



**Trinity – Clifton Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada**



January 28, 2018 10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Epiphany

Welcome

We are glad that you are here as a visitor, a seeker, someone looking for a new church home, or as a regular worshipper or member.

All are welcome in this place.

*Please rise as you are able.

The Gathering

Prelude Lord, All My Heart is Fixed on Thee Alberti

Words of Welcome Rev. Greg Davis

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

***Introit** Just As I Am VU #508, vss 3 & 4

*** An Opening Dialogue: Call to Worship**

Friends in Christ,
what hopes do you bring to worship?
We bring hope for health and wholeness.

What afflictions do you bring to worship?
Physical pain?
From illness and injury.

Emotional pain?

From sad and scary life situations.

Mental pain?

From diseases of many kinds.

With all of these afflictions,
it's a miracle that any of us
has made it to worship this morning!

But where else would we be?

**We yearn to know God's powerful love
and to know that wholeness is possible.**

In today's gospel, a person with
an "*afflicting spirit*" interrupts Jesus

And Jesus sets the person free.

And where does the miracle of this story
and our stories begin?

**When we bring all of who we are
--Hopeful, afflicted, bold
into relationship with the Divine.**

So come, let us enter this sanctuary with our whole selves

--Hopeful, afflicted and bold--

Come, let us worship!

***Hymn** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty VU #220

Opening Prayer

Hymn Shout for God VU #246
Children may go out to Sunday School during this hymn

The Word

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Mary Cowper-Smith

Psalm 111

VU, page 833-834

Mark 1:21-28

Anthem

O How Amiable

Daley

Sermon

Recognizing our Demons

Quiet time of reflection

Response to the Word

Minute for Mission

Virginia McGowan, Chair of Communications,
and Philip Floyd, Chair of Nominating

Offering Invitation

Offertory

Lord, Hear the Voice of my Complaint

Scheidt

***Presentation of Offering**

VU #541

***Offering Prayer**

**Transforming God, we dedicate our gifts
for the health of your creation.
May those who receive these gifts
be blessed by your love and inspired to give to others
so that your creation will continue to be transformed
by your love.
Amen.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Hymn**

Build Us A Table Ruth Duck
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Walls mark our boundaries and keep us apart;

walls keep the world from our eyes and our heart.
Tables are round, making room for one more,
welcoming friends we had not known before.

**So build us a table and tear down the wall!
Christ is our host. There is room for us all!
Build us a table and tear down the wall!
Christ is our host. There is room for us all!**

**Walls make us sure who is in and who's out;
walls keep us safe from all question and doubt,
but at a table I open exchange
new ties are formed as our lives rearrange.
So build us a table and tear down the wall!**

**Christ is our host. There is room for us all!
Build us a table and tear down the wall!
Christ is our host. There is room for us all!
Once we were strangers, divided, alone.**

**Hate and distrust built a wall stone by stone.
Now at a table the bread that we share
joins us to Christ in a circle of care.**

**So build us a table and tear down the wall!
Christ is our host. There is room for us all!
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Christ is our host. There is room for us all!**

Welcome to the Table

Passing of the Peace

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you,
A peace the world cannot give."

Peace be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
Please greet each other saying
"Peace be with you."

Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Life is a gift to us, we celebrate.

May we rejoice in the beauty and love of the Giver.

We give thanks and praise for all that is good in the world.

For that mystery we name God...

For the sage we name Jesus...

For the renewing strength and freedom of the Spirit...

(Silence)

God of winter, the unpopular, slandered season,

God of snow, wind and storm,

God of brisk mornings, frosted windshields

and stark fields;

of warm socks, bulky coats,

gloves and warm fires,

we open ourselves to all the possibilities life offers us.

So we join our celebration to all people, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, re-creating God,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Story

We remember the stories from our tradition...
How on many occasions Jesus would share a meal with
friends.
Bread and wine were shared in community.
For everyone born, a place at the table...

The bread would be taken,
a blessing offered, and then shared between them.
And all of them ate.

The wine would be poured out,
a blessing offered, and then passed between them.
And all of them drank.

A time of concern, conversation and celebration.

The bread and the wine symbolized lives
interconnected with other human lives,
and the power of giving and receiving.

May the "passion filled" life as seen in Jesus
and in the lives and struggles of many other
committed and faithful people then and now,
enable us to dare and to dream and to risk...

**With God and each other may
we re-imagine the world.**

Together may we work to make all things new.

