# Kensington Presbyterian Church

# Now what?

May 1, 2022

WELCOME, to worship. We are offering a variety of ways for people to gather. We are welcoming people to worship n person (with singing), as well as through Zoom, YouTube, and this printable PDF. If this is how you are worshipping, know that you are not alone... and if you like, you can invite those who live with you to join you, or connect with others through the phone or outside.

If you have any prayer requests, ideas, or just want to talk, please reach out to your elder or Rev. Peter (Peter@Kensingtonchurch.ca)



Breakfast at Down detail - M Moyers

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Communion this week: All who want to know our Lord better are invited to join us the Lord's Supper next. If you are celebrating from home you will have to provide your own elements. Those who come in person will be offered a pre-packaged package.

Prayer Group: Thursdays 9 am at Benny Farm 3500 Benny Ave. Common Room beside central courtyard)

The Chosen: normally Thursday evenings, but we will not be meeting this week due to the convocation...

Presbyterian College Convocation for Alex (and others):
Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. at St Andrew & St Paul
and live on YouTube <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Le3FanMfsv8">www.youtube.com/watch?v=Le3FanMfsv8</a>

Drop Box: As The Depot has learned new ways of operating during COVID, we are now accepting food donations to help the St. Monica's Food Pantry. We are also accepting items to help the young parents program at Head & Hands (ex. clothing, diapers, toys).

CAB: Camp d'action biblique is welcoming campers this summer. For more information visit their website <a href="cabqc.ca">cabqc.ca</a>

43<sup>rd</sup> Christian Commemoration of the Shoah: Sunday May 1, 4 pm The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul cordially invited you to attend the international holocaust remembrance day. You can attend in person or <a href="www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ip8dXhqiglQ">www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ip8dXhqiglQ</a>

Announcements

I note: that the footnotes are not as thorough as an academic paper.



Lighting of the Christ Candle Jésus Christ est la lumière du monde. Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Call to worship (based on Psalm 30) We come to praise our God, and give thanks to God's holy name!

We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life! We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the dawn.

You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our stress.

You turn our mourning into dancing!

Our souls cannot be silent!

O God, our Saviour, we praise you forever!

☐ Hymn: Joy to the world.....pg 11 (153)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGyYAzrctzk



Field of Light - Bruce Munro

# Almighty God, you made creation in joy and invite us to share in your joy. In Jesus you came, shining a light into dark places and trying to bring your joy to the world. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed

and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made.

. . .

In your mercy, please forgive us.

Help us to trust your power

to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Amen.<sup>2</sup>



Assurance of Pardon (John 8:12)

Here is the good news

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Amen.

<sup>2</sup> adapted from Worship Sourcebook N.2.2.1

# Listening to God

Prayer for Illumination God of life,

your Spirit raised Jesus from dead.

Your Spirit inspired the prophets and writers of Scripture.

Your Spirit draws us to Christ

and drew us to this moment.

We ask that you will send your Spirit now to give us deeper insight, encouragement, faith, and hope through the Easter gospel.

Amen.<sup>3</sup>

Intro to the readings

- John
  - setting is the Sea of Tiberius, which is another name for the Sea of Gallilee
  - It'll feel familiar as we heard a very similar story from the Gospel According to Luke a couple of months ago (Feb 6), but the context brings a different perspective.
- In the passage from revelation, I encourage you to let it soak in. Perhaps imagine you are there. What would that be like?
- The psalm sings of the ups and downs in life. What's it encourage us to do? What does it tell us of God?



Reading: Please look up the passages in your own

Bible,<sup>4</sup> or click on the name to be taken to an online version.

<u>John 21</u>: 1-19

<u>Revelation 5</u>: 11-14

Psalm 30



Breakfast on the Beach - Peter Koenia

Sermon: Now what?

Dear Lord, please bless these words and the meditations of our hearts.<sup>5</sup> Amen.

It's a nice day - personally I wouldn't want to go fishing, but I know people who would.

I don't think that's what Simon-Peter was feeling though. It doesn't feel like a casual time of 'friends going fishing'. This feels more like he didn't know what else to do, so he went back to what he knew.

It is progress. Last week we heard the passage that comes right before it. Jesus finds the disciples huddled in fear in a locked

<sup>4</sup> If you'd like a new Bible with helpful notes, I recommend the 'Life with God Bible' NRSV from Renovaré. ISBN 0061834963 or for the more academically inclined, The New Oxford Study Bible NRSV

Psalm 19:14

adapted from Worship Sourcebook N.3.1.1

room. He reassures them, blesses them, and sends them out. A week later they are still there, only Thomas has joined them now. Again, Jesus blesses them... and we leave them in the room.

Now we find that Peter and six of his fellow followers have decided to go fishing. This is progress, but is it really what Jesus had in mind?

