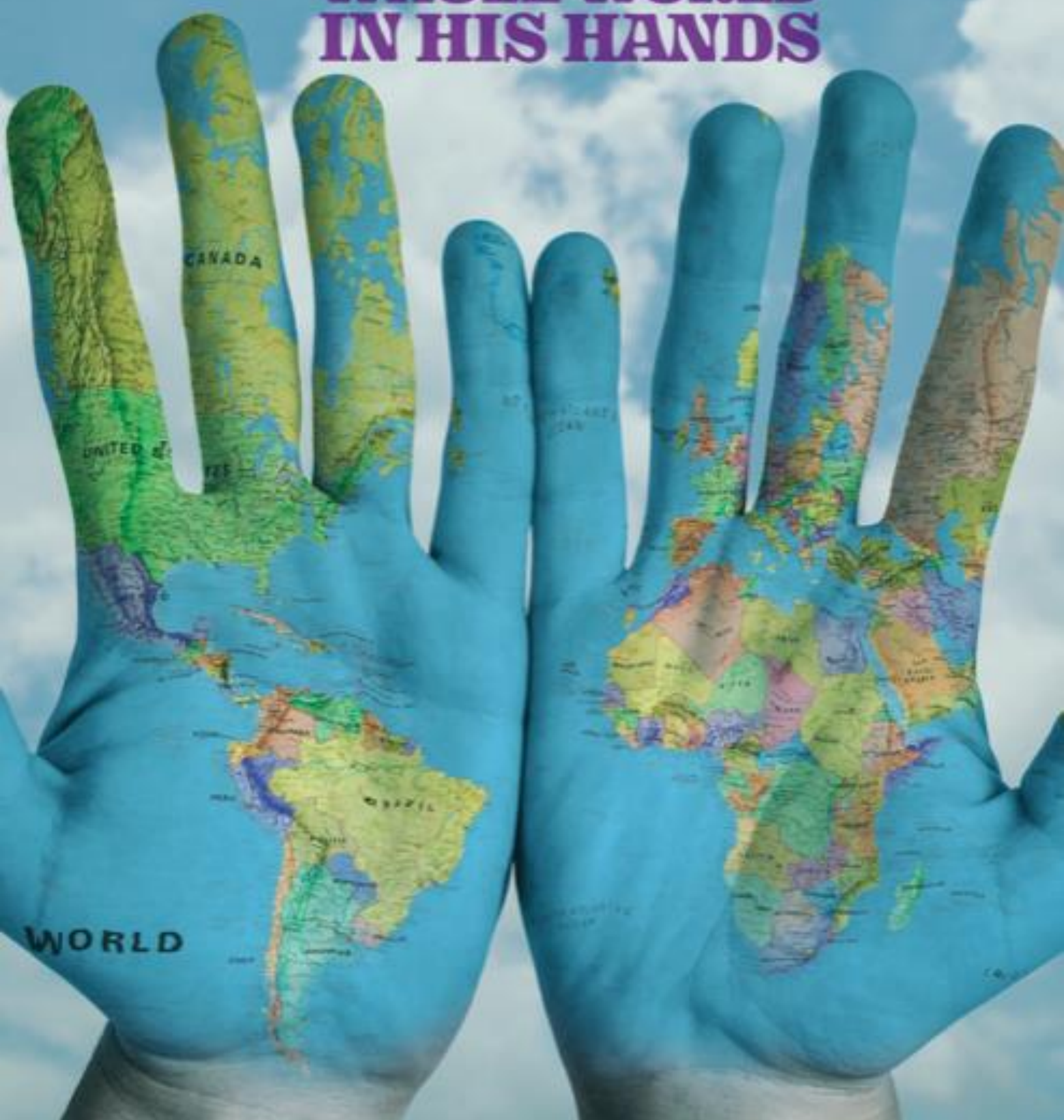


Prince of Peace

**GOD HAS THE
WHOLE WORLD
IN HIS HANDS**



Sunday January 31, 2021

4th Sunday after Epiphany / POP Annual Congregation Meeting 12PM

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Introduction:

As we continue through the season of Epiphany we meet up with Jesus who calls out evil when it comes near. Jesus spoke with authority that was refreshing and shocking to his listeners. That same word is still speaking in our hearts today, a word of truth, a word of healing, a word of hope. God is with us, even in all that we face right now. In good times and in bad, God is holding your life.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity + one God,
Whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

Holy God,

You search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways.

