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THE HOLY EUCHARIST



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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

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: 7 New Every Morning (vs. 1,2,6)

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1 New every morning is the love
our waking and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life and power and thought.

2 New mercies, each returning day,
hover around us while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

6 Only, O Lord, in thy dear love
fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us, this and every day,
to live more nearly as we pray.

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.**

Glory to God

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Leader: Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

All: Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Leader: To God be glory forever!

All: To God be glory forever!

Leader: Alleluia! Amen!

All: Alleluia! Amen! (x7)

The Collect of the Day

O God of Jacob,
you speak in the light of day
and in the dark of night
when our sleeping is filled
with dreams of heaven and earth;
may we be open and watchful
to your presence in our midst;
through Jesus Christ, your dream made flesh.
Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 28:10-19A (Tom Bryant)

A reading from the Book of Genesis

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: You Are Near

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Refrain:

O Lord, I know you are near,
standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe
and you lead me in ways everlasting.

1 Lord, you have searched my heart,
and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me,
protecting me from death,
keeping me from harm. **R**

2 Where can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens, you are there;
if I fly to the sunrise
or sail beyond the sea,
still I'd find you there. **R**

3 You know my heart and its ways,
you who formed me before I was born,
in the secret of darkness
before I saw the sun,
in my mother's womb. **R**

4 Marvelous to me are your works;
how profound are your thoughts, my Lord.
Even if I could count them,
they number as the stars,
you would still be there. **R**

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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.

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

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: (Tom Bryant)

God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

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: 445 God The Creator

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1 God the Creator, you in love made me
Who once was nothing but now have grown.
I bring the best of all my life offers;
For You I share whatever I own.

2 O Christ the Saviour, you in love called me
Who once was no one lost and alone.
I pledge to go wherever You summon,
Making Your will and purpose my own.

3 O God the Spirit, you in love move me
Who once was nowhere and felt unknown.
I know my need of you for companion:
All things can change when not on my own.

4 And with the people summoned together
To be the Church in which faith is sown,
I make my promise to live for Jesus
And let the world know all are his own.

The Prayer over the Gifts

O God,
accept our praise and thanksgiving.
Help us in all we do
to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice;
through Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 1)

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.

Holy God, Lover of creation,
we give you thanks and praise
for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us
and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.
When we turn from your love and defile the earth,
you do not abandon us.

Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah,
through prophets, sages, and saints in every age,
to confront our sin
and reveal the vision of your new creation.
Joining in the song of the universe
we proclaim your glory singing:

**(Hymn 732) 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.**

Gracious God,
in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ
to share our fragile humanity.
Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection

you open the path from brokenness to health,
from fear to trust, from pride and conceit
to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world
that could not bear the Gospel of life,
Jesus knew death was near.
His head anointed for burial
by an unknown woman,
Jesus gathered together those who loved him.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it
and gave it to his friends,
saying, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
gave you thanks,
and said "Drink this all of you,
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table
in response to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love,
and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit,
the wisdom of the universe,

upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love for all the world
and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation
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 #2

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

Invitation to Communion

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

Lamb of 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: 644 Come Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

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1 Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with light and comfort from above.
Be thou our guardian and our guide;
o'er every thought and step preside.

2 The light of truth to us display
and make us know and choose thy way;
plant holy fear in every heart,
that we from God may ne'er depart.

3 Lead us to Christ, the living way,
nor let us from his pastures stray.
Lead us to holiness, the road
that we must take to dwell with God,

4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share

fullness of joy forever there.
Lead us to our final rest,
to be with him forever blest.

Prayer after Communion

O God,
as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries,
may our lives be a continual offering,
holy and acceptable in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE SENDING OF THE COMMUNITY

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: 631 The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy (vs. 1&4)

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1 The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

4 God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
and all things cry "Glory!" to God All in All.

Dismissal

Go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

~~ Everyone is invited to stay for Lemonade on the Lawn after Service ~~

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Presider/Preacher: Rev Maria Nightingale

Greeter: Marilyn Tough

Reader/Intercessor: Andrea Teekasingh

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

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