No. Of course not. We know better. but it is a normal response to uncertainty.

They have recently been through the traumatic death of their leader (and their dreams), then they heard the unbelievable news of the resurrection, then experienced it themselves. This is more than enough to turn anyone's world into a spin. One natural reaction is to lock yourself away to try and prevent being hit by anything else - such as in a locked room. Another is to go back to something you know was solid.

I'm sure you can relate. At the beginning of COVID we also had our plans and dreams uprooted, were afraid for our lives and loved ones, we even locked the doors and tried not to let anyone in.

Now things are changing. We're being told to go out... and we're trying to figure out what that means - like the disciples.

and we're not alone. I was reminded of a good leadership podcast<sup>6</sup> I listened to for a while, so I checked it out again. They had a recent episode on transitions. Apparently it's what all organizations are trying to figure out. What do we do now? The two experts, Brené Brown and Scott Sonenshein, talk to a lot of leaders. They find some just want to go back to the way things were before the tragedy, but that's impossible. We've all changed. There's the little things, like that we are all a couple of years

older. I suspect all of us are using technology in ways we didn't before. Even more are the experiences we've had apart. We've had people come into our lives, and leave them. In the workplace there are people who started working during COVID and never met their colleagues. We have that here in Kensington as well. We've also all experienced sorrow and pain - and joy and wonder... but not with each other, ...not together.

Like the disciples, we are coming out of the dark and into the light. In this story it's both literal and figurative. In this gospel Jesus is the light of the world. As the story happens at dawn, the light is coming into their lives. They are starting to get it.

What are they starting to understand?

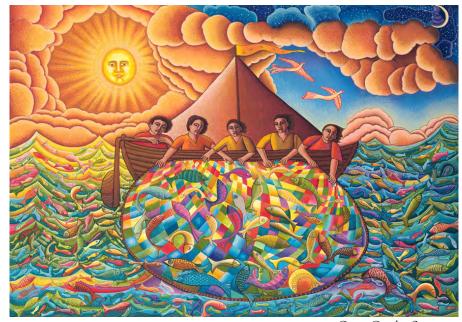
The first thing to note is Jesus' reaction. Here are his students. After all his teaching they have gone back to what they were before they met him. I'm sure at some time in your life you've tried to teach someone something. They nodded that they had learned; perhaps they even showed you they could apply it... and then when you turn around they go right back to what they did before. How would you feel? Frustrated? Angry? Hopeless? Jesus seems relaxed and calm. There's no rush to get them back on track. He makes them breakfast. He even helps them out... both in what they were trying to do and in revealing the possibilities with God.

Despite all their effort on their own, when they follow Jesus' leading they catch 153 large fish. Why 153? no one knows. Having listened to Thomas King talk about the oral tradition of storytelling in his Massey Lectures, adding some specific details helps people connect to stories - perhaps that's it. I think the

<sup>6 &</sup>lt;u>brenebrown.com/podcasts</u> usually I check out 'Dare to Lead', but both are good. This one is <u>brenebrown.com/podcast/why-well-never-be-the-same-again-and-why-its-time-to-talk-about-it-2/</u>

<sup>7</sup> www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas/the-2003-cbc-massey-lectures-the-truth-about-stories-a-native-narrative-1.2946870

point is that it's a lot. It's so many large fish that the net can't be pulled into the boats. It's absurd; it's an over abundance. It's a physical example of how this gospel ends - "But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written." There are so many blessings in following Jesus that it's just unimaginable.



Great Catch - Swanson

But back to the breakfast. He invites them to join him. He provides for them. He gives them nourishment. But it's not all about Jesus, because he invites the disciples to bring what they have as well. Jesus gets breakfast going, but then invites the disciples to share the gifts they have found in following Jesus to nourish each other. In this case it's the catch of fish. In our case it's other things: like this building, our time, our passions, our skills, our connections, our prayers.

Which is nice - quite gracious considering how Jesus' followers

fail to follow. There's the history of the cross, in which all the disciples abandoned Jesus (except the women). The last time Peter was around a charcoal fire he denied being a follower of Jesus three times. We've all done this too. Turned away from the tough demands that can come when following Christ. It can even be hard to notice in our society. Over abundance is common in our grocery stories - including food that sacrifices the well being of the farmers and the environment - and there's other ways society has normalized this.

There's also ways that are more amusing, in hindsight. Take Peter putting on his clothes before jumping into the water. There's nothing wrong with him putting on his clothes to meet Jesus. I'm sure that would be respectful. There's nothing wrong with being enthusiastic to greet Jesus and jumping into the water... but perhaps a better order would be to swim first and then get dressed. Can you think of examples where the order of things might have been better? Ines and I bought a ceiling fan before figuring out if we could actually install it. (If you want one, let us know.) Thankfully this next mix-up is less common now, but the church doing mission used to be about us going into an area and doing something helpful ...without first finding out how the people living there wanted to be helped. Getting to know people is an important first step. Perhaps stopping to eat breakfast with them is a good start? and sharing what each of you can bring.

