

Quispamsis United Church

January 24th, 2021 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Presider: Rev. Richard Bowley

Hymn Leader: Ruth Buckley

Reader: Sherry Kiervin

Centering Passage: *Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!*

Psalm 90:14, 17

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Territories

Celebrations & Announcements

GATHERING TOGETHER

Lighting the Christ Candle

When the night is long, and we are weary, may this light guide us through our day as it guides us through this time of worship, through scripture and prayer, into God's loving embrace.

Prelude

Air from "Water Music" – G F Handel

Greeting (Responsive):

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

And also with you.

Call to Worship (Responsive):

We are here!

We come seeking the Christ to hear his word and find healing.

We are weary.

Sometimes it feels like we have been searching day and night with no results.

But we are here!

And we know that God is with us, that Christ will speak, and that the Holy Spirit will show us the way.

Prayer of the Day

Enter into this moment, O Christ, like you do the boat in the story to come. Speak your word, and we will listen. Even when we are tired from striving for the kingdom and seeing little result, push us a step farther and show us what is possible with faith in you. Walk with us through this time and beyond, from who we are, to who you know that we can be. We offer this and all our prayers in your strong name, O Christ. AMEN

Hymn:

Praise to the Lord

VU 835

**Praise to the Lord all of you, God's servants.
Blessed be the name of Our God now and ever.
From the rising up of the sun,
may the Lord be praised.
Praise to the name of the Lord!**

**There is none like our God in the heav'ns or on earth,
who lifts the poor from the dust
seating them with the mighty,
who stoops to raise the weak and low;
may the Lord be praised.
Praise to the name of the Lord!**

Theme Conversation God's Favourite Thing

Prayer of Illumination (Unison):

Fill us, O God, with your word, as the boats were full of fish. Reveal to us your purpose for our lives, and help us to follow you, even when we don't feel up to it. Remind us in the words to come that your presence with us can change the course of our lives. We ask this and all things in the name of Christ who calls to us. AMEN

Today's Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

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Jesus Calls the First Disciples

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

This is the Word of our God.

Praise be to you, O Creator.

Anthem Safely Through the Night - QUC Adult Choir

Message A Faith Discovered, A Call Offered

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: Christ has no body now but yours MV 171 (vs 1, 3, & 4)

Refrain

**Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours.
Here on this earth, yours is the work,
To serve with the joy of compassion.**

**No hands but yours to heal a wounded world,
No hands but yours to soothe all its suffering,
No touch but yours to bind the broken hope of the people of God.**

Refrain

**No feet but yours to journey with the poor,
To walk this world with mercy and justice,
Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace for the children of God.**

Refrain

**Through every gift, give back to those in need,
As Christ was blessed, so now be a blessing,
With every gift a benediction be to the people of God.**

Refrain

How Can I Give?

HOW CAN I GIVE TO MY CHURCH WHEN THE CHURCH IS CLOSED?

1/ If you have internet banking, you can E-transfer funds to QUC by sending the funds to QUC@nb.aibn.com. Do not forget to send a separate email with the answer to your security question.

2/ go to www.CanadaHelps.org and search for Quispamsis united Church. You can give to the church by using your credit card. The address says Gondola Point, do not worry, that is us.

3/ you can sign up for a pre-authorized remittance (PAR) donation which comes out of your bank account or credit card once a month. You can cancel this at any time. Contact Brion Crossman at 849-6003 for details.

4/ mail or deliver your giving's to our treasurer, Brion Crossman, 22 Country Crescent, Quispamsis, E2E 1T2

Offertory Dedication Hymn: As With Gladness Men of Old VU 81 (verse 3)

**As they offered gifts most rare,
at the manger crude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to you, our heavenly King.**

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

You, O Christ, break into our lives and disrupt who we are, but in the process help us discover who we might be. We offer that potential to you in this moment, along with all that we are and all that we have. Bless all that we are, and all that we might be as we strive to build your kingdom of Love and peace in the here and now. We ask this and all things in your name, O Christ, our brother and saviour. AMEN

Praying For Ourselves And Others & The Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

Hymn: Jesus, You have Come to the Lakeshore VU 563 (vs 1, 3, & 4)

**Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
Looking neither for wealthy or wise ones
You only asked me to follow humbly.**

Refrain

**O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me
and while smiling, have spoken my name
Now my boat's left, on the shoreline behind me
By your side I will seek other seas**

**You need my hands full of caring
Through my labours to give others rest
Constant love that keeps on loving.**

Refrain

**You who have fished other oceans
Ever longed for by souls who are waiting
My loving friend, as thus you call me.**

Refrain

Commissioning (Responsive):

As we move from worship to service,

God goes with us, Christ supports us, and the Holy Spirit guides us.

And even when we are weary from the work God calls us to,

we will turn to our divine partner for strength, courage, and hope.

We have come to listen for guidance, and now prepare to go,

having heard the Word and been reminded that Christ needs us as well.

Benediction

Go now with the love of God in your hearts, the peace of Christ in your hands, and with the power of the Holy Spirit at your backs to share the Good News you have heard this day.

Choral Closing: I Am the Light of the World VU 87 (verse 4)

Refrain:

I am the Light of the World

You people come and follow me.

If you follow and love, You'll learn the mystery

Of what you were meant to do and be.

To bring hope to every task you do,

To dance at a baby's new birth,

To make music in an old person's heart,

And sing to the colors of the earth! R

Postlude With Trumpet and Horns from "Water Music" –Handel