

May 21, 2017 | Women in Ministry

# 11am Holy Eucharist

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## Welcome to St Clement's!

We are grateful you've joined us and pray you will experience God's presence today. We invite all **newcomers** to take one of the red Welcome bags (available at each entrance) and to join us after the service for refreshments. Questions? Ask anyone wearing their nametag on a red lanyard.

**Children and youth** are full participants in all our worship services at St Clement's and always welcome to sit with you. Every Sunday, we also offer **excellent, staffed leadership** in our Nursery, Children, and Youth ministries. Children and Youth enjoy their own dedicated programming during the first half of the service, joining the wider community at Communion, our **family meal**. Our youngest members may remain in the Nursery for the entire service.