



OPEN DOORS • OPEN MINDS • OPEN HEARTS

Office Phone: 905 336-5164

Fax: 905-336-0445

Office Hours: Tues., Wed. & Thurs. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Administrator: Brenda Vassallo
church-office@bellnet.ca
www.stjohnsburlington.ca

Rector's Warden: **Cy Armstrong 905-315-1659**

People's Warden: **Brian Prescott 905-681-0857**



Lay Reader: Brian Ryder

Organist: Clement Ng

Rector: **The Rev'd Bahman Kalantari**

Pastoral Emergencies: 905-906-2896

Email: pupak96@yahoo.ca

Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 22, 2012

Greeters: Don & Brenda Stewart

Holy Eucharist

Processional Hymn: 620 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

The Gathering

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.

Collect for Purity: With the whole church, we affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit. With people everywhere, we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong. With all creation, we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life, the unfolding purpose of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world. Amen

Glory to God (*sung*)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day: Almighty God, 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 Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

(Please be seated)

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: *(Ed Shaw) Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

Introduction: Jonah, fleeing from God's call, has had his well-known encounter with the great fish. Now God calls him once more, and this time Jonah obeys. He goes to Nineveh where his preaching is effective. The people repent of their sins, and receive God's forgiveness.

Then the Lord spoke to Jonah a second time: "Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh, and deliver the message I have given you." This time Jonah obeyed the Lord's command and went to Nineveh, a city so large that it took three days to see it all. On the day Jonah entered the city, he shouted to the crowds: "Forty days from now Nineveh will be destroyed!" The people of Nineveh believed God's message, and from the greatest to the least, they declared a fast and put on burlap to show their sorrow. When God saw what they had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, he changed his mind and did not carry out the destruction he had threatened.

Psalm 40:1-8

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry.

People: He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire.

Leader: He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along.

People: He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God.

Leader: Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the Lord.

People: Oh, the joys of those who trust the Lord, who have no confidence in the proud or in those who worship idols.

Leader: O Lord my God, you have performed many wonders for us. Your plans for us are too numerous to list.

People: You have no equal. If I tried to recite all your wonderful deeds, I would never come to the end of them.

Leader: You take no delight in sacrifices or offerings.

All: Now that you have made me listen, I finally understand; you don't require burnt offerings or sin offerings. Then I said, "Look, I have come. As is written about me in the scriptures: I take joy in doing your will, my God, for your instructions are written on my heart."

Second Reading: *(Diane McLeod) Titus 3:4-7*

Introduction: Paul tells Titus to remind people that God's saving work in Christ is a gift of grace, not something that is earned.

But, "When God our Saviour revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Because of his grace he declared us righteous and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life."

Gradual Hymn: *430 Will You Come and Follow Me*

All stand for the Gospel.

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel: *Mark 1:14-20*

Introduction: After his baptism, and his forty days of fasting in the desert, Jesus begins in Galilee his work of ministry, preaching the Kingdom, calling people to repent. He begins to call disciples who will help in his work.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All: May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be acceptable to you, God my strength and my redeemer. Amen
(repeat three times)

Homily: Rev. Bahman

Statement of Faith:

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All We believe in God , whose love is the source of life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; And in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God’s goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of Love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God. Amen

Prayers of the People

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For the sick of our parish and for our friends, family, and loved ones who are unwell;
For our country, and all the troubled places of the world;
For our primate, bishop, and priest, and for all other ministers and lay ministers;
For Elizabeth our Queen and for the leaders of the nations;
For the Unity of all Christians.
Now let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

People: For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea, we thank you, Lord.

Leader: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ, we thank you, Lord.

People: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends, we thank you, Lord.

Leader: For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve, we thank you, Lord.

People: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play, we thank you, Lord.

Leader: For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity, we thank you, Lord.

People: For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice, we thank you, Lord.

Leader: For the communion of saints, in all times and places, we thank you, Lord.

All: Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; to him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen

Confession & Absolution

Rev. Bahman: Dear friends in Christ, let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

All: Almighty God, you are always true to us in love. We are heartily sorry for our faithlessness to you and to one another, for forgetting the poor and the broken, for our failure to cherish creation. Give us life, O God, to change and enable us to change.

Rev. Bahman: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace (all stand)

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: 408 Wind Upon the Waters

Prayer Over the Gifts: Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer 1: BAS page 193

The Lord’s Prayer (modern): BAS page 211

Breaking of the Bread 1: BAS page 212

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God;

All: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

**ALL PERSONS WHO SEEK A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE AT COMMUNION**

Communion Hymns:

649 Breathe On Me, Breath of God
073 One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All
435 Take My Life and Let It Be
504 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
482 Come and Journey With A Saviour

Prayer after Communion: Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Doxology (sung)

**All: Glory to God,
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.**

Blessing

Announcements: please use the microphone

Recessional Hymn: 384 Praise to the Lord

Dismissal:

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

**Please join us for Coffee & Conversation
in the upper hall following today's service.**

Upcoming Services & Events

Sunday, January 29 – Vestry following the church service

**PLEASE PICK UP A COPY OF THE VESTRY REPORTS
FROM THE BELL TOWER TODAY**

STAMPS FOR LEPROSY – leave your stamps in the bell tower.

COMPASSION SOCIETY - is in need of soups. Donations should be left in the white plastic container in the bell tower.

2011 TAX RECEIPTS – are available for pick up in the bell tower.

TANSLEY SERVICE – The service at Tansley is growing with attendance at 48 this past week. Bahman would like to thank Daisy Earle, Jean Shipley, Phyllis Prescott, Joan Cochrane for their wonderful ministry.

THANK YOU – to all parishioners from Sharon Job, for your prayers, cards and “well wishes” during her recent surgery. Sharon is doing well and relaxing in Florida!

LOST & FOUND - there is a **red wool vest** in the office, left since Christmas Market. If anyone knows the owner could they please pick it up.

VILI V. – St. John's favourite auction performer is starring with his back up band, the Vinyl Tones at Carmen's dinner theatre on February 13th. Two shows –lunch or dinner. Call Carmen's for tickets **1-800-753-9857** or www.carmens.com for more info.

DO YOU KNIT, CROCHET or DO OTHER WOOL CRAFTS? - “It's never too early to think about the next Christmas Market! If you would like to contribute your time, I have a lot of wool. Any and all handmade items are welcome. Please see Anita.”

JUICE FROM ST. JOHN'S

Thank you for your continued support!