Which is part of what Jesus is doing, valuing our ability to contribute. He's helping us to be better, and to make the world better. How? One way is by making our talents and skills, our fishing if you like, more effective. Another is by reminding us of what this is all built on. What makes the foundation of what we do solid?

Love.

Not any love, but love for God.

"Do you love me?" Jesus asks.

Love is transformative. It changes you: how you see the world, what you focus on, and what you do. I remember coming back to Canada after



Trust in the Lord - Ivan Guaderrama

meeting Ines and whenever I looked at a clock I always translated it into her time-zone. One of the challenges a friend of mine has had in his marriage is that he's a Christian and she isn't. There are times when she does not understand his decisions - such as spending time with God, and helping others even if it's a sacrifice for him. Their love for each other makes it work, but there have been difficult times.

Love leads you to do things.

and love needs to be the foundation.

Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love me?" three times. This is partially a connection with his three denials, but it's more. There's no way that Peter could do what will be asked if it's not based in his love with God. There's no way we can follow God without it being rooted in love. There are times when it'll seem easier to lock ourselves away from the world, or try to go back to the way things used to be. Neither of those are healthy answers.

Instead we are invited to look at our blessings and to respond to the love we find in God. To love as God does.

"Do you love me" Jesus asks.

"Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." we reply.

and Jesus invites us to bring our fish to the fire and go "Feed my sheep."

To God be all the glory Amen.



☐ Hymn: God, whose giving knows no ending.....pg 13 (663) www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUKNNdpMdHs

FaithTalk: These are some questions for you to discuss with somebody... or many somebodies. This week they are a little more personal than usual. Do what you feel safe (and practice stretching a little).

Values: What do you return to for comfort (location, memory, action, food, ...)?

Memories: When have you been overwhelmed by a huge amount of something good?

Wonder: How do you experience Christ in the Eucharist/Lord's Supper/Communion?

Actions: Explore how your faith and actions are connected?

Prayer: give thanks that we are invited to breakfast with

Jesus, and ask for help in sharing our 'fish' with

others.

Spirit Sighting

Some examples of skills/talents I thought of that didn't make it into the sermon include:

John S. and his gifts for observing and organizing. This was a great gift in his work at McGIII, and with providing hospitality here in to those coming to worship in person and online, and looking after our offerings.

Gloria L. with her ability to keep in touch with people and gift of listening.

How our denomination works through local groups to help people, such as the story on our prayer partner page (pg. 10)

# ╆ Offering

Financially, we have set up a donation option on our **website**. Just click the '**Donate Now**' button, and then the pretty button. It gives you various options that are easy to follow.

You can now donate through **interac e-transfer**. Our name is Kensington Presbyterian Church and the e-mail address is info@kensingtonchurch.ca.

Mailing a cheque or signing up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (**PAR**) are also good options.



### Communion

Communion Hymn: Jesus call us here to meet him.....pg 14 (528) www.youtube.com/watch?v=wvBGtFPd6TQ

Invitation to the table

Today we remember how Jesus gathered the disciples and shared bread with them.
with fish in today's story,
and as part of the celebration of the freedom at the Last Supper.

Though we are not gathered at one table, or even at one time,

we are gathered with our one Lord.
The Spirit of God still gathers us,
and nourishes us through community
and the mystery of these actions.
C'est la volonté de Dieu
que tous ceux qui veulent connaître Jésus

devraient partager ce repas.

So, come,
you who have much faith,
and you who would like to have more,
you who have come often
and you who have not come for a long time,
you who have tried to follow
and have done so imperfectly.<sup>8</sup>

As we come together to share the Lord's Supper, we also come together with a statement of faith that we share with Christians of many types, around the world and through the centuries.

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

very adapted from Iona Wee Worship Book 4<sup>th</sup> ed

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Great prayer of thanksgiving The Lord be with you.

and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Faithful God,

Thank you that you love us, and are always trying to invite us to join you.

Thank you for the prophets you sent, that we hear from through the Bible that the people since

that help us to connect with you.

and thank you for your creation.

We are grateful that our Easter season is echoed in the season of Spring.

That we can see life rising from the dead earth, that dry husks splitting as glorious flowers lift their faces to the heavens.

and that the air has come alive with song

Therefore we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise.

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.

