

Welcome to this house of prayer.
May you find peace.



A Celtic Celebration
of the HOLY EUCHARIST
with Spiritual Communion *for*
the FOURTH SUNDAY
after the EPIPHANY

January 29th, 2023 at 10 o'clock

*Pandemic precautions remain in effect.
It is encouraged wearing a mask
while inside the church building.*

Kindly silence your phones.

Children are welcome to be children.

The WELCOME & TERRITORIAL
ACKNOWLEDGMENT

*We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that our parish is located
on the traditional territory of the Houdenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples.
We are located in the Lower Chedoke Watershed.*

The GREETING

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.

The GATHERING

God is the still center of all that is.
Let us be still before God.

By your grace, O God, we gather in this holy place,
seeking your presence, your power and your peace.

Gather us all, O God, in your love:
**the weary and the lively, the lost and the found, the hurting
and the healed; we who have longed to share your feast,
within the fellowship of friends and neighbours
who are gifts from you.**

SONGS *of* PRAISE
(lyrics up on the screen)

The COLLECT PRAYER

Living God,
**in Christ you make all things new.
Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches
of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives
make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

A **READING** is given, from the Book of the prophet Micah chapter 6, verses 1-8 after which the reader says **The word of the Lord,** and the congregation responds **Thanks be to God.**

The **GOSPEL** is read from the Book of Matthew 5. 1-12.

The minister says *The Lord be with you, to which the congregation responds* **And also with you.** The minister says *The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to [] and the congregation responds* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

At the end of the Gospel, the minister says **The Gospel of Christ,** and the congregation responds **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The HOMILY

*The Venerable Terry DeForest
Archdeacon of Hamilton and Haldimand*

The AFFIRMATION of FAITH

We believe in God above us,
**author and sustainer of all life, creator of sun and moon,
 of water and earth, and maker of all humanity.**
 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,
 and acquainted with grief, he died alone and 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
 throughout all ages, and His kingdom will come on earth.**
 We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit
**burning with Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath
 of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
 source of all resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.**

The PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

The PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

A SONG of PRAISE

(lyrics up on the screen)

The PRAYER over the GIFTS

Living God,
**you have revealed your Son as the Messiah. May we hear
his word and follow it, and live as children of light.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

The INVITATION to HOLY COMMUNION

In the homes of Peter, Jarius, Zaccheus, Joanna, Mary
and Martha, Jesus was the guest. At this table, he is the host.
If you wish to serve Jesus, you must first be served by him.
If you want to follow Jesus, you must first be fed by him.
So come, all you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith,
for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who has sat
at our tables, now invites us to his.

The STORY

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread,
and, having blessed it, He broke the bread and gave it to his
disciples, Saying, 'this is my body which is given for you.'
In the same way he took wine, and, having given thanks
for it, He poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples,
saying, 'this cup is the new relationship with God,
sealed with my blood. Take this and share it'.

So now we take this bread and wine, gifts of the living
earth and of human labour. In these, Jesus has promised
to be present; through these, Christ can make us whole.

The GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts,
We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God,
It is right to give both thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation, and have
shown your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of all peoples.

Therefore with angels and archangels we raise our voices in
joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Lower voices: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.**

Higher voices: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.**

**God of power, God of might.
your glory fills heaven and earth.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in your name, O Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

But our praise alone is but part of our fulfilling your purpose, so
we remember him who came and lived and died among your
children, because words are not enough. Setting aside our
words and our will, lifting up our hearts, we ask for the healing,
the accepting, and the forgiving which Christ alone can offer.

Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, as we do in this place
what you did in an upstairs room, breathe your Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be your own
food and drink; renewing, sustaining and making us whole.

Grant, O Lord, that the Church in this place may be
your body and blood to the world, proclaiming
the salvation and life to be found in you. **Amen.**

The OUR FATHER

Our Father in heaven,
**hallowed be 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 for ever. Amen.**

The BREAKING *of the* BREAD

These are the gifts of God
for all the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Dear friends, I invite you in this moment,
wherever you may be, to receive Christ, in communion
with the saints, and the gathering of God's people,
unseen and yet present with us now.

Let us pray.

We receive you Lord Jesus Christ,
**we welcome your presence in us,
and together proclaim our love for you;**

With our hearts, minds, our souls and our strength,
**with the saints we worship you,
with the angels we adore you,
with your whole Church
we proclaim your reign.**

Come to us,
and make us one in you. Amen.

The SHARING of the EUCHARIST

A SONG of PRAISE

(lyrics up on the screen)

The PRAYER after COMMUNION

God of glory,

you nourish us with bread from heaven.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit,

that through us your light may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The CLOSING RESPONSES

Christ's food in our soul,
Our food shared like His.

Christ's life in our hands,
Our life shaped by His.

Christ's Love in our hearts.
Our love warmed through His.

Christ's peace on our path,
Our path following His.

The BLESSING

The ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SONG of PRAISE

(lyrics up on the screen)

The SENDING

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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