

Welcome to St. John's! ~ We're So Glad You're Here!

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

The flowers on the altar are to The Glory of God in thanksgiving for the lives of The Reverend David Hamilton and Lilia Garcia, given by Anne, Jane, Rafael and family. The flowers in the chancel are placed in celebration of Don Inglis's 80th birthday, which was on February 5, by his daughter, Sandi.

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.
Luke 6: 23

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

Hymn # 391 Sing Ye Praises to the Father *Arfon Major*

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
All to you all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from you
no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through
Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Almighty and everliving God,
All whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to
wholeness of life, look with compassion on the anguish of the

world, and by your power make whole all peoples and nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Children's Focus ~ Led by Donna Ellis

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader **A reading from the Book of Jeremiah**

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Jeremiah 17: 5-10

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1 The psalm is prayed responsively:

Reader Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

People **Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on this law they meditate day and night.**

Reader They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

People **It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Reader Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
People **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of
the wicked is doomed.**

Reader **A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gospeller The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospeller He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:
“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received

your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.” *Luke 6: 17-26*

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily The Reverend Canon Joseph Asselin

An Affirmation of Faith ~ The Shema

Please stand as you are able.

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

**Love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**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.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor Let us pray.

Please kneel, bow, or sit.

Silence is kept.

Intercessor *The challenges and rewards of living by faith.*

Intercessor Knowing our need of God, let us pray.

Intercessor Father, we bring to mind our Church, both here in Ancaster and throughout the world. It is for right values, right priorities and right relations that we pray, in all we decide and do.

Silence

Intercessor Lord our God:
All in you we put our trust.

Celebrant We bring to mind all who lead and govern, and all meetings where important decisions are made. We pray that justice and mercy are upheld in line with your loving will.

Silence

Intercessor Lord our God:
All in you we put our trust.

Intercessor We bring to mind our circle of family and friends with whom we share the good and the difficult times. We pray for the grace to discern more readily the good in each person and the gifts they have to offer.

Silence

Intercessor Lord our God:
All in you we put our trust.

Intercessor We bring to mind those caught up in the frenetic pressures of life, and those who are stressed to breaking point. We pray for insight and courage to change things.

Silence

Intercessor Lord our God:
All in you we put our trust.

Intercessor We bring to mind the dying, especially those who are alone, and we remember those we know who have died. May they and we share in the

everlasting joy of your presence.

Silence

Intercessor Lord our God:
All in you we put our trust.

Intercessor We thank you, Father, for all the wise teaching you have given us through Christ. Give us grace to be doer of the word and not hearers only.

Intercessor Merciful Father,
All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

Hymn # 85 Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

St. Agnes

The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Celebrant Eternal God,
All **you are the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers,
receive all we offer you this day; turn our sickness into health
and our sorrow into joy. We ask this in the name of Jesus
Christ the Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer 3 – Canada

*Please feel free to remain standing, as you are able,
throughout the Eucharistic Prayer.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you are the source of light and life for all your creation, you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.



All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant On the night Jesus was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me." ♪

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me." ♪

All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
**we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

All Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

Celebrant I invite you now, wherever you may be, and in the silence of your own hearts, to make you own act of communion with Christ.

Prayers of Reception

People Jesus, I believe that you are present with us in the sacrament of bread and wine. I love you and I desire your presence afresh in my life. Since I cannot now receive the bread and wine of the altar, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself to you; never let me be separated from you. Amen.

A Children's Prayer of Reception

People Jesus, you remind us in bread and wine that you are near to us. Bring me nearer to you every day, and let me carry you in my heart, to share your love with the world you made. Amen.

The Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant God of tender care,
All in this eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. May we show your love in our lives and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

The Doxology

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Glory to God,
All **whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.**

A Blessing

Celebrant May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Hymn # 522 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Redhead No.76 (Petra)

Dismissal

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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