

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH COMMUNITY OF FAITH

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Reign of Christ Sunday ~ Holy Communion

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St. Paul's United Church, Perth
Sunday November 20, 2022
–The Reign of Christ–
The Sacrament of Holy Communion



✠ *invites us to rise in body or spirit*

Children head to Sunday School after Communion this morning.

God Calls Us Together

Lighting the Christ, Affirm and Prayer Candles

One: We light the Christ candle as a sign that Christ's Spirit alights us all:

All: **this day, this moment, and every moment.**

One: We light the Affirm candle to remind us to be a place of belonging and acceptance,

All: **to learn and grow together in love that protects and celebrates and uplifts.**

One: The Prayer candle reminds us to hold one another in prayer:

All: **to raise prayers of thanks and concern for one another, and any in need.**

Gathering Song: "There Is Room for All" MV 62

**There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing:
there is room for all sheltered in God's love.**

And I rejoice and sing,

"My Refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."

**There is room for all,
there is room for all.**

All Our Relations: "Akwe Nia'Tetewá:neren"

phonetically: AW GWAY NYAH DAY DAY WAY NAY REN

Affirming

Life of the Community

Piano Prelude: "Crown Him With Many Crowns" (Elvey/Boertje)

Gathering Psalm: Psalm 150

One: Praise God in the holy temple!

All: **Praise God in the sanctuary!**

One: Praise God for mighty deeds!

All: **Praise God according to God's surpassing greatness!**

One: Praise God with trumpet sound!

All: Praise God with lute and harp!

One: Praise God with tambourine and dance!

All: Praise God with strings and pipe!

One: Praise God with clanging cymbals!

All: Praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

All: Let everything that breathes praise God! Hallelujah!

✠Hymn: "Come In, Come in and Sit Down" VU 395 *(inclusive version)*

Requested by Norma McLellan

**Refrain: Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.**

- 1 You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family. R**
- 2 God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family. R**
- 3 Wealthy or homeless, we all belong
wheel-chaired or walking our spirits are strong.
If we're Trans or we're Queer, we join in the song,
for we are a part of the family. R**
- 4 Greeters and shoppers, longtime or new,
nobody here has a claim on a pew.
And whether we're many or whether we're few,
we are a part of the family.**
- 5 There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family. R**

We Gather at Jesus' Table

The Invitation to Communion

Choir Anthem: “The Hour of Banquet and Song” Words (adapted): Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)
Music: Mark Sirett

1. This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table spread for me;
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
the brief, bright hour of fellowship with you.

2. Too soon we rise; we go our several ways;
the feast, though not the love, is gone,
the bread and wine consumed:
thou still art here with us—our Shield and Sun.

3. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,
giving us foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the hour of fellowship with you.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

One: Let us thank God our Creator.

All: It is right to offer our thanks and praise:

One: Blessed are you, our gracious Creator, whose Word shatters the darkness,
whose breath gives dust being, who loves us into life. With the voices of
eternity in the heavens and Creation itself, we join in the chorus swirling
throughout the cosmos:

**All: *Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might;
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest. (VU 932a)***

(Words of Institution)

One: Mighty and tender God, in Jesus of Nazareth we behold the fullness of your
grace. Blessed is Jesus, who before his suffering, invited his companions
to share the Passover feast of liberation. It was the night he was betrayed,
when he took bread in his hands, gave thanks, broke it, and said, “This is
my body, which is for you. Do this to remember me.”

In the same way also after supper, Jesus passed the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this whenever you drink it, to remember me."

By what we do now, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

One: Holy God, giver of life, transform the bread and cup made by human hands, to be holy food for us. Through sharing these earthy elements, renew our hearts, minds and spirits. Make us one with Christ and one another. Break down any physical or spiritual barriers between us, so that any who are thirsty may find your living water, any who are hungry may find in you the bread of life, any who are oppressed find liberty in you, and any in despair find hope in your promise.

(Calling upon God's Spirit *or Anamnesis*)

With faith in Christ's living presence with us, we offer you this bread and cup, entreating you, O God, to send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts:

All: **that they may be the body and blood of Christ, and for us may be for the cleansing of the soul, for the remission of sins, for the fellowship of your Spirit, for the fullness of your Realm, and for the confidence of your love. Amen.**

The Prayer of Jesus (VU 959 – Sung)

**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.**

The Sharing of Communion

(The communion elements – a wheat wafer (unleavened) and grape juice, are pre-packaged. First, please peel off the film cover – the communion wafer is beneath. After receiving the wafer, please peel off the foil cover to partake of the grape juice.)

