



3rd Sunday in Epiphany
January 24th, 2021
Morning Prayer
St. John's Anglican Church

A territorial or land acknowledgement is an act of reconciliation that involves making a statement recognizing the traditional territory of the Indigenous people who called the land home before the arrival of settlers, and in many cases still do call it home.

We celebrate our relationship with the first peoples of this land and with gratitude we acknowledge the traditional territories on which this Church building and community, lives and moves and has its being. We give thanks for the peoples of the Wendat, the Anishinabee, the Mississauga of the New Credit and the Haudenosaunee communities, and we recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples on this land.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

NOAH FRANCHE-NOLAN

HYMN 430

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

EDNA BOVAS

Will You Come And Follow Me
If I But Call Your Name?
Will You Go Where You Don't Know
And Never Be The Same?
Will You Let My Love Be Shown,
Will You Let My Name Be Known,
Will You Let My Life Be Grown
In You And You In Me?

Will You Leave Yourself Behind
If I But Call Your Name?
Will You Care For Cruel And Kind
And Never Be The Same?
Will You Risk The Hostile Stare
Should Your Life Attract Or Scare?
Will You Let Me Answer Prayer
In You And You In Me?

Will You Let The Blinded See
If I But Call Your Name?
Will You Set The Prisoners Free
And Never Be The Same?
Will You Kiss The Leper Clean,
And Do Such As This Unseen,
And Admit To What I Mean
In You And You In Me?

Will You Love The 'You' You Hide
If I But Call Your Name?
Will You Quell The Fear Inside
And Never Be The Same?
Will You Use The Faith You've Found
To Reshape The World Around,

Through My Sight And Touch And Sound
In You And You In Me?

Lord, Your Summons Echoes True
When You But Call My Name.
Let Me Turn And Follow You
And Never Be The Same.
In Your Company I'll Go
Where Your Love And Footsteps Show.
Thus I'll Move And Live And Grow
In You And You In Me.

OPENING PRAYERS

Presider: O God open our lips,
All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Presider: Your light springs up for the righteous
All: and all the peoples have seen your glory.
Presider: Blessed are you, Sovereign God, ruler of the nations, to you be
praise and glory for ever. From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world. As the Sun of Righteousness
dawns in our hearts, anoint our lips with the seal of your Spirit so
that we may witness to your gospel and sing your praise in all the
earth. Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
All: Blessed be God for ever.

COLLECT

Presider: Almighty God,
**All: by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen
us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus the
Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PSALM

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

Voices United

The psalm is printed in your bulletin, let us read it together.

For God alone my soul in silence waits; truly, my hope is in God. God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken. In God is my safety and my honour; God is my strong rock and my refuge. Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before God, for God is our refuge. Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, even those of low estate cannot be trusted. On the scales, they are lighter than a breath, all of them together. Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty praise; though wealth increases, set not your heart upon it. God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God. Steadfast love is yours, O God, for you repay everyone according to their deeds.

ALL

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

FRIST

READING

A reading from the Hebrew Bible.

The word of God came a second time to Jonah:

“Get up! Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach to them as I told you to do.”

Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of God. Nineveh was a city large beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah moved on into the city, making a day’s journey. He proclaimed, “Only forty days more, and Nineveh is going to be destroyed!”

So the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and dressed in sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

PAUSE

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 553

UBI CARITAS ET AMOUR

EDNA BOVAS

Live in charity and steadfast love,
Live in charity; God will live with you.

SECOND

READING

A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

After John the Baptizer’s arrest, Jesus appeared in Galilee proclaiming the good news of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand! Change your hearts and minds, and believe this Good News!

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw the brothers Simon and Andrew casting their nets into the sea, since they fished by trade.

Jesus said to them, "Follow me; I will make you fishers of humankind."

They immediately abandoned their nets and followed Jesus.

Proceeding a little further along, Jesus saw the brothers James and John Bar-Zebedee. They too were in their boat, putting their nets in order. Immediately Jesus called them, and they left their father Zebedee standing in the boat with the hired help, and went off in the company of Jesus.

PAUSE.

Reader: Listen to the leading of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 23

SONG OF THE FIRST BORN

COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

Reader: We'll say the Canticle responsively at alternate verses.

Christ is the image of the unseen God and the first born of creation, for in Christ were created all things in heaven and earth everything visible and invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Power-all things were created through Christ and for Christ.

All: Before anything was created, Christ existed, and all things hold together in Christ. The church is the body; Christ is its head.

Reader: Christ is the Beginning the firstborn from the dead, and so Christ is first in every way.

All: God wanted all perfection to be found in Christ and all things to be reconciled to God through Christ-everything in heaven and on earth-when Christ made peace by dying on the cross.

SERMON

THE REV. DAVID BRYAN HOOPES OHC

MUSICAL

REFLECTION *NOAH FRANCHE-NOLAN*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All: **Hear, O Israel, our God, the Almighty is one. Love 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: God of all possibilities,
All: **Lead us to the light.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider: Let us testify with honesty the condition of our souls;
 Gracious God,
All: **you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will. When we are oppressed or unjustly accused, we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws. Have mercy on us, God, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness, that we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace; through Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.**

Silence is held for personal confession.

Presider: Friends, God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be redeemed by Christ. Believe the good news, in Jesus the Christ we are forgiven! Blessing of God the Creator, Incarnate Word and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider: May the peace of Jesus the Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Take a moment to share the peace with those in your household and in the comment section of the video.

OUR SAVIOUR'S PRAYER

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray

All: 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 forever. Amen.

HYMN 465 HERE IN THIS PLACE NEW LIGHT IS STREAMING EDNA BOVAS

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
gather us in - the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young - our lives are a mystery,
we are the old - who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in - the rich and the haughty,
gather us in - the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,

give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place, the new light is shining;
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in - and hold us forever,
gather us in - and make us your own.
Gather us in - all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

CELEBRATIONS, NEEDS, AND REFLECTIONS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word and Spirit One.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Presider: Go, as Holy Messengers of the Creators' infinite and eternal love.
All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *NOAH FRANCHE-NOLAN*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Building up for God!

The mission of St. John's Church is to build a community of caring believers committed to Christ, to work for justice and service to all in need. We gather to praise God, and to give and receive support to meet the challenges of our daily lives and ministries. We call on everyone to come and join us.

We are not a building. We are an accessible, accepting, diverse community. We are young and old, able-bodied, and disabled, employed and unemployed. We are married, single, divorced, straight, and LGBTQ2S+. We are from all over the world, yet we could live next door. You will find open minds and open hearts at St. John's.

Ministry Team: Fr. David Bryan Hoopes, Interim Priest in Charge; The Rev. Dawn Leger, Priest in Charge, on leave; The Rev. Evelyn Butler, Deacon; The Rev. Bob Shantz, Honorary Assistant; The Rev. Margaret Rodrigues, Honorary Assistant; Edna Bovas, Director Family and Youth Ministry
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