

Call to Give Thanks Welcome to the Table

V1: At this table we give thanks for justice, love, peace and freedom.

All: At this table we give thanks for friends and strangers together in community in this safe place.

V1: At this table we welcome anyone and everyone, however you identify.

v2: A place at the table. And all are invited.

The Great Thanksgiving

V1: We give thanks for the unfolding of matter,
mind,
intelligence,
and life
that has brought us to this moment in time.

All: We celebrate our common origin with everything that exists.

v1: We celebrate the mystery we experience and address as 'God'.

ground and sustainer of everything that exists,
in whom we live and move and have our being.

v2: And we acknowledge this mystery embodied
in every human person,
aware that each one of us gives God
unique and personal expression.

All: God is everywhere present.

In grace-filled moments of sharing.

In carefully created communities of loving solidarity.

V2: We are one with everything, living and nonliving, on this planet.

Connected.

Interrelated.

Interdependent.

v1: We remember the stories from our tradition...

How on many occasions Jesus would share a meal with friends.

Bread and wine shared in community.

v2: For everyone born, a place at the table...

How the bread would be taken,
a blessing offered, and then shared between them.

And all of them ate.

How some wine would be poured out,
a blessing offered, and then passed between them.
And all of them drank.

A time of concern, conversation and celebration.

V1: The bread and the wine symbolised human lives
interconnected with other human lives,
and the power of giving and receiving.

V2: May the passion for life as seen in Jesus,
and in the lives and struggles of many other
committed and faithful people then and now,
enable us to dare and to dream and to risk...

All: Together may we re-imagine the world.

V1: Together may we work to make all things new.

All: Together may we celebrate the possibilities and hope we each have and are called to share.

v2: For everyone born, a place at the table...

Bread and Wine

Bread is broken several times during the following

V1: We break the bread for the broken earth,
ravaged and plundered for greed.

All: May there be healing of our beautiful blue and green planet.

V2: We break this bread for our broken humanity,
for the powerful and the powerless
trapped by exploitation and oppression and for everyone in between.

All: May there be the healing of humanity.

V1: We break this bread for those who follow other paths,
different from our own.

for those that live on the periphery looking in
dreaming of safety and acceptance and love.

For those who feel voiceless yearning to become equally included.

All: May there be healing where there is pain and woundedness.

V2: We break this bread

for the unhealed hurts and wounds that lie within us all.

All: May we be healed.

Wine is poured into the cup.

V1: This is the cup of peace and of new life for all.

v2: A sign of love for the community of hope.

**All: A reminder of the call to live fully,
to love wastefully, and
to be all that we can be.**

Communion - Epiclesis

V1&2: Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do here, one in Christ and one in love for You and for All people—^{SEP} that we and these gifts, touched by your spirit, may be signs of life and love to one another and to the world. Amen.

Bread broken...for the journey
Wine poured out... for the Way.

Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

*Please come forward to receive starting with the back rows.
You are invited to come forward using the centre aisle.
You will be given a rice cracker and a small cup of juice.
Please return to your seat via the side aisles. Please wait until everyone has been served before eating and drinking.
If you are online, please gather the elements you need to participate and wait until everyone has been served so we can share in communion together wherever we are located. All cups are filled with grape juice.*

V2: To eat and drink together reminds us of the deeper aspects of human fellowship,
for from time immemorial the sharing of bread and wine has been the most universal of all symbols of community.

V1: Everyone is welcome here at this table regardless of age, sex, gender, orientation, race, creed, or any other human contrived barrier. All are welcome here. The gifts of God for the people of God. Come for all is ready.
You are invited to join in communion.

