

Open minds and loving hearts
All are Welcome

The Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 27, 2019
10:30 am

FAMILY EUCHARIST



A warm welcome to all, especially those who are worshipping with us for the first time this morning. We hope your time here today will be a blessing to you, as your presence is a blessing to us. *All who come in sincerity are welcome to receive Holy Communion this morning.*

GATHERING

Opening Words

Processional Hymn: **I Part of the Family**

Refrain:

Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.

1. You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
So share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family.
God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family.

Refrain

2. Children and elders, middlers and teens,
singles and doubles and in-betweens,
strong eighty fivers and street-wise sixteens,
for we are a part of the family.
Greeters and shoppers, long time and new,
nobody here has a claim on a pew;
and whether we're many or whether we're few,
we are a part of the family.

Refrain

3. There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family.
There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family.

Refrain

The God of love is with us.
The Spirit of love is in us.

Risen Lord, light of all peoples, come stand among us.
**Scatter the darkness before us
that we may walk as children of light.**

Opening Prayer

The Lord of light be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
Lord God, who by the incarnation of Jesus cast away the
darkness of the world, be near us as the dark approaches
and dispel the gloom of night that we may see your light
and that your brightness may shine through us to your glory; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

A Hymn of Praise

God brings light to our darkened lives.
Let us praise the God of light!
O Christ, be our light;
O Lord, shine in the darkness and guide us on our path.

O Christ, be our shield;
O Lord, enfold us in your love and protect us in your care.

O Christ, surround us;
O Lord, be under us and be over us.

O Christ, embrace us;
O Lord, be beside us, on left and on right.

O Christ, lead and support us;
O Lord, be before us and be behind us.

O Christ, encompass us;
O Lord, be within us and all around us.

O Christ, encompass us;
O Lord, be within us and all around us.

O Christ, be our light;
O Lord, illumine and guide us on our way. Amen.

A Prayer for the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
by grace alone you call us
and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit,
and make us worthy of your call;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. AMEN.**

Praise Song: I am the Church

Refrain:

I am the Church. You are the Church.
We are the church together.
All who follow Jesus all around the world,
Yes! We're the Church together.

The Church is not a building. The church is not a steeple.
The Church is not a resting place. The Church is a people. Refrain

We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,
All colours and all ages too, from all times and places. Refrain

Sometimes the Church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning,
Sometimes its riding, sometime hiding, always it's learning. Refrain

And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying,
There's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying: Refrain

I count if I am ninety, or nine or just a baby,
There's one thing I am sure about an I don't mean maybe: Refrain

PROCLAMATION

First Reading:

A Reading from the the First Letter to the Corinthians

The body of Christ has many different parts, just as any other body does. Some of us are Jews, and others are Gentiles. Some of us are slaves, and others are free. But God's Spirit baptized each of us and made us part of the body of Christ. Now we each drink from that same Spirit. Our bodies don't have just one part. They have many parts. Suppose a foot says, "I'm not a hand, and so I'm not part of the body." Wouldn't the foot still belong to the body? Or suppose an ear says, "I'm not an eye, and so I'm not part of the body." Wouldn't the ear still belong to the body? If our bodies were only an eye, we couldn't hear a thing. And if they were only an ear, we couldn't smell a thing. But God has put all parts of our body together in the way that he decided is best. A body isn't really a body, unless there is more than one part. It takes many parts to make a single body. That's why the eyes cannot say they don't need the hands. That's also why the head cannot say it doesn't need the feet. If one part of our body hurts, we hurt all over. If one part of our body is honoured, the whole body will be happy. Together you are the body of Christ. Each one of you is part of his body. First, God chose some people to be apostles and prophets and teachers for the church. But he also chose some to work miracles or heal the sick or help others or be leaders or speak different kinds of languages. Not everyone is an apostle. Not everyone is a prophet. Not everyone is a teacher. Not everyone can work miracles. Not everyone can heal the sick. Not everyone can speak different kinds of languages. Not everyone can tell what these languages mean. I want you to desire the best gifts.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: Here I am Lord (vv. 1,2) Mission Praise # 857

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

(4:14-21)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn: Here I am Lord (v. 3)

Mission Praise # 857

Sermon

An Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in God.