The Prayer after Communion

All: **For this hour of banquet and song; for the heavenly table spread, for this feast and brief bright hour of fellowship, we praise your name.**

For the presence of Christ at this and every table, in every heart and each breath, we thank you. In Christ, there is no distance, no separation, no gap in space or time, O God, that you do not bridge. Rejoicing in your Spirit cry out: Hallelujah!

This Communion Liturgy incorporates traditional elements and inspiration from Claudio Carvalhaes' "Liturgies from Below: Praying with People at the ends of the World" © 2020 by Abingdon Press.

Children head to Sunday School.

We Encounter Sacred Story

A Reading from the Pentateuch: Genesis 2: 4 – 8 (MSG, alt)

This is the story of how it all started, of Heaven and Earth when they were created.

⁵⁻⁷ At the time GOD made Earth and Heaven, before any grasses or shrubs had sprouted from the ground—GOD hadn't yet sent rain on Earth, nor was there anyone around to work the ground (the whole Earth was watered by underground springs)—GOD formed a Human out of dirt from the ground and blew into the nostrils the breath of life. The Human came alive—a living soul!

⁸⁻⁹ Then GOD planted a garden in Eden, in the east. He put the Human just made in it. GOD made all kinds of trees grow from the ground, trees beautiful to look at and good to eat.

One: For the wisdom that guides us, the word that inspires us
and the truth that enlightens us.

All: We praise you, O God.

Sermon: "Let Everything That Breathes...Praise"

Rev. McLean

☩ Hymn: "Bring Many Names" VU 268

- 1 Bring many names, beautiful and good,
celebrate, in parable and story,
holiness in glory, living, loving God.
Hail and hosanna! Bring many names!**
- 2 Strong mother God, working night and day,
planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation, genius at play:
Hail and hosanna, strong mother God!**
- 3 Warm father God, hugging every child,
feeling all the strains of human living,
caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:**

Hail and hosanna, warm father God!

4 Old, aching God, grey with endless care,
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,
glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:
Hail and hosanna, old, aching God!

5 Young, growing God, eager, on the move,
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,
crying out for justice, giving all you have:
Hail and hosanna, young, growing God!

6 Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and hosanna, great, living God!

We Respond to God

Our Tithes and Offerings

☩ Offertory Hymn

TUNE: OLD HUNDREDTH VU # 822

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
In Heaven and on Earth below,
One God, Three Persons we adore,
And sing our praise for evermore.

☩ Prayer of Dedication (all)

Gracious God our Creator: may the gifts we give now, and by envelope, through PAR*, online, and in other ways, honour you. Help us through your abundant grace, to share your love for all. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*PAR is "*pre-authorized remittance*" - a plan to ensure your offering gets to church even when you don't. Please enquire through the Church Office.

God Sends Us to Be the Church in the World

☩ Hymn: "Maker, In Whom We Live" VU 321

1 **Maker, in whom we live,
in whom we are and move,
the glory, power, and praise receive
for your creating love.
Let all the angel throng
give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song**

and echoes to the sky.

- 2 Incarnate Deity,
let all the ransomed race
render in thanks their lives to you
for your redeeming grace.
The grace to sinners shown,
you heavenly choirs proclaim,
and cry, 'Salvation to our God,
salvation to the Lamb!'**
- 3 Spirit of Holiness,
let all your saints adore
your sacred energy, and bless
your heart-renewing power.
No angel tongues can tell
your love's ecstatic height,
the glorious joy unspeakable,
the beatific sight.**
- 4 Eternal, Triune God,
let all the hosts above,
let all on earth below record
and dwell upon your love.
When heaven and earth have fled
before your glorious face,
may all the saints your love has made
sing everlasting praise.**

✠Words of Blessing

✠Sung Blessing: "When You Go From this Place"

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**When you go from this place be true.
May the blessing of life find you.
May the winds of the Spirit guide you,
'cross the ocean of all your days.
May the seeds of your love - your life
a-dorn the Way.
A-dorn the Way.
A-dorn the Way.**

Organ Postlude: Improvisation and Toccata on "Diademata" (Elvey/Lani Smith)