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January 12, 2021

Sunday Church & Chat



- 10:45 am Our community gathers through Zoom
- 11:00 am Our Church worship begins
- 11:45 am Our chat resumes

To attend Sunday's Church & Chat time on ZOOM at 10:45 am, please use the following **NEW meeting link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89722898367?pwd=YnJudkQ5YVNiYjFvYng2TmdHTlBtQT09>

Meeting ID: 897 2289 8367

Passcode: 322499

We are sending these prayers, readings and reflection today to help you in your daily devotions as we anticipate worship on Sunday together. Please call the church office at 905.634.1809 for more information.

Please stay tuned to our YouTube channel, if you miss any of our previous worship services at:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/stchris2011>

Weekday Devotions and Sunday Worship Preparation

Wednesday, January 13 - Sunday, January 17, 2021

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

St. Christopher's Burlington

Announcements - Al Nicolls

Welcome to Worship - Penny Anderson

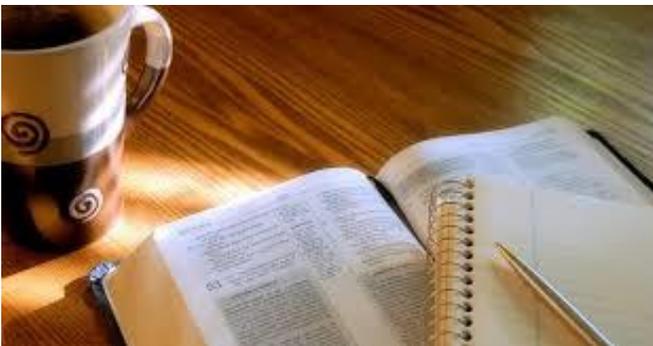
Land Acknowledgement - Penny Anderson

Opening Prayer

**God of new beginnings,
your Beloved One Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom.**

**Renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and sustain us by your true and living bread,
through Jesus Christ, the One who loved us
and gave himself for us. Amen.**

Gospel Reading



read by Amy Collard

John 6: 22-40 The Bread from Heaven

The next day the crowd that had stayed on the other side of the lake saw that there had been only one boat there. They also saw that Jesus had not got into the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. Then some boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal. Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

Thanks be to God.

Homily - Penny Anderson

Prayers of the People



written and read by John Reszitaryk

One: As I sat down to write these prayers on Monday morning, my wife is in one room teaching her grade three class online, my daughter is in the office going through her voicemails and emails to get caught up with her clients, my son is in another room teaching a college class online and my three-year-old granddaughter, who I usually watch, is with her other grandparents today, leaving me some time to think. With COVID-19 numbers still on the rise, the government is looking at additional measures to lock us down tighter. Will these measures bring down the numbers as we await our turns to be vaccinated? What is the impact on businesses, churches, charities, families and individuals, especially children and those with special needs or those already living with challenging circumstances? All of this got me thinking more about our reading today and especially about what sustains us.

One: Gandhi said, “There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread”. Let us remember and give thanks for all those who work to sustain us.

To the bidding “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness”, please respond “God gives us bread from heaven”.

One: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

All: God gives us bread from heaven.

One: Let us remember and give thanks for all front-line workers, especially those coping with the direct and indirect impact of the pandemic, especially nurses, personal support and care workers, doctors, pharmacists, technicians, cleaning staff, food service staff and others.

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All: God gives us bread from heaven.

One: Let us remember and give thanks for all those who work to ensure the continuity and safety of our supply chains, especially in the provisioning of food and medical supplies, factory and farm workers, migrant workers, warehouse and delivery workers, retail and service workers.

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All: God gives us bread from heaven.

One: Let us remember and give thanks for the scientists, doctors and many others working on the delivery of vaccines and treatments for COVID-19.

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All: God gives us bread from heaven.

One: Let us remember and give thanks for those who sustain our mental health, especially counsellors, social workers and many others.

One: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

All: God gives us bread from heaven.

One: Let us remember all those who sustain our spiritual health. Let us pray for all people of faith throughout the world. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Australia and all of its people and clergy. In the Canadian church we pray for the work and staff of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. In the Niagara Diocese we pray for the parish of St. John in Ancaster, its people and clergy. In our own parish of St. Christopher's, we remember and give thanks for all of our parishioners, especially our dedicated staff and volunteers. We give thanks for the extensive support that Hollis has provided to us over the past many months and we especially pray for Michael as he continues his new work among us. We also pray for Penny as she begins her term with us as Rector. We give thanks for your service and dedication.

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All: God gives us bread from heaven.

One: Let us remember our friends and families and all of those on whose support we rely. Let us especially remember the friends and families of our dear departed especially those of David Nicoll. Let us give thanks for his life and example.

One: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

All: God gives us bread from heaven.

