



ST Catherines
CHURCH



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

JULY 12, 2020

10AM FAMILY SERVICE LIVE ONLINE



President: Rev. Sharon Smith

Music: Siiri Rebane
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Reader 1: Janet Johnston

Reader 2: Janet Benjamin

Intercessor: Robb Watt

Altar Guild: Bonnie Grundy

Sound: Susana Valente

Zoom Host: Anna Boltenko

Zoom Greeter: Mermi Vouse

PARKING LOT SERVICES

August 8, 2020 @ 4:30 pm



You are required to:

- **Arrive between 4pm and 4:15pm**
- Bring your own lawn/camping chair
- Register online or by phone (604) 985 0666 (Natasha)
- Register your car if you require a parking space
- You will be asked if you are experiencing any COVID symptoms, and if you are please stay home.

Coffee Time Follows @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am

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Welcome and Intentions – Rev Sharon

Opening Hymn: We Praise You, O God

Verse 1.

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;

We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

Verse 2

We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers;

Through trial and tempest companion and guide.

When perils over take us, you will not forsake us,

But faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.

Verse 3

With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!



Gathering of the community

Priest: We gather on the ancestral lands of the
Squamish and Tsleil-Watuth nations

All: From distanced places we come to pray.

Priest: We meet in the presence of the living God

All: The living God who creates us and all that is.

Priest: The risen Christ stands in our midst.

**All: The risen Christ who accompanies us
and all people.**

Priest: God's Holy Spirit breathes in us and
emboldens us

All: The Holy Spirit, transforms us and all life.

Priest: We gather in the name of God,

**All: Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy
Spirit. Amen.**

Priest: Lord, open our lips

All: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Gloria

Glory to the God of creation.
Gloria, glory, glory!

Glory to the Lord Jesus Christ
and Saviour for ever. Praise the Lord

Glory to the Spirit, God's Holy Flame,
Praise the Spirit evermore.

Glory to the Trinity, Myst'ry of God
Glory, glory, amen!

Priest: God of the earth,

**All: All creation awaits, your gift of new life.
Prepare our hearts to receive your Word so
that it may grow within us and yield a
hundredfold harvest;
through Jesus Christ, the Sower.
Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 25:19-34

Although Jacob was younger than his twin, Esau, he eventually takes the birthright away from his brother. Jacob is portrayed in the Bible as deceptive, gripping his brother when he came out of the womb and driving a hard bargain by buying the birthright for a bowl of lentils.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying,

People: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 119: 105-112

Paraphrased by Barnett and Patriquin

Priest: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light on my path.

People: I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous instructions.

Priest: I am deeply troubled;
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

People: Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, and teach me your instructions.



Priest: My life is always in danger,
yet I do not forget your teaching.

**People: The wicked have set a trap for me,
but I have not strayed from your
commandments.**

Priest: Your decrees are my inheritance forever;
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

**People: I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes
forever and to the end. Amen.**

Second Reading: Robyn Wall Kimmerer: Braiding Sweetgrass excerpt

Sweetgrass belongs to Mother Earth,

Sweetgrass pickers collect properly and respectfully, for their own use and the needs of their community. They return a gift to the earth and ten to the well-being of the (sweet grass). The braids are given as gifts, to honor, to say thank you, to heal and to strengthen. The sweetgrass is kept in motion. When Wally gives sweet grass to the fire, it is a gift that has passed from hand to hand, growing richer as it is honored in every exchange. That is the fundamental nature of gifts: they move, and their value increases with their passage. The fields made a gift of berries to us and we made a gift of them to our father. The more something is share, the greater its value becomes.

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying,
Thanks be to God.



Gospel Hymn: Open My Eyes, Lord

Verse 1

Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see your face
Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see

Verse 2

Open my ears, Lord
Help me to hear your voice
Open my ears, Lord
Help me to hear

Verse 3

Open my heart, Lord
Help me to love like you
Open my heart, Lord
Help me to love

Verse 4.

And the first shall be last

And our eyes are opened

And we'll hear like never before

And we'll speak in new ways

And we'll see God's face in places we've never known

Verse 5.

I live within you

Deep in your heart, O Love

I live within you

Rest now in me



Gospel Reading: Matthew: 13: 1-9. 18-23

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily - Rev Sharon Smith

Reflection follows as we listen to a song

Affirmation of Faith:

Priest: Moses said,

**All: Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

Priest: And Jesus affirmed:

**All: Love the Lord your God
With all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
And with all your strength.**

**All: This is the first
and the great commandment,
The second is like it;
Love your neighbour as yourself,
There is no commandment
greater than these.**

All: Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Prayers of the People



Confession:

Priest: Have mercy upon us, O God;

**People: in your compassion, forgive us our
sins, known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you
in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your
name; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

Absolution:

Priest: God, grant us the blessing of your gracious
presence,
Pardon and deliver us from all that enslaves
us,
uphold and strengthen us in all goodness,
and enable us to live consciously
in the deep stream of eternal light.
Amen

Presider:

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray in the language of our hearts, as we say:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**



Sharing of the Peace

*The Gathered online community are invited
to share the Peace.*

*Everyone is unmuted and the people offer
the words:*

“Peace be with you”

Blessing: Rev Sharon

Closing Hymn: Be, Lord, My Vision

Verse 1.

Be, Lord, my vision, the light of my days;
Guiding my steps and directing my ways.
You my best thought by day or by night,
Waking and sleeping, Your presence my light.

Verse 2

Be, Lord, my wisdom, my thought, my true word.
I ever with you and you with me, Lord:
You my great Father Your own may I be,
You in me dwelling, and I one with Thee

Verse 3.

Riches I need not, nor the world's empty praise;
You my inheritance, now and always:
You and You only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure You are.

Verse 4

High King of heaven, when journey is done,
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.



Dismissal

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People: Thanks to be God



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