Holy are you,
God who leads us out of the dark,
and into the dawn.
Who invites us to sit with Jesus,
and be nourished & strengthened
Even though we sometimes try to withdraw from the world,
or hide in past ways
Even though we sometimes get things in the wrong order,
still you come to us in love.
Walking with us through it all,
even through death
so that we may have life

So together, we proclaim the mystery of the faith.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

and be able to love as you do.

As we wait for your return, we know that your Spirit is with us. Lord, we ask for your presence to be know by those who do not have a home, or a safe place to live; for those who do not have food to eat. or companions to sit by the fire with. and for those who need healing: in body, mind or soul.

As we join your meal, may your Spirit give us strength for the journey, and companions on the road Though the bread is broken, may we become one body with you and with all your children.

As we approach this table, let us come together and pray the prayer that you taught us.

Lord's Prayer (feel free to use another version/translation) Our Father in heaven. hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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.



We are all One in Jesus Christ - Soichi Watanabe



# Words of Institution

On the night before he met with death, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to God he broke the bread and shared it, saying "This is my body; it is broken for you."

"Ceci est mon corps, qui est rompu pour vous"

[take and eat]

In the same way, he took the cup of wine after dinner and said, "This is the new relationship with God, sealed in my blood Take this, all of you, in remembrance of me."

"Cette coupe est la nouvelle alliance en mon saunt; faites ceci en mémoire de moi"

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

[take and drink]

# rayer after Communion

Jésus, tu nous invites toujours à te rejoindre. We thank you for bring us together with you, and each other, through your table and eucharist.

Vous êtes ici maintenant avec espoir et amour. Help us to feel your love, hope and healing, and to live it for all the world.

In Jesus name Amen.

☐ Hymn:Will you come and follow me.....pg 15 (634)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=zk6IUalJ3sk

Benediction (2 Corinthians 13:13)

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

Amen.



### Sunday, May 1

### MISSION MOMENT

Since the Taliban took control of Afghanistan in August 2021, an atmosphere of uncertainty has prevailed in the country.

Large numbers of people fled to urban centres in hopes of escaping the country, leaving their homes and livelihoods



behind. As a result, many are struggling to make ends meet and many more are facing severe hunger. Presbyterian World Service & Development is responding by providing emergency food assistance. Through an ecumenical collaboration with members of Canadian Foodgrains Bank, monthly cash distributions will be supplied to some of the families experiencing the greatest need. As a result, around 2,550 families will be able to purchase food and pay for necessary items. This emergency food assistance is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development, in collaboration with Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

### DAILY PRAYERS

**Sunday, May 1** We pray for people in Afghanistan who are facing severe hunger, and we give thanks for the food assistance that Presbyterian World Service & Development and Canadian Foodgrains Bank are providing them with support from the PCC.

**Monday, May 2** We pray for the candidates for ministry and guidance counsellors as they engage in the shared process of vocational discernment during Guidance Conference this week.

Tuesday, May 3 We pray for peace throughout the world.

**Wednesday, May 4** We pray for members of the Women's Missionary Society Council during their biennial meeting today.

**Thursday, May 5** We pray for the safety of all those who risk their lives to help and save others.

**Friday, May 6** We pray for the safety and recovery of all those affected by flooding in British Columbia.

**Saturday, May 7** We pray for people, families and communities affected by the opioid crisis. Grant healing and strength to all who struggle with substance abuse and addictions.



# Joy to the world

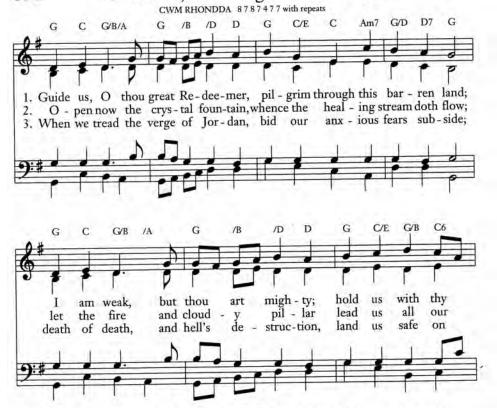


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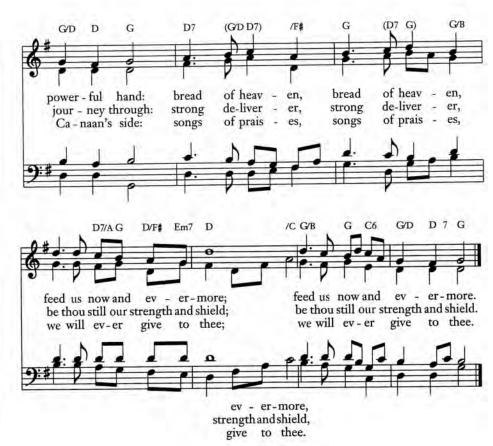


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# Jesus calls us here to meet him

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### Will you come and follow me

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