**In God and with each other let us celebrate the
possibilities and hope we each have
and are called to share.**

For everyone born, a place at the table...

Bread and Wine

We break the bread for the broken earth,

ravaged and plundered for greed.

May there be healing of our beautiful blue and green planet.

(Bread is broken)

We break this bread for our broken humanity,
for the powerful and the powerless
trapped by exploitation and oppression.

May there be the healing of humanity.

(Bread is broken)

We break this bread for those who follow other paths:
for those who follow the noble path of the Buddha,
the yogic path of the Hindus;
the way of the Eternal Guru of the Sikhs;
and for the descendants of Abraham, the children of Hagar
and Sarah.

May there be healing where there is pain and woundedness.

(Bread is broken)

We break this bread
for the unhealed hurts and wounds that lie within us all.

May we be healed.

(Wine is poured into the cup.)

This is the cup of peace and of new life for all.
A sign of unconditional love for the community of hope.

**A reminder of the call to live fully,
to love wastefully, and
to be all that we can be.**

Communion

After Communion

Divine Presence in all of life,
we give thanks that we have gathered together
in this sacred place.

We rejoice in the giftedness of each person here.

We are grateful for who we are to each other.

**May we continue to be truly thankful
in all we do and in all we become. Amen**

Sending Forth

***Hymn** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ VU #468

*Commission and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude Praise to the Almighty Walther

Ushers:

Head Usher: David Essery

North Side: David Essery, David & Iris Rogers

South Side: Mary & Harvey Chandler, Judy Irwin

Balcony: Miriam Lank, Linda Sherren

Ministers: All of Us

Clergy Team: Rev. Cathie Crooks & Rev. Greg Davis

Music Director: Donald Fraser

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Announcements

Sympathies of the congregation are extended to Linda & Allan Mahood & family on the death of Linda's grandmother, Sadie Ramsay.

Happy Birthday to Cathie Crooks on Jan. 29.

If you would like to sponsor the bulletin in memory or celebration, please contact Ellen in our office. The cost is \$50 and helps pay for our bulletin covers.

2017 Income Tax Receipts are ready. Please pick yours up from our office to save on postage costs.

Rev. Cathie Crooks will be away on study leave and vacation from Jan. 23 – Feb. 11.

Wanted: Two people, who read music, for the handbell choir. Rehearsals are Friday 4:30pm to 5:30pm in the Upper Hall.

Announcing the Trinity Talks blog. The Communications Committee announces a new initiative to share our Trinity stories: the **Trinity Talks** blog will be a monthly feature on our website starting in February. You will see a slide in this morning's service.

Each blog will be a short feature about members of the congregation:

- What's your history with Trinity-Clifton? How long have you been a member/attendee/seeker?
- What draws you to this congregation and what does participating in our worship and activities mean to you?
- What would you like to see happening over the next three years?

Please share your story! Let's talk! Contact Ginny (902-330-2013 talk/text OR ginnymcgowan@gmail.com) if you are interested or would like more information.

Upcoming Trinity Events

Finance Committee will meet on Tues., Jan. 30, 6:30 pm

Development Committee will meet on Tues., Jan. 30, 6:30 pm

Interfaith Refugee Committee will meet on Tues., Jan. 30, 7 pm

Church Council will meet on Thurs., Feb. 1 at 6:30 pm in the Upper Hall.

A three-week adult study continues on Thurs., Feb. 1, 7–8:30 pm, by Gail Hopkirk. Using the **Godly Play** method of storytelling, the group will experience Old Testament "desert" stories: The Exodus

(out of Egypt), and The Exile (to Babylon and return to Jerusalem). These stories offer a brief overview of the historical and spiritual development of the people of God. Participants will ponder how these ancient stories are also the stories of our lives.

Tuesday Night Church Supper: The first Tuesday night Church supper for 2018 will be held on Tues., Feb. 6, 6 pm. The speaker will be Dutch Thompson who will speak on "Island Folklore" – really interesting Island stories. Cost is \$10 and tickets must be purchased before the event. They are for sale at the Richmond Street doors after today's service or in the office during the week. Everyone is welcome!

PEI Social Justice Book Club: The Globe and Mail described All My Puny Sorrows as "a funny novel honoring deep sadness". In this novel author Miriam Toews tackles the topics of suicide, dying with dignity and the bond between siblings with humor, deep insight and compassion. Join us in the parlor for a discussion of this compelling novel on Wed., Feb. 7, 7 pm. For more information contact Monica Macdonald at 902 388-7780 or Bev Bishop at bevbishop71@gmail.com or check out our page on Facebook. All are welcome. Hope to see you there!

