

# Quispamsis United Church

January 16th, 2022 - Second Sunday After Epiphany

**Liturgical Colour:** Green

**Presider:** Rev. Richard Bowley

**Musician:** Stephen Alexander

**Reader:** Sally Allanach

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**Centering Passage:** *Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.*

*Psalm 127:1-2*

## GATHERING TOGETHER

**Welcome**

**Acknowledgement of Territories**

**Celebrations & Announcements**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

This light, kindled in our presence, is a symbol for the light of Christ burning in our hearts, kindling us to actions, inspiring in us a deep love. May this light continue to burn in us through worship and beyond.

**Opening Music**

Jesus Shall Reign - Hatton/Berry

**Greeting**

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):**

Christ calls us into this time of worship.

**We come with open ears, minds, and hearts.**

What we do here makes the time, the space, our very selves sacred.

**And so, we honour ourselves, this space, and this time as we worship together.**

**Opening Prayer**

God of Justice and Grace, throughout the Gospels we see many sides of Christ, but don't often bring the angry Christ to mind. When he comes to us in your word, we feel confronted, disjointed, and yet he brings with his anger revelation and a reminder of your Holy place in our lives. He was angry with how people treated your house. He was angry with how people treated

one another. May his anger kindle within us a flame that drives us to combat injustices that we see in the world. It is in his name that we pray. AMEN

**Hymn:** For the Healing of the Nations VU 678 (vs 1, 3, & 4)

- 1 For the healing of the nations,  
God, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.**
- 3 All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span.**
- 4 You, Creator-God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that, by our response and service,  
earth its destiny may find.**

### **LISTENING FOR TRUTH**

**Theme Conversation** What makes us angry?

**Prayer of Confession (Unison):**

**O Passionate One, there are many times in our lives where our emotions, our anger, have gotten the best of us. We do not seek forgiveness for this because you gifted us with a full range of emotions to feel, but we do ask that you forgive us those times where letting our emotions rule us has led to the harm of others. Forgive us when our joy has come at the expense of another's pain; where our anger has been misplaced and destructive; where our fear has been of what we don't understand. Encourage us to be aware of how we feel, and how we express ourselves. If we fear something, may we be driven to deeper understanding. If we are raging, let it be against injustices and systems of oppression in the world. If we are to dance for joy, let it be because all of God's children are embraced and celebrated and loved. Forgive us, we pray. Guide us, we pray. AMEN**

## **Affirmation of God's Love**

In Christ we see ourselves, especially when he is less than perfect, less than serene. In him we find forgiveness and purpose as we strive for a world of love. Thanks be to God for the grace that we find, and the way that we are called to walk. AMEN

## **Reaffirmation of Faith (Unison):**

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

## **We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

## **We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us. We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Reading:** John 2:13-25

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

**Anthem**

**Message**                      When Jesus Loses His Cool

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**Hymn:**                              Jesus Christ is Waiting

VU 117 (Vs 1-4)

- 1**     **Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;  
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.  
\*Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.  
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.**
  
- 2**     **Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,  
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.  
\*Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.  
In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.**
  
- 3**     **Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;  
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.  
\*Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.  
Let my care be active, healing just like you.**
  
- 4**     **Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,  
where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.  
\*Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.  
On suspicion's graveyard let me dance with you.**

#### **How Can I Give?**

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](http://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:** For the Gift of Creation VU 538

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,  
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,  
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.  
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

**Prayer of Dedication (Unison):**

**Bless us, O God. Bless what we give of ourselves: our time, talent, and treasure. Bless also our joy, that it may be complete. Bless the rage that unseats tyrants. Bless the fear of the world that diminishes the more that we get to know the wonders of creation. Bless us, O God, as we bring our whole selves to you. We ask this in the name of the one who feels deeply and flips tables. AMEN**

**Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:** My Soul Cries Out MV 120 (vs 1, 3, & 4)

**1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?**

**Refrain**

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn!**

3. From the halls of power to the fortress tower,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears,  
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn.
4. Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
'til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around. R

## SENDING FORTH

### Commissioning (Responsive):

Christ calls us from this time of worship.

**We go with open hearts and open arms to embrace the world.**

How we treat the world, how we treat one another shows us to be his followers.

**So, we honour the world, it's people, because in everyone and in everything, God finds a home.**

### Benediction

Now go inspired by God, partnered with Christ, and guided by the Holy Spirit, to love a world that God so loves.

### Choral Closing:

Behold, Behold

MV 115

**Behold! Behold! I make all things new,  
beginning with you and starting from today.**

**Behold! Behold! I make all things new,  
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way!**

### Closing Music:

The Heavens Declare His Glory - Beethoven