

St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church

**Open minds and loving hearts
All are Welcome**

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2020

10:30 am

CELITC FAMILY EUCHARIST



A warm welcome to all, especially those who are worshipping with us for the first time this morning. We hope your time here today will be a blessing to you, as your presence is a blessing to us. If you require a gluten free wafer at Communion time please let us know and we will be pleased to oblige. *All who come in faith are welcome to receive Holy Communion this morning.*

GATHERING

Opening Hymn *In the Bulb There is a Flower*

- 1) In the bulb there is a flower;
In the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise:
Butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

- 2) There's a song in every silence,
Seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness,
Bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
What it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

- 3) In our end is our beginning;
In our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing;
In our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

Greeting:

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

And also with you.

Word from the Brothers: **Bumbling**

What was going on with Jesus during those twenty "hidden" years when he was growing up? We don't know for sure. But his humanity must parallel our own, or he cannot be our Savior. I presume that Jesus was as lost as many of us were, and for long stretches of time. I presume that Jesus made as many mistakes as I have, as you have, in finding his way into life. I presume that Jesus was as much as clueless as you were, as I was, trying to find and claim his identity and destiny. Lots of bumbling.
Br. Curtis Almquist, Society of Saint John the Evangelist



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From the Book of Remembrance

Today we remember on their Year's Mind

Berthana, Dominie- January 27

Gordon Covey - January 29

John Strickland - January 30

*Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.*



February & March Dates at a Glance

Sat Feb 8 - Sandwich Club, Hall
 Sun Feb 9 - Michelle & Charles Pulpit Swap
 Thur Feb 13 - Samuel Prince Manor Service
 Fri Feb 14 - Beavers Sleepover, Hall
 Sat Feb 22 - Neighbourhood Potluck, Hall
 Sun Feb 23 - Rental, Recital
 Tue Feb 25 - Pancake Supper, Hall
 Wed Feb 26 - Ash Wednesday
 Thur Feb 27 - Casserole Luncheon, Hall
 Sun Mar 1 - Annual Meeting
 Sun Mar 8 - Annual Meeting Snow Date
 Sun Mar 22 - Scotianaires Concert
 Sat Mar 28 - Neighbourhood Potluck

The God of love is with us.

The Spirit of love is in us.

Risen Lord, light of all peoples, come stand among us.

**Scatter the darkness before us
that we may walk as children of light.**

A Hymn of Praise

God brings light to our darkened lives.

Let us praise the God of light!

O Christ, be our light;

O Lord, shine in the darkness and guide us on our path.

O Christ, be our shield;

O Lord, enfold us in your love and protect us in your care.

O Christ, surround us;

O Lord, be under us and be over us.

O Christ, embrace us;

O Lord, be beside us, on left and on right.

O Christ, lead and support us;

O Lord, be before us and be behind us.

O Christ, encompass us;

O Lord, be within us and all around us.

O Christ, encompass us;

O Lord, be within us and all around us.

O Christ, be our light;

O Lord, illumine and guide us on our way. Amen.

A Prayer for the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**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.**

Praise Song **This Little Light of Mine**

This little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine....

All around the neighborhood....

Hide it under a bushel? No!....

I won't let any one blow it out....

Let it shine 'til Jesus comes....

PROCLAMATION

First Reading: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah. (9:1-4)

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn **Here I Am, Lord** (vv. 1, 2) Mission Praise #857

The **Parish Prayer Chain** is inviting new members. If praying for others is something you do, this might be a ministry you would like to get involved with. Members of the Prayer Chain are notified by phone about those who have requested prayer support. There will be a one-time meeting to reorganize and renew this ministry, this Wednesday January 29th at 1:00 pm. Thank you to Paula Freeman who has agreed to be coordinator. Please let me or Paula know if you would like more information. *Charles*

Community Climate Conversation has been rescheduled to Sunday February 2nd from 2:00 - 4:30 pm.