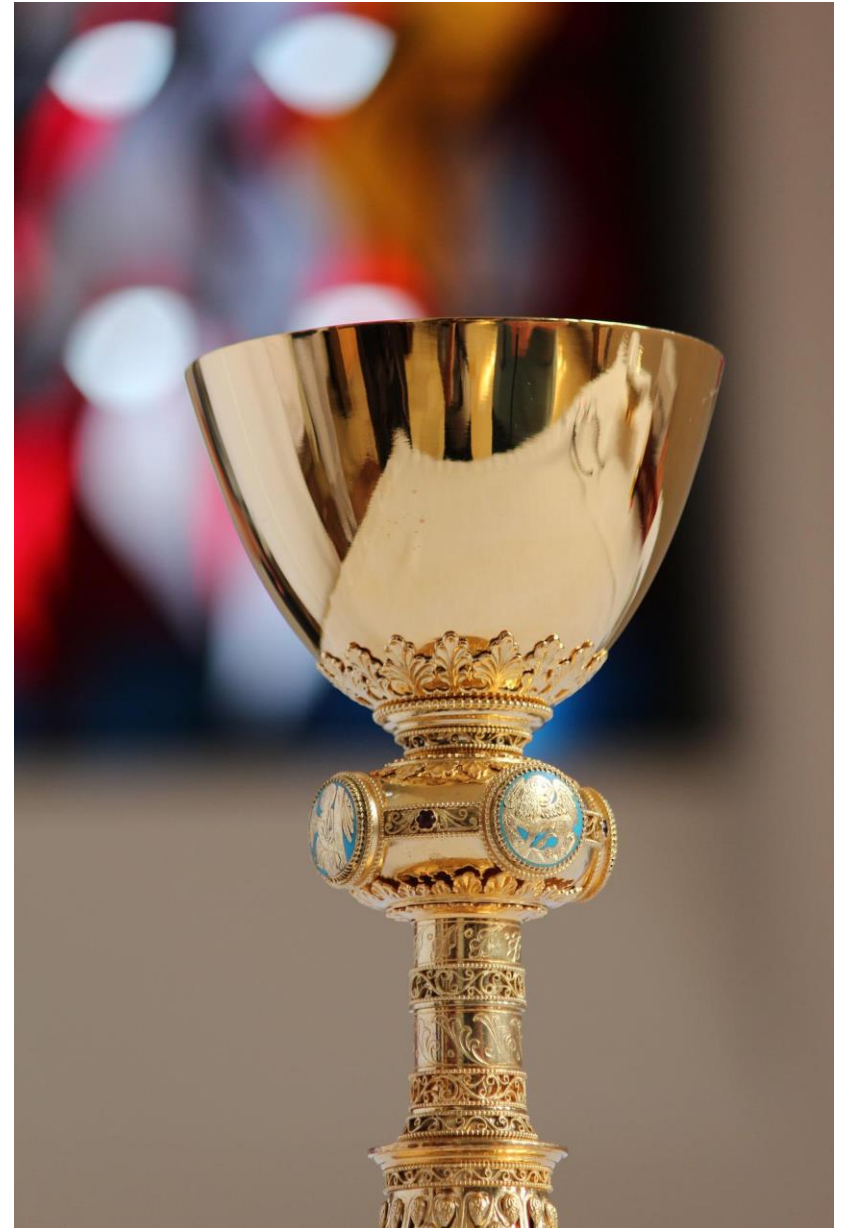
Bread – V1: Bread for the Journey. **All: Amen.** *(Everyone eats together)*

The Cup – V2: Drink for the Way. **All: Amen.** *(Everyone drinks together)*

Prayer after Communion: (Unison)

All: **Divine Presence in all of life,
we give thanks that we have gathered together
in this sacred place.
We rejoice in the giftedness of each person here.
We are grateful for who we are for each other.
May we continue to be truly thankful
in all we do and in all we become.**

COMMUNION





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You are...Included...Wanted... Accepted

Sunday, July 3rd, 10:00 am
Theme: Sacred Community and Choice

✠ indicates stand as you are able
Bold indicates participation by the people

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United



WE GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME & TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

LIFE & MINISTRY & SHARING THE PEACE

SHARING THE PEACE

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

✠**GATHERING HYMN:** *Called by Earth and Sky* **MV#135**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Children of God: welcome!

Many: Welcome to this place of love and grace,

One: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

Many: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

One: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

Many: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

One: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God. A love that never ceases,

Many: A creativity that designed the universe,

One: A hope that cannot be quenched,

Many: A pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost:

One: These are the things that are of God,

Many: Then let us worship God.

GATHERING PRAYER:

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE:

✠**HYMN:** *Spirit, Open My Heart*

MV#79

WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE: *Luke 10:1-11, 16-20*

Affirmation:

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Many: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: *The Story of Community*

WE RESPOND

✠**HYMN:** *This Is My Body*

MV#177

PASTORAL PRAYERS & The Prayer of Jesus

VU#959

INVITATION TO RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

✠**OFFERTORY PRAYER: (Unison)**

God of Abundance and Grace, we bring all that we are to you. We thank you for the many colours, cultures, and customs that we share in this world. In our differences, unite us by your love. Enable us to act together to uphold life and to make this world a just and peaceful household for all humanity. Today we ask you: O God, hear our prayer and receive these gifts as symbols of our devotion to you, to one another, and to love in all forms.

WE SERVE

✠**HYMN:** *Put Peace into Each Other's Hands*

MV#173

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (See Insert)

✠COMMISSIONING and **BENEDICTION**

✠HYMN: *May the Peace of God Be Your Peace* **MV#222**

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY:

Worship Leader – Kendra Mitchell-Foster; Leading Communion - Rev. Victoria Andrews; Worship Assistant – Holly Lee; Pianist – Vic Steblin; Live Streaming – Rebecca Fillier; Assisting with Communion – Sandra Dingwall and Marion Bartlett. .

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