One: Mother Teresa said, "Jesus comes in our human life as the hungry one, the other, hoping to be fed with the Bread of our life, our hearts by loving, and our hands by serving. In loving and

serving, we prove that we have been created in the likeness of God, for God is Love and when we love we are like God”.

One: Let us remember those in need of love, support and service. We remember the sick, especially those suffering from the direct or indirect impacts of COVID-19, the infirm, the elderly and the shut-ins. Let us remember our children and youth who are having to maintain relationships and education in challenging times.

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All: God gives us bread from heaven.

One: Let us remember those suffering from addictions and those with mental health issues. Let us also remember those who support them, their families and friends.

One: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

All: God gives us bread from heaven.

One: Let us remember all immigrants, migrants and refugees. Let us remember our indigenous peoples and members of racialized and other marginalized communities. Let us remember our LGBTQ sisters and brothers. Let us remember each and every one of us, those like us and those unlike us. We are all children of God. We are all loved.

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All: God gives us bread from heaven.

One: Thinking of how the Bread of Life enters into each of us to sustain us, allowing us to be made into bread for others, I take new meaning from the words of M. F. K. Fisher, “The smell of good bread baking, like the sound of lightly flowing water, is indescribable in its evocation of innocence and delight... [Breadmaking is] one of those almost hypnotic businesses, like a dance from some ancient ceremony. It leaves you filled with one of the world's sweetest smells... there is no chiropractic treatment, no Yoga exercise, no hour of meditation in a music-throbbing chapel. that will leave you emptier of bad thoughts than this homely ceremony of making bread.” Give us today our daily bread.

One: And now, either aloud or in silence, please offer your own thanksgivings, petitions and prayers.

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All: God gives us bread from heaven.

One: Rachel Held Evans said, “In an age of information overload ... the last thing any of us needs is more information about God. We need the practice of incarnation, by which God saves the lives of those whose intellectual assent has turned them dry as dust, who have run frighteningly low on the Bread of Life, who are dying to know more God in their bodies. Not more about God. More God.”

All: Amen.

One: Please join together in the prayer Jesus gave us:

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 for ever. Amen.

Music



Solo: Panis Angelicus by César Franck (1822-1890)

Soprano: Peggy Cardwell

Panis angelicus, fit panis hominum Dat panis coelicus figures terminum. O res mirabilis manducat Dominum, Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis,	The Bread of Angels becomes Bread of men; the heavenly Bread puts an end to figures. O thing most wonderful! the poor and humble servant eats the Lord.
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Closing Prayer

**Loving God,
your Spirit awakens in us
an awareness of our deepest hunger.
Sustain us by your grace as we seek you,**

that we may feast upon the food that endures,
for you are our longing and our hope.
This we ask through Jesus Christ,
the Bread of Life. Amen.

Blessing

Dismissal

Thursday Morning Prayers with Michael



As we step into a new year, we are returning to our Morning Prayer service. It lasts around 20 minutes, includes prayers and Bible readings, and is a wonderful way to start the day. Michael Coren will lead it and will share on screen all that is necessary to participate. The next meeting is at **9 am on Thursday, January 21**. We stay to chat afterwards for a short while.

[Please note that there will be **NO** meeting this week on Thursday, January 14.]

If you would like assistance with entering or calling in to the Zoom room, please call the church office at 905.634.1809.

Please go to www.zoom.us and use the following link or meeting ID and password (or phone number):

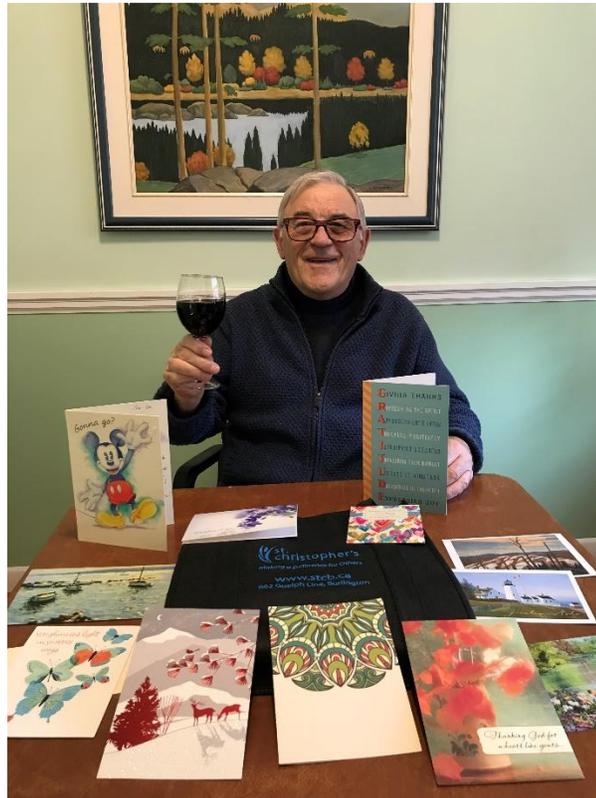
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Telephone:

Thank you to Hollis



Hollis, displaying some of the cards and gifts he received during the past week, raises his “St. Christopher’s wine glass” in a toast to the people of the parish, as he completes his ministry as Priest-in-Charge.