Lectionary Study Group I will be leading a Lectionary Study Group on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm for eight weeks starting on Tuesday February 4th. Hosted by Georgia Johnson. If there is sufficient interest, the group will also meet on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 am. Everyone is welcome to this time of prayerful reflection and faith sharing. Please let me know if you are interested. *Charles*

St. Margaret's Men's Breakfast Group meeting Saturday February 8, 9am at Cousins Restaurant

If you would like to make a gift of **hosts and wine** for Holy Communion, perhaps in honour of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, you can do so with a donation to the Altar Guild.

*Eat this bread, Drink this cup. Come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, Drink this cup, Trust in him and you will not thirst.*

The Lending Library at the back of the church provides a variety of books. You are welcome to take out a book by signing the "checkout" booklet. A comfortable chair has been provided if you wish to sit quietly and read at any time.

Forward Day by Day for February, March, April is available at the back of the church.

Go For Par – Have you considered signing up for automatic withdrawal for your offering? It saves you time, is convenient and maintains your offerings while you are on holidays. For more information contact Annette Kelly 902- 454-6390.

St. Margaret of Scotland Mission Statement:

To be a Christ-centered, mission minded community embracing all people across the spectrum of cultural, ethnic, racial, gender, sexual orientation, ages and class diversity as full members of the family of God.

Week at a Glance**Jan 26 to Feb 2**

Sun 8:30 — BCP Holy Eucharist
 10:30 am — BAS Family Service & Coffee Hour
 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm — Youth Group

Mon 6:00 pm — Beavers, Hall

Tues 6:30 pm — Cubs, Hall

Wed 1:00 pm — Prayer Team, Sanctuary
 6:30 pm — Rental - Condo Corp Meeting, Sanctuary
 9:00 pm — Compline, Office

Thur 11:30 am — Casserole Luncheon, Hall

Sun 8:30 am — BAS Holy Eucharist
 10:30 am — BAS Holy Eucharist & Coffee Hour
 2:00 pm — Community Climate Conversation, Hall
 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm — Youth Group, Hall & Sanctuary

Outreach this January is NSCC Food Bank Please put your donations of Canned foods, toiletries, pasta, soup, pasta sauce and any and all dry food/non-perishable, in the bins in the boat at the back of the church. Thank you for supporting our outreach initiatives!

This Thursday January 30 is our next Casserole Luncheon.

11:30 am to 1 pm. Admission \$10 Students & Seniors \$7.50. Please spread the word and bring a friend or two. It's a nice inexpensive hot lunch on a cold day. If you are able to assist in any way, by providing a dish (we need casseroles, salads, desserts, rolls, etc) or lending hand, talk to Anne King. Proceeds for the Hall renovation fund.

Just for fun, Michelle and I will be doing a **pulpit swap** on Sunday February 9, Michelle will be our celebrant and preacher at 8:30 and 10:30 am that day, and I will be serving at Emmauel, Spryfield. *Charles*

Our **Annual General Meeting** is on Sunday March 1st following the 10:30 am Service (Snow Date: March 8th) All Annual Reports need to be submitted to the office by Wednesday February 12th.

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
 (4:12-23)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn **Here I Am, Lord** (v. 3) Mission Praise #857

SermonAn Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in God.

**We believe in God above us,
 maker and sustainer of all life,
 of sun and moon, of water and earth,
 of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ,
 the Word made flesh,
 born of a woman, servant of the poor,
 tortured and nailed to a tree.**

**A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
 He descended into the earth to the place of death.
 On the third day he rose from the tomb.
 He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present,
 and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,
 the Holy Spirit of pentecostal fire,
 life-giving breath of the Church,
 Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
 source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

We pray now for the needs of all people throughout the world, remembering that God created all and loves all. Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we come before you with reverence and with faith that through our prayers your presence can bless. We pray for the Church that its mission may reach to the ends of the earth.
May we be Christ to each other and light to the world.

We pray for the world that its leaders may follow the path of justice and it's peoples way of peace. **May we and all nations respect one another in freedom, truth, and love.**

We pray for our community that those who make decisions that affect the lives of others may be inspired by your wisdom.
May we all act with integrity, respect, and courage that we may live together in harmony.

