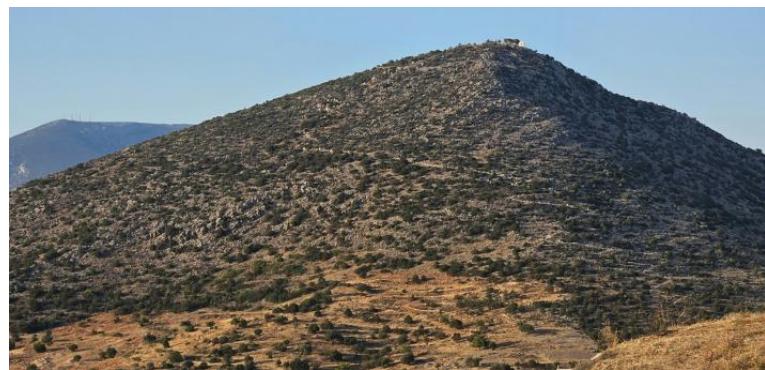


ORDER OF SERVICE

THE HOLY EUCHARIST



LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**10:00AM
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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Choral Prelude: Fanga Alafia/Welcome Good Neighbour

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Welcome, good neighbour, welcome, good friend.

Hearts we unfold and hands we extend.

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Dear friends, we gather on traditional Anishinaabe Algonquin territory.

May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

May we always seek to respect the histories, spiritualities and cultures of First Nations, Metis and Inuit.

May we walk together the path of reconciliation and right relations.

Opening Hymn: 484 In Christ There is No East or West

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1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in Christ no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find.
whose service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
who serves my God in truth and love
is surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north.

All faithful souls are joined in one
throughout the whole wide earth.

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,

**you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Living One,
in whose freedom creation was born as gift:
free us from the need to possess, define and silence others,
so that we might rejoice in the strangeness of your beauty
revealed in flesh and blood;
through Jesus Christ, our reconciliation.

Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18 (Kermit Mackey)

A reading from the Book of Exodus

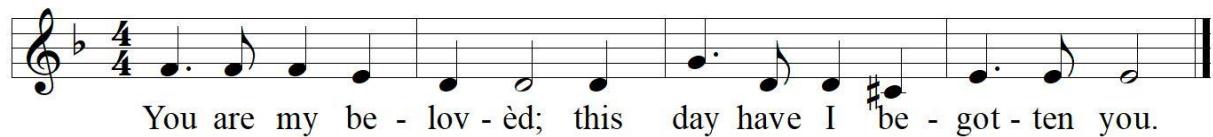
The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2

Setting: Gordon Johnston



You are my be - lov - èd; this day have I be - got - ten you.

1 Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the Lord and against his Anointed?

3 "Let us break their yoke," they say;
"let us cast off their bonds from us." **R**

4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing;
the Lord has them in derision.

5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath,
and his rage fills them with terror.

6 I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion." **R**

7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord:
he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod
and shatter them like a piece of pottery." **R**

10 And now, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

11 Submit to the Lord with fear,
and with trembling bow before him;

12 Lest he be angry and you perish;
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

13 Happy are they all who take refuge in him! **R**

Epistle: 2 Peter 1:16-21 (Joy Mackey)

A reading from the Second Letter of Peter

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Hymn: Lift Every Voice and Sing

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1 Lift every voice and sing,
till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise
high as the list'ning skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun
of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

2 Stony the road we trod,
bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat,
have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our people sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.
We have come, treading our path thro' the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past,
till now we stand at last
where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.

3 God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way,
thou who hast by thy might
led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand,
may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
as we say,
**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 to the dead.
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.**

Prayers of the People: (Kathryn Fournier)

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

After concluding prayer (sung):

Your will be done on earth, O Lord. (x5)

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,
welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.
Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**
We have not loved you with our whole heart;

**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

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

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Preparation of the Gifts

Hymn: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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1 I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere Lord, anytime!

2 I'm gonna work so God can use me
Anywhere Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
Anywhere Lord, anytime!

3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me
Anywhere Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
Anywhere Lord, anytime!

4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me
Anywhere Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
Anywhere Lord, anytime!

The Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God,
receive all we offer you this day,
and bring us to that radiant glory
which we see in the transfigured face
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (ELCIC Eucharistic Prayer 8)

May God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.
Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
you are the source of light and life for all your creation,
you made us in your own image,
and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.
In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.
In every age you sent prophets
to make known your loving will for all humanity.
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all
the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Believing in the promises of God
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread #6

We break the bread of life,
And that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

Holy Communion

*For gluten-free wafer, simply indicate to the priest when you come forward.
If you prefer a blessing, just fold your arms across your chest.*

Communion Hymn: Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees

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1 Let us break bread together on our knees,
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall down on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. **R**

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. **R**

Anthem: Ipharadisi (trad. South African) arr James Wright

Prayer after Communion

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
May we who are partakers of his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know
his power to change and save.
We ask this in his name.

Amen.

THE SENDING OF THE COMMUNITY

Children's Talk

Announcements

Doxology

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,

**in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn: 82 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

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Refrain:

Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said:
I am wine, I am bread;
I am wine, I am bread,
give to all who thirst and hunger. **R**

2 Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt;
strong in faith, free of doubt,
tell to all the joyful Gospel. **R**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Postlude: *We Shall Overcome* ~ African-American

~~ Everyone is invited to stay for Fellowship Hour after Service ~~

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Presider/ Preacher: Rev Maria Nightingale

Greeter: Marilyn Tough

Reader/Intercessor: Linda Thom

10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST (BOOK OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICES)

Presiders: Rev Tim Kehoe

Preacher: Rev Maria Nightingale

Duty Warden: Jim Doherty

Server: Ryan Benjamin

Sidespersons: Howard Foster, Patricia Simon

Readers: Kermit Mackey, Joy Mackey

Intercessor: Kathryn Fournier

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