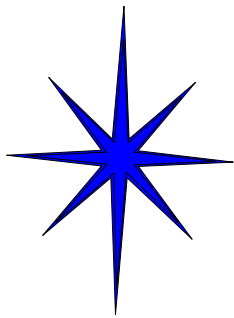


The Church of the Epiphany

A Service of Thanksgiving



**March 26, 2006
4 p.m.**

**The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
and the Deconsecration of the Building of
Epiphany-Winniett (formerly All Saints Anglican Church)**

Processional Hymn 525 - *The Church's One Foundation*

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

People: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Almighty God,
All: **to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison #706 (sung three times)

Bishop: O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,
look favourably upon your whole Church, that
wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual
working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity
the plan of salvation. Let the whole world see and
know that things which were cast down are being
raised up, and things which had grown old are
being made new, and that all things are being
brought to their perfection by him through whom
all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our
Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Hymn 502 *You Are Salt For the Earth*

1 Peter 2:1-5, 9-10

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation **#707**

Holy God, Holy and mighty,

Holy immortal one, have mercy upon us

The Holy Gospel: John 21:15-17

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel Acclamation #707

**Holy God, Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal one, have mercy upon us**

Sermon The Rt Rev'd Robert Bennett

Solo: *John Avey* "*Bless this house*"

The Nicene Creed

Bishop: Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All: **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Leader: For the Church universal, of which this building has been a visible symbol,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For Bruce, Bishop of Huron, Robert, Bishop of Norfolk, for Caleb our Metropolitan and Andrew, our Primate; for all clergy and people who have served in your name,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For your presence in this place whenever two or three have gathered in your name,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For this place where we have been still and known that you are God,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For our past and for a vision of the future that lies ahead,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the pardon of our sins when we have fallen short of your glory,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the holy Eucharist in which we have a foretaste of your eternal kingdom,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For all the benefactors of this place who have died in the peace of Christ and are at rest.

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the creation of the Church of the Epiphany, and for the new life and hope it brings.

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the fellowship of all your saints,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: O God, from living and chosen stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling place for your majesty. Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit those who serve you may always be kept within your presence. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Bishop: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Bishop: Most merciful God,

All: **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Bishop: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn **619 - Fairest Lord Jesus**

Prayer over the Gifts:

Father, hear the prayers of your faithful people. Grant that all who celebrate this Eucharist may please you by the offering of themselves and the fulfilling of your will. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Bishop: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
heaven itself cannot contain you
And your glory fills all the world.
You accept our setting apart of places for your
worship,
and in them pour out your gifts of grace upon your
faithful people.
This table is a sign to us of the heavenly altar,
where your saints and angels praise you.
Here we have recalled the sacrifice of your Son;
here we have been fed with the body and blood of
your Son;
here our sins have been forgiven;
here we have tasted the joys of your eternal
kingdom.
Grant that in these mysteries
we may be united with one another
and strengthened for service in your world.
Therefore with angels and archangels
and those who worship you in every age,
we raise our voices in joyful praise
to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Bishop: We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your
Son.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and
death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

All: Therefore, Father, according to his command,
**we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Bishop: and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament of the body of
Christ and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in
Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that
city of light where you dwell with all your sons and
daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the
firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

The Breaking of the Bread

Bishop: We break this bread,

All: **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Bishop: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit
in dying.

All: **If we have died with him,
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

The Communion

Bishop: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(All who seek to know and follow Jesus are welcome at our altar.)

Communion Hymns

48 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

51 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling

70 Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts

During ablutions: **John Avey** “*The Lord’s Prayer*”

Prayer after Communion

Bishop: Father, you have given us this time of joy and have nourished us in heavenly things. Grant that we may show in our lives the love of Christ who is our God and Saviour. **Amen.**

Bishop: Glory to God,
All: **whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

An Act of Thanksgiving

Bishop: We who are gathered here know that this building, which has been consecrated and set apart for the ministry of God’s Holy Word and Sacraments, will no longer be used in this way.

Let us offer our thanks for God’s work through this building.

At the Altar

Bishop: Loving Father, here at this table we have gathered together to be fed with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. May we who have shared his body, live his risen life. We, who have shared his cup, bring life to others. We, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. May we who have been fed by Christ be filled with his grace and blessing. **Amen.**

At the Choir

Bishop: We give you thanks, Lord our God, for all those who have lifted their voices to praise you in song. May we never cease in our praise of you, that the whole world may know that you are God. **Amen.**

At the Lectern.