We pray for those in any sickness, need or trouble, naming them silently or aloud. (Pause)
God of hope, comfort and restore all suffer in body mind and spirit. **May they know the power of your healing love through human compassion.**

We remember those who have died and those who mourn, naming them silently or aloud. (Pause) Father, into your hands we commend them. **Bring peace to those who mourn in their time of loss.**

We pray for ourselves in this church community and for the ministries in which we serve God here, naming them silently or aloud. (Pause)
Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may walk in your presence with your truth in our minds, your strength in our souls and your love in our hearts, that we may share the light of your love with all, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

May the flame of your love be rekindled in our hearts by this holy meal and may its light guide us on our journey and lead us home to you; in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Amen.

Lord of all light, as we go forth into the world, we extinguish the lights that here represent the presence of the Holy in our midst,

But we will carry the light in our hearts, and we pray that as we god about our work in the world, we will shine with the love of God. Amen.

The Blessing

May the light of Christ be in our hearts,
the small light that glows like a great fire,
the warm light that feels like a great love,
the bright light that leads us on our way.
And may Christ's love so fill us
that we may be lights to the world.
And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

AnnouncementsRecessional Hymn **You Are Salt for the Earth**

Common Praise #502

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD! ALLELUIA!

The Breaking of Bread:

Bread of life, nourish our souls.

Light of the world, shine in our hearts.

Invitation to CommunionCommunion Hymn ***Spirit Open My Heart***

Spirit open my heart,
to the joy and pain of living.
As You love, may I love;
in receiving and in giving.
Spirit open my heart.

1. God replace my stony heart,
with a heart kind and tender.
All my coldness and pain
to Your grace, I now surrender.
(Refrain)

2. Write Your love upon my heart,
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word and deed,
May my living be Your glory.
(Refrain)

3. May I weep with those who weep;
share my joy with sisters, brothers.
In the Name of Christ,
May we welcome one another.
(Refrain)

SENDING

Prayer after Communion (together)

**O God, in love you have called us to be your people,
and in love we have shared this bread and wine.**

Confession and Forgiveness

We gather together in search of wholeness, but our brokenness separates us from God and from one another. Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbour.

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people.
We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.
We turn away from the poor, we ignore cries for justice, and we do not strive for peace.
In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The AbsolutionSharing the Peace

God makes peace within us.
Let us claim it.

God makes peace between us.
Let us share it.

CELEBRATIONOffertory Hymn **Will You Come and Follow Me**

Common Praise #430

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God of creation, through whose goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made;

May it become for us the bread of life.

Blessed are you, O God of creation, through whose goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands;

May it become for us the cup of blessing.

Receive these gifts, dear God, and accept in them the sacrifice of our selves.

In life and in death may we be an offering to you for ever.

We offer you praise and hearts lifted high, O God, whose light enlightens every human being, and whose love offers to all hope for new life. And so with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea, and sky, with the light of sun and stars, with angels of light, with saints of heaven and of earth, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

The Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of power and might,
Heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Holy in the heights of heaven, holy in the depths of earth, O God, your glory knows no bounds, and your love is without end. The Word that was in the beginning, and through whom all things were made, you sent to dwell among us, full of grace and truth, that believing in him we may have springs of life within. We bless you that in love for the world, your Son laid down his life and overcame death's powers to be our hope of life everlasting;

that in love he poured out his Spirit to lead us through encircling darkness into all truth; and that in love he returned to the Source of Light to draw all the earth to himself.

To the very end Jesus loved those whom he had been given, and prayed that this love might be in them. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." in the same way he took wine and, having given thanks for it, poured it out and gave the cup to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood which is poured out for you. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

**Remembering his eternal self-giving,
we proclaim the mystery of Christ among us.
Made one with him, and one with each other,
we offer these gifts and with them ourselves,
a single, holy living sacrifice.**

Hear us now, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be heaven's food and drink for us, for you are the living bread that comes down from heaven to give life to the world; you are the true vine without whom we can do nothing. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, almighty God, world without end.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**