "Feelings: Yours, Mine and Ours". In this presentation they will be talking about the importance of recognizing and accepting all the feelings that people have. The two Continuing Education classes met on Tuesday evening. If you have any questions about the Stephen Ministry program please talk to Rev. Helen Belcher at the church or Wendy Both (403-281-5657). Application forms are available on the counter near the staircase going to the Lower Hall.

Upcoming Events:

- **"Food For Thought"**, Thursdays following the 9:30am mid-week Eucharist.
- **Christian Meditation.** Beginning on Monday, January 10th and Wednesday, January 12th. For information, contact Rosemary Bishop 403-254-9606.
- **Chancel Guild members:** A reminder of our meeting on Saturday, January 22, at 9:30 am. If you are unable to attend, please notify Pam. Thank you.
- ACW – AGM on January 24th at 7:15 followed by a time to socialize.

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 to communion service at the Chinook Care Centre. If you can assist, please contact Joan Siddall at 403-238-7588.

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.

“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 selected days.

St. Peter’s Presents - January 12th, 2011 is the 1st anniversary of the earthquake that devastated Haiti in 2010. Jan 1st, 2011 was also Haiti’s 7th anniversary of independence. This country is still devastated and will continue to need on going help to recover. The Calgary Haitian Association has asked for help again this year in light of the Cholera outbreak. St. Peter’s is planning another relief benefit for Haiti. A Song for Haiti II will be a concert series starting with 2 events. The first, held Jan. 8th was a concert sampler and fund raiser to support the Calgary Haitian Association with directed donations to projects already on the ground making a difference in Haiti around water relief. Cholera is a water born disease. On **Jan. 28th**, a benefit concert will be held as an Outreach of St. Peter’s. All donations will go through PWRDF. A number of artists are donating their talents resulting in a wonderful mix of music to suit all tastes. This island nation still needs our help. Our generosity will help them rebuild a strong nation. More details on the concert and the artists will be coming soon. Admission is free. No tickets needed. There will be a free will offering.

Radio Nights return with a dramatic reading of John Patrick Shanley’s Pulitzer winning play: **Doubt: A Parable**. Tickets are \$15 and available at the door for this live reading featuring: **Val Planche, Rylan Wilkie, Lynley Hall, Janelle Cooper and Kevin McKenrick** as director. Friday, January 21 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen’s Anglican Church, 1121-14 Ave. SW Calgary, AB. For more information please visit www.ststephenscalgary.org/radio_nights.html.

Offering Envelopes are now in your mailbox in the narthex. Please check the mailbox list for your mailbox number and if you do not have one and wish to have one, please contact the office at 403-252-0393 or Cathy Bird at cathryn.bird@gmail.com.

Our annual AGM will be held on February 6, 2011. Please note that all reports are due on January 18th, 2011. Reports can be emailed to hbelcher@stpeterscalgary.ca or avril@stpeterscalgary.ca.

Fellowship of the Least Coin – Did you hear the pennies dropping? In 2010, 35,605 were dropped into our fund. This was \$114.95 more than in 2009. Thank you to all who contributed. Let's keep them dropping, especially now that they may become extinct. Joyce Willis.

To the Clergy, ACW's and Congregations of the Diocese. You may have read in the October Sower of our planned trip to the companion diocese of the Windward Islands to facilitate a Leaders' Training Conference this January 27-29. This is being given in response to the request of the St. Vincent ACWA's. (ACW). We will be providing general sessions on a Friday for men, women and youth leaders and Saturday sessions for the ACWA's only. We have now been asked to also provide the workshop to the neighboring diocese of the North Eastern Caribbean, in St. Kitts the following weekend. I will be taking 5-7 lay women with me to present and help at this conference. At this time of giving, we are asking you to consider this mission in your Christmas giving plans. We will be needing funding for help with some of the airfares, food and materials and some accommodation.

Donations may be made to your parish and then forwarded to the diocese for deposit in the companion diocese account. Taxable receipts are available and can be provided from your parish. Mark your contribution clearly for the companion diocese fund. Your Sister In Christ. Rev. Betty Piwowar - 403 678 5191 (O) 403 678 4502 (H) Bpiwowar@telusplanet.net

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.*

ROBBIE BURNS SUPPER, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Drive SW. Calgary. January 15, 2011 at 6 pm in the lower hall. Prices are the same as last year: \$25/adult and \$12.50/12 yrs and younger. Tickets are still available. Please call 403-255-0001

**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

Tuesday	7:00 pm	Vestry
Wednesday	11:00 am	Chinook Care Centre
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