Bishop: Almighty God, your eternal Word speaks to us through the words of holy Scripture. Here we have read of your mighty acts and purposes in history, and here we have learned about those whom you have chosen to be agents of your will. May we always seek to hear and follow your word.
Amen.

At the Chancel steps:

Bishop: Life-giving Spirit, here you have confirmed your people in their Baptismal vows. Here you have blessed those who have come to be made husband and wife. May your Spirit be always with your people that they may know your power and your love. **Amen.**

At the Font.

Bishop: We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. May all those who have been baptized in this place ever live as people made new by your Spirit. **Amen.**

[The bishop, accompanied by the servers and the clergy of the parish, proceeds to the back of the church. The congregation stands and turns towards them.]

The Deconsecration

Bishop: To many of you, this building has been hallowed by cherished memories, and we know that you will suffer a sense of loss. We pray that you will be comforted by the knowledge that the presence of God is not tied to any place or building. This congregation is not disbanded, but has found new life in the creation of the Church of the Epiphany. The furnishings and memorials associated with this building will become part of the new joint worship space at Epiphany-Wellington.

Let the Bishop's Declaration of Secularization now be read.

The declaration is read and signed in the presence of the people.

Bishop: Let us pray.
Lord God, in your great goodness you once accepted to your honour and glory this building, now secularized: Receive our praise and thanksgiving, for the blessings, help, and comfort which you have given your people in this place. Continue your saving work in the Church of the Epiphany, and help your people to recognise your presence as they move forward in faith. May we always be conscious of your unchanging love for us, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bishop: Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Church doors are opened by Len Fallowfield, former warden of All Saints, who opened the doors for Bishop Luxton when the expanded building was consecrated in 1963.

The Bishop leads the procession to the vehicles, followed by those taking furnishings, the clergy and choir, and the congregation. The vehicle procession makes its way to Epiphany-Wellington.

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The furnishings are placed in the centre of the Nave at Epiphany-Wellington. The clergy and people gather around them, each with a ribbon or streamer.

The Bishop knocks at the church door. The doors are opened by Len Fallowfield and Constance Clark, representatives of the congregation.

As the Bishop enters the church, a fanfare is played and the people wave their ribbons/streamers in greeting.

Prayer of hope and thanksgiving

Bishop: Let us pray. Almighty God, watchful and caring, our source and our end, all that we are and all that we have are yours. Accept us now, as we give thanks to you for this place of worship which is being renewed. May this be a place where memories are hallowed and which sets before us a vision of your kingdom. Here we gather to praise your name, to ask your

forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your word, and to be nourished by the body and blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and to judge, to illumine and to bless your people. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Choir anthem ***Should I Rehearse with Human Voice***
(Hymn 495)

The Blessing

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

People: **From this time forth for evermore.**

Bishop: May the God of mercy continue to transform you by his grace
✠ And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Hymn 312 - ***Sing A New Song***

Refrain

Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

1. **Yah-weh's people dance for joy. O come before the Lord and play for him on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound. (Refrain)**
2. **Rise, O children, from your sleep your Saviour now has come. He has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your sould with song. (Refrain)**
3. **Glad my soul, for I have seen the glory of the Lord. The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised. I know my Saviour lives. (Refrain)**

Dismissal

Bishop: **Go in peace to love and serve the Lord**

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Church of the Epiphany invites you to join us in the Grey Hall for a light supper and time of fellowship.

Special Note

The flowers on the altar are given by Ila and Len, to the glory of God and in celebration for all the years of family ministry.

The flowers on the Memorial Altar are given to the glory of God and in Thanksgiving for the entire ministry that has taken place in this building.

Questions?

As we prepare to leave Epiphany-Winniatt (formerly All Saints), many people have questions. Here are the most common ones we have heard!

Q: What's happening to the furniture?

A: All of the church furnishings will be moved to Wellington, where they will be used in the new worship space. The tables and chairs from downstairs will be assessed to see what is still in good shape, and then also moved to Wellington.

Q: The Organ Chimes?

A: The chimes are going to be re-installed at Wellington. We are hoping to sell the organ. (and have had some interest).

Q: The Stained Glass?

A: These will be removed in April and stored until they are fitted into the window at Wellington (yes, there is room for all the Winniatt windows!).

Q: Memorial Items?

A: All memorials are going with us to Wellington. (This includes the Memorial Altar.)

We have had prints made of a sketch of All Saints Church, drawn by parishioner Pat Neill (now deceased). These are available for purchase through the parish office (537-3921) at a cost of 10.00 each.