Bible Study: Feb. 20 through Mar. 27: A study of women in the Bible will continue with **Living the Questions: Uppity Women of the Bible**, as we explore together the Book of Esther. Rev. Cathie will lead this six-week series in the Chapel, each Tuesday at noon, beginning on Feb. 20. To register, please call or email Ellen Locke Doiron, Office Administrator.

Men's Club Roast Beef Dinner will be held on Sat., Feb. 17 at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 and will be available after church today at the Richmond Street entrance.

Other Church and Community Events

The Camp Abegweit Annual meeting will be held on Mar. 6 at 6 pm at the North Bedeque United Church. All are welcome.

Your Community needs you! Disasters happen. Disasters can be things like major hurricanes, floods, extended power outages, forest fires or ice storms. The Canadian Red Cross stands ready, ready to

assist, providing 72 hours of local emergency relief. The Red Cross relies on volunteer assistants who enable it to carry out its mission, and those people come from your community. The PEI Canadian Red Cross is seeking community-minded people who will step up and help others. You need to be at least 18 years of age, and capable of completing a police background check. We will provide all the training and materials you will need to do your job – but the vital component is you. Your first step? Contact the Canadian Red Cross. Call us at 1-844-818-2155, e-mail to VRS@redcross.ca or stop by our office at 29 Paramount Dr. Charlottetown PE. Or contact Al Goodwin at 902 213 8450, e-mail alg987@live.co.uk.

Treat Your Sweetheart on Sat., Feb. 10, 5:30 pm for 2nd Annual Roast Beef Dinner at Park Royal United Church. Tickets \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. Event includes a silent auction featuring delicious baked goods. Tickets available by calling Church Office at 902-894-9656.

Valentine Coffee Party: Spring Park United Church Women are holding their annual Valentine Coffee Party on Sat., Feb. 10, 9 am until noon in the Church auditorium. There will be lots to eat; fudge for sale; and a "New-to-You" jewelry table to check out. Tickets are only \$8.00 each and can be purchased from any UCW member or by calling Joan at [902-892-3865](tel:902-892-3865). Storm date is February 17th.

Central Queens United Church, Hunter River, is holding our annual Valentine's Dinner on Sat., Feb.10, 7 pm (storm date Feb.11). This is a delicious 3 course meal with roast pork loin as the feature followed by a tasty sticky date pudding. A variety of musical entertainment will accompany the meal, including the group "Partly Mixed" (part of the band Party Mix). Come alone or with family and friends, you'll be "heartily" welcomed. Tickets \$25 sold in advance by contacting Joan at 902-964-3265 or Winnie at 902-621-0677.

How well do you know a person? The West River United Church, in Cornwall, is hosting "The Ernie Stavert Roast" Sat., Feb. 10 at 5:30 pm. Ernie has worn many hats within various organizations and there are many things you may or may not know about him! The evening includes a hot roast beef dinner and guaranteed entertainment. Tickets \$40/person (with a charitable tax receipt of \$20). A limited number of tickets are available at the church office. For more information or to reserve/buy your tickets contact Martina 902- 566-4052.

Fundscrip – Gift cards for gas, groceries, movies, books, clothes and more can be purchased with cash or cheque before and after our service each Sunday or in our church office during the week. Use them yourself or give as gifts – a great way to help our church as we receive a percentage from the sale.

Available Cards:

Gas - all stations **Groceries** - all stores **Office** - Staples
Health - Lawtons, Shoppers **Entertainment** - Indigo, Cineplex
Apparel - Payless Shoes, Claires, Aldo, Marks Work Wearhouse, Old Navy, GAP, Le Chateau **Children** - Toys R Us, Children's Place
Department Stores - Hudson Bay, Winners, Walmart
Electronics - Best Buy, The Source
Home and Garden - Home Furniture, Stokes, Home Sense, Home Hardware, Canadian Tire, Home Depot
Restaurants – Tim Hortons, Pizza Hut, Boston Pizza, Wendys, KFC, Harveys, Starbucks, Swiss Chalet, Subway, Montanas
Other - Pet Smart, SportChek, Running Room, Best Western, Fairmont Hotels, Giant Tiger