HOLLISmessage

Dear Friends,

Helen and I want to express our thanks to you for your many cards, gifts and kind words ... your generosity has warmed our lives immensely.

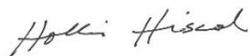
As you may glean from the accompanying picture, I spent Sunday opening gifts, reading messages, and enjoying it all.

We are so happy to be part of St. Christopher's and look forward to many more wonderful experiences, preferably in person when the conditions are right, but virtually for the present time.

We are also looking forward to warmly welcoming Penny as our Rector, Priest and Pastor as we all continue our life's journey in our spiritual home and community, St. Christopher's.

Again, thank you.

Stay safe and take care,



Hollis

Open Doors Update



Volunteer Needed

Open Doors is seeking the time and talents of a couple of volunteers interested in assisting community members with online applications for the Ontario Energy Savings Program (OESP). Our current dedicated volunteer needs assistance keeping up with demand as we are now booking into March! As you can imagine the program can greatly elevate some mounting financial burdens for people. Just this morning a woman called in to reapply and told us she used her savings from last year to book a dental appointment, a first in five years!

You should possess a basic understanding of the internet and computer functions plus patience and understanding for dealing with community members experiencing barriers. We ask that you be available one day per week for 1-2 hours.



ONE BURLINGTON

PRESENTS



Share the Love

City-wide Food Drive

February 6 – 13, 2021

JOIN US!

Let's share the love in Burlington!

"Love cures people – both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it." Karl A. Menninger

Most needed items:

- ✓ Canned Meat (Ham, Turkey, Chicken)
- ✓ Large Juice (1L Tetra or Cans)
- ✓ Rice (1kg or 2kg sizes)
- ✓ Peanut Butter
- ✓ Cookies
- ✓ Canned Tomatoes
- ✓ Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
- ✓ Hot Cereal (Oatmeal/Porridge Single Servings)
- ✓ Canned Fruit
- ✓ Large Soup (Ready To Eat)

Drop off locations:

- ✓ Every fire hall in Burlington
- ✓ City hall
- ✓ Grocery stores with collection food bins or carts

Monetary donations:

- can be made online @ www.burlingtonfoodbank.ca/donate (tax receipts available)

One Burlington

is a coalition of over thirty faith, cultural and community groups from Burlington and Halton. Our Outreach events, with free admission, food and performances, help us to spread our message of diversity, equity and inclusivity to neighbourhoods throughout our City. Please consider contributing to their food drive in support of our neighbours and in partnership with the Burlington Foodbank.

Parents and Grandparents Support Group who have Adult Children with Mental Health Challenges

Thursday, January 21 is the next meeting date on Zoom. If you would like to attend, please contact the church office at 905.634.1809 or staff@stcb.ca.

Study Desk Needed

Basel Masri is starting Sheridan College ESL Intermediate Program next Monday, Jan. 18 and could use a 'small' desk (less than 60") and, maybe a chair, for their apartment, to make a workspace for himself. If you think that you can help, please call/email Bob Loree at 905.637.0105 or rloree@cogeco.ca. Thank you so much. *Bob & Mary Loree*

A Little Humor to Brighten Your Day

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah".

The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?"

The little girl replied, "Then you ask him".

Donation Opportunities

If you would like to donate to St. Christopher's, there are several options:

- 1) Mail us a cheque (we are bringing in the mail each weekday). Please never mail cash.
- 2) Go to stcb.ca and choose "Donate" (top right). Options there include:
 - a) Regular offerings by pre-authorized payment from your bank account or by Visa.
 - b) Special gifts, such as memorials or gifts to be directed to a particular ministry, by Visa or Mastercard. Be sure to specify where your gift should be credited.
- 3) E-transfer from your bank account to this email address: acctg@stcb.ca
- 4) Phone the church and leave a message for staff to call you back - we can receive your credit card information over the phone and process the transaction.

Contacting the Church

Pastoral Emergency

Our staff are working mostly from home during this time so there is more limited access to the telephone messages. However, if you have experienced a pastoral emergency such as a death, sudden illness or personal crisis, our clergy may be reached at 289.925.8725.

Leaving a General Message

If you would like to call the church at 905.634.1809, please leave a message in the general mailbox #5 or send an email to staff@stcb.ca and a staff member will respond, as soon as possible. (Messages are checked daily Monday - Friday.)

If you no longer wish to receive emails from St. Christopher's, please reply to this email with "unsubscribe" in the subject line.