



The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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Worship Service

Sundays 10:30 AM

3201 Mountain Highway, North Vancouver, BC V7K 2H4

WELCOME — Rev. Franklyn James

HYMN: Bread of Life, My Soul MV #194 – Frank

INVITATION - Rev. Franklyn James

One: May God be with us.

ALL: God is here among us.

One: Let us open our hearts to God.

ALL: We open them to God and to one another.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Rev. Eric Hamlyn

Eternal God, Maker of heaven and earth, we join with all your people to give you thanks and praise.

You formed the universe in your wisdom and created all things by your grace.

We praise you for all your good gifts: the witness of saints and prophets; the work of faithful women and men; this earth in all its blessing and promise; and this bread, once scattered, now brought together and made one.

In the hope that your people may be brought together from the ends of the earth into your reign of justice and compassion, we gather with those of every time and every place to give you praise and glory:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

INSTITUTION NARRATIVE - **Rev. Hamlyn & Rev. James**

One: Why do we eat bread at this table?

We gather at this table to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his friends, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Each time you do this, remember me."

One: Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

That same night, Jesus also took a cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying:

"Drink. This cup, poured out for you, is the promise of God. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

One: What do we remember at this table?

We remember Jesus' death and celebrate his resurrection;
we await with hope his coming again
to bring peace and justice to the earth;
and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

PRAYER OF SELF-GIVING - Rev. Eric Hamlyn

O God, Redeemer of all things,
with grateful thanks we offer this bread and wine,
fruits of your earth and of our labour,
signs of your redemptive purpose for our lives
and for all your creation.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

***ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.***

EPICLESIS - Rev. Franklyn James

One: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your church.

ALL: That we who eat and drink at Christ's table may share in his life.

One: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth,

ALL: and make it your new creation.

One: Gather your church together from the ends of the earth into your realm where peace and justice are revealed—

ALL: That we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Rev. Hamlyn & Rev. James

O God through the prophets you said your temple shall be a house of prayer for all nations.

We pray for you people who gather around your table today. that by the sharing of our resources and by the work of your hand, that one day there would be plenty to eat for all.

The cup we will drink from reminds us that in many places there is not good clean water to drink freely.

We pray that by the work of those who are bringing tools to make that happen and by the work of your hand that one day all can drink from clear waters.

By linking hands and hearts we know there is unrest and wars across this earth that effect so many lives.

We pray that by the work for peace and by the work of your son, the prince of peace that one day your peace will rule in the lives of all.

By linking our hearts, we are made aware that many suffer from pain, illness, diseases, unknown suffering and death.

We pray that by the work of the medical providers, caregivers, healers, and by your hand of healing that one day they would be healed.

We pray that this meal that has brought us closer to you, the meal that is a means of grace, fills our hearts and souls that we live our lives fully for you in what we say and what we do.

We thank you for this shared meal and for all the many ways you feed us throughout our lives with your love and mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER - *Retranslation from the Aramaic*

ALL: O Breathing Life,

Your Name shines everywhere!

Release a space to plant your Presence here.

Imagine your possibilities now.

Embody your desire in every light and form.

Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom.

***Untie the knots of failure binding us,
as we release the strands we hold of others' faults.***

Help us not forget our Source,

Yet free us from not being in the Present.

***From you arises every Vision, Power and Song
from gathering to gathering.***

Amen - May our future actions grow from here!

FRACTION AND DISTRIBUTION — Rev. Franklyn James

One: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God

HYMN: Come and Fill Our Heart – More Voices #16

- *Sung during a brief pause for people to have their elements.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

ALL: Holy God, God of all people and places, you have called us by name and promised us your abiding love. Unite us as we celebrate our connection

to the multitudes who gather around feasts as we do, feasts that name you present in Jesus Christ.

Surprise us as we leave this place of sanctuary and go into the world to love and serve others. Amen.

POST COMMUNION HYMN: One Bread, One Body VU #467

BENEDICTION — Rev. Franklyn James

Go with a tender and grateful heart, remembering that it is always good to offer God our thanks and praise.

PASSING THE PEACE - Rev. Hamlyn & Rev. James

A: The peace of the Lord be with you. **B:** And also, with you.

DOXOLOGY: Sent Forth by God's Blessing - VU #481