**We believe in God above us,
maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth,
of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ,
the Word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.**

A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.

He descended into the earth to the place of death.

On the third day he rose from the tomb.

**He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present,
and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Forgiveness

We gather together in search of wholeness, but our brokenness separates us from God and from one another. Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbour.

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people.
We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.**

We turn away from the poor, we ignore cries for justice, and we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace

God makes peace within us.

Let us claim it.

God makes peace between us.

Let us share it.

Announcements and Offertory

CELEBRATION

Offertory Hymn: Come O God of All the Earth

Common Praise # 589

Prayer over the Gifts (together)

Loving God,

before the world began you called us.

Make holy all we offer you this day,

and strengthen us in that calling.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. AMEN.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

All things are yours, O God of creation.

And so we return our gifts of treasure to you.

Blessed are you, O God of creation, through whose goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made;

May it become for us the bread of life.

Blessed are you, O God of creation, through whose goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands;

May it become for us the cup of blessing.

Receive these gifts, dear God, and accept in them the sacrifice of our selves.

In life and in death may we be an offering to you for ever.

We offer you praise and hearts lifted high, O God, whose light enlightens every human being, and whose love offers to all hope for new life. And so with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea, and sky, with the light of sun and stars, with angels of light, with saints of heaven and of earth, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

The Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy

Lord God of power and might,

Heaven and earth

are full of your glory.

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing Alleluia!

Blessed blessed is he

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing Alleluia!

The Eucharistic Prayer

Holy in the heights of heaven, holy in the depths of earth, O God, your glory knows no bounds, and your love is without end. The Word that was in the beginning, and through whom all things were made, you sent to dwell among us, full of grace and truth, that believing in him we may have springs of life within. We bless you that in love for the world, your Son laid down his life and overcame death's powers to be our hope of life everlasting; that in love he poured out his Spirit to lead us through encircling darkness into all

truth; and that in love he returned to the Source of Light to draw all the earth to himself.

To the very end Jesus loved those whom he had been given, and prayed that this love might be in them. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is broke for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." in the same way he took wine and, having given thanks for it, poured it out and gave the cup to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood which is poured out for you.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering his eternal self-giving, we proclaim the mystery of Christ among us. Made one with him, and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy living sacrifice.

Hear us now, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be heaven's food and drink for us, for you are the living bread that comes down from heaven to give life to the world; you are the true vine without whom we can do nothing. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, almighty God, world without end.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Bread of life, nourish our souls.

Light of the world, shine in our hearts.

The Sharing of a Holy Meal

*(All who come in faith are welcome
to receive Holy Communion this morning.)*

Communion Hymns: **I Surrender All**
I Watch the Sunrise

Solo: Colleen Austin

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky,
Casting its shadows near.
And on this morning bright though it be,
I feel those shadows near me.

REFRAIN

But you are always close to me,
Following all my ways.
May I be always close to you.
Following all your ways, Lord.

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds,
Warming the earth below.
And at the mid-day, life seems to say:
"I feel your brightness near me."

REFRAIN

For you are always close to me....

I watch the sunset fading away,
Lighting the clouds with sleep.
And as the evening closes its eyes,
I feel your presence near me.

REFRAIN

For you are always close to me....

I watch the moonlight guarding the night,
Waiting till morning comes.
The air is silent, earth is at rest -
Only your peace is near me.

REFRAIN

Yes you are always close to me....

SENDING

Prayer after Communion

(together)

Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

**O God, in love you have called us to be your people,
and in love we have shared this bread and wine.
May the flame of your love be rekindled in our hearts
by this holy meal and may its light guide us
on our journey and lead us home to you;
in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer,
and Sanctifier. Amen.**

Lord of all light, as we go forth into the world,
we extinguish the lights that here represent
the presence of the Holy in our midst,

**But we will carry the light in our hearts,
and we pray that as we go about
our work in the world,
we will shine with the love of God. Amen.**

The Blessing

May the light of Christ be in hearts,
the small light that glows like a great fire,
the warm light that feels like a great love,
the bright light that leads us on our way.

And may Christ's love so fill us
that we may be lights to the world.

And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn: You Are Salt for the Earth

Common Praise # 502

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world to share the light of Christ.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