We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin-

Our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.

We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love.

We distrust those who are not like us.

We exploit the earth and its resources

and fail to consider generations to come.

Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone.

Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them;

Receive them in your divine mercy.

Amen.

How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of ✝ Christ Jesus,

our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved.

You are forgiven. God is holding your life. In that gift of God's forgiveness

we are called to be the beloved community living our Christ's justice

and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

Amen.

May 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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe, into your radiant presence and continually reveal your son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and you're your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Moment

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (*New Revised Standard Edition*)

¹⁵ The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶ This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God anymore, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷ Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹ Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰ But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Psalms: 111 (*New Revised Standard Edition*)

¹ Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

³ Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸ They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28 (*New Revised Standard Edition*)

The Man with an Unclean Spirit

²¹ They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴ and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He^[a] commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Message

Song: "Rise, O Sun of Righteousness" 657 Christian David et al.; Frank W. Stoldt, b.1958; Music: Bohemian Brethren, 1566 Sonne Der Gerechtheit 77774

1. Rise, O Sun of righteousness
With your might creation bless.
Shine upon your church today
Showing all your gentle way
Have mercy, Lord.

2. Rouse our hearts from slumber deep
May your word within us leap
Give us voices to proclaim
praises to your holy name.
Have mercy, Lord.

3. Gather in your scattered flock
Give us water from the rock.
Bless the unity we share
In our shepherds loving care.
Have mercy, Lord.

4. Burst the bars of stubborn pride
Make the heav'nly pathway wide.
Raise us up from sin and death
With your Spirit's living breath.
Have mercy, Lord.

5. Honor, praise and glory be to the holy Trinity!
May your gracious will be done: make us one, as you are one,
Have mercy, Lord.

Apostles Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

The Peace

Announcements

POP Annual meeting will take place today at noon on Zoom. You will receive a link by email. Reports will be sent in pdf format by email. Thank you!

This year Lent begins on February 17-**Lent Altar-We need LARGE colorful glass bottles. Do you have any that you could lend? Or any ideas where we could find some?** We are also **Searching for Sea Glass! The Lent at Home bags need sea glass. Do you have any that you can part with? Have you bought more than you need? We can use it!**

In January & February you can watch our worship services on Facebook each Sunday at 9:30 AM. We hope to be able to gather together safely later in the New Year! In the meantime, stay home, stay warm and stay safe!

The 2021 POP envelopes are here! If you would like to receive yours by mail, please email the office with your preferred address Attention Donna at princeofpeacebrockton@gmail.com or dplouffe16@gmail.com thank you!

Bible study on Wednesday 10 am Live or taped on our facebook page. **“New” Thirsty Thursday video** also on facebook. Send in your pics by Tuesday check in for the theme of the week.

Prayers of Intercession

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Sing Response: **God is holding your life, God is holding your life, God is holding your life, we believe. (sing twice)**

For all who share the gospel and proclaim freedom in Christ throughout the world: prophets, teachers, pastors, deacons, lay leaders; for the church and its ministries, Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For government and leaders: cities and nations, rescue professionals and legal aid attorneys, elected officials and for all responsible for the well-being of civil society, Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God. And for others**

For those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit: those who are sick and hospitalized, those struggling with mental illness, those who are hungry or homeless, and all in any need (*especially*); for caregivers, hospice workers and home health aides, Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the concerns of this congregation: those who travel, those absent from worship, those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries: for the people of God in this place and for other needs in our community, Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sing Response: **God is holding your life, God is holding your life, God is holding your life, we believe. (sing twice)**

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing:

May God, the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
And the Holy Spirit, the comforter, keep you in peace.
Go in the knowledge that
God is holding your life
You are not alone.
You are loved. **Amen.**

Hymn: "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

658 Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr, Ray

Palmer, 1808 -87, alt.; Music W. Gardiner, Sacred Melodies 1815

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1.O Jesus, joy of loving hearts
The fount of life, the love of all
From ev'ry bliss that earth imparts
We turn, unfilled to hear your call.

3.For you our restless spirits yearn,
where-e'er our changing lot is cast
glad when your smile on us you turn
Blest when by faith we hold you fast.

2.We taste you, ever-living bread
And long to feast upon you still
We drink of you, the fountainhead
Our thirsting souls from you we fill.

4.O Jesus ever with us stay!
Make all our moments fair and bright!
Oh, chase the night of sin away
Shed o'er the world your holy light.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Thanks for joining us!

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