

# Plymouth-Trinity United Church

The United Church of Canada

First Sunday in Epiphany

January 8, 2012

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\* the congregation standing, as able

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

OT: Old Testament

NT: New Testament



Plymouth-Trinity  
Est. 1835

### Prelude

### Welcome

**Announcements**—Life and Work of the Church

(a time of silence and centering)

### Candle-lighting

#### \* **Introit**

(VU 647)

Travel on, travel on, there's a spirit that is flowing,  
a spirit that is flowing night and day.

Travel on, travel on, with the spirit that is flowing,  
the spirit will be with us all the way.

Travel on, travel on, with the river that is flowing,  
the Spirit will be with us all the way.

#### \* **Call to Worship**

#### \* **Prayer of Approach**

* <b>Hymn</b>	Morning Has Broken	VU 409
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### Prayer of Confession

The Holy Voice is over the waters;

**but when the waters are rough,  
our fear can beat a rhythm louder  
than the pulsing of the Spirit.**

The Holy Voice is powerful;

**but voices of desire, comfort, success and power  
call to us seductively and persuasively,  
and we turn from God.**

The Holy Voice flashes forth flames of fire;

**to light our path and warm our hearts,  
but there are times when we prefer the shadows,  
when we prefer to linger in the cold of night.**

## Words of Assurance

- \* **Doxology** Joy, joy, joy; glad tidings of great joy!  
(VU 47) For through God's holy incarnation  
Christ is born for our salvation.  
Joy, joy, joy; glad tidings of great joy!

## Children's Time – Journey with Love Prayer

### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

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| <b>Reading</b> | Genesis 1:1-5<br><i>For everything there is a season.</i><br>Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.<br><b>Thanks be to God.</b> | OT 1   |
| <b>Psalm</b>   | Psalm 29   | VU 756 |
| <b>Reading</b> | Acts 19:1-7<br><i>Paul in Ephesus.</i><br>Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.<br><b>Thanks be to God.</b>                    | NT 139 |

## Gospel

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| * <b>Hymn</b> | Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized | VU 99 |
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**Meditation** – I am Called to New Beginnings  
**Personal Reflection** (in silence, followed by organ)

### WE GO FORTH IN PRAYER AND HOPE

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| * <b>Hymn</b> | Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song<br>(vs. 2, 3 en français) | VU 641 |
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## Minute for Mission Offering

\* **Offertory**  
(VU 87)      When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and the shepherds  
have found their way home,  
the work of Christmas is begun:

**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.

**Prayer of Dedication** (in unison)

O God, Your blessings come daily.  
Your love for us grounds us through thick and thin.  
May we share whatever bounty we have on the journey.  
Amen.

**Prayer Hymn** Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
(MVU 18)      pure and holy and true;  
with thanksgiving, I’ll be a living  
sanctuary for you.

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer** (Aramaic version)

O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos,  
    you create all that moves in light.  
O Thou! The breathing life of all,  
    Creator of the shimmering sound that touches us,  
    Respiration of all worlds,  
    we hear you breathing—in and out—in silence.  
Source of sound: in the roar and the whisper,  
    in the breeze and the whirlwind, we hear your name.  
Radiant one: you shine within us,  
    outside us—even darkness shines-when we remember.  
Name of Names, our small identity unravels in you,  
    you give it back as a lesson.  
Wordless Action, silent potency—  
    where ears and eyes awaken, there heaven comes.  
O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos!

\* **Hymn**      Arise, Your Light Is Come

VU 79

\* **Commissioning and Blessing**

\* **Choral Amen**

**Postlude**      In dir ist Freude (J. S. Bach)

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A **warm welcome** to all who are worshipping with us! May the gentle winds of the Spirit fill you with peace and hope.

**Bienvenue** à l'Eglise Unie Plymouth-Trinity! Il y a des **Bibles en français** disponibles sur la table à l'entrée pour ceux qui en désirent.

If you are a visitor please make yourself known to those around you, sign our guest book and join us for a cup of **Fair Trade** coffee or glass of juice at the front of the church after the service. Visitors, please take a peace candle back to your congregation.

### **We thank our volunteers**

**Reader:** Kristi Roht

**Ushers:** Dorothy Imbeault & Hazel Innes

**Sexton:** Robert Stratton



**Omission from last week:** **Thank you** to the Mallory/Lunkenbein and Bailey/Elkas families for looking after communion and all ushering on Christmas Eve.

**Offering envelopes:** Due to a slight mix-up, offering envelopes for 2012 are available as of this week (rather than last Sunday). In a new, environmentally friendly practice, this year's envelopes are relabelled envelopes from previous years that would otherwise have gone to waste.

**Annual report:** Deadline for contributions is the **week of January 15**. Please speak or write to Vivienne ([vivgal@sympatico.ca](mailto:vivgal@sympatico.ca)) if you cannot deliver at that time.

**Leftover bulletins:** Please take one to P-T members in your neighbourhood who did not get to church this morning. If you do not use your bulletin after you leave worship on Sunday, please leave it on the back table or give it to Inge for distribution to our shut-ins in homes and residences.

**Bulletin covers:** The bulletin covers this morning were donated by Carol & Michel Gosselin in memory of Michel's parents, Philius & Helen Gosselin.

**Secretary:** Michael is in the office on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Please have all bulletin items to the office by email [plymouthtrinitychurch@gmail.com](mailto:plymouthtrinitychurch@gmail.com) (or by mail or phone) by Thursday.

**Mitten tree:** We once again have an outlet for idle fingers this winter! Mental Health Estrie prepares festive “HUGS” packages (Hats, Underwear, Gloves, Socks) at this time of year for residents at the homeless shelter Accueil Poirier and the residence for the 18-30 age group, Source Soleil. The gift bags contain knitted hats, gloves, scarves and socks in adult sizes (especially for men, since 80% of the homeless are men), either hand-made or bought. Our “mitten tree” is ready to receive any “fruit” you can provide.

**Happy Birthday** to Denis Ashby, who celebrates today.

### **THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday, January 10:** UCW will meet at the church at 7:30 PM.

**Wednesday, January 11:** Weekly prayer group in the chapel at 1:30 PM.

**Wednesday, January 11:** Bible Study at 12:00 PM led by Carol Gosselin, right before the prayer group.

**Wednesday, January 11:** Important supper meeting for members of Church Council and Trustees from **5:00 to 8:30 PM**. Montreal and Ottawa Conference staff person, the Rev. Doug Stewart, will lead an information session on options for Church organisation, sharing with us various ways to structure church government so it functions efficiently despite declining numbers. Please confirm your presence to Council President **Ann Fowlis** by Monday at the latest: by email [fowlis@sympatico.ca](mailto:fowlis@sympatico.ca) or by phone at 819-564-1030.

**Thursday, January 12:** Education & Outreach will meet at the church at 1:30 PM.

### **NEXT WEEK**

**Tuesday, January 17:** Church Council will meet at the church at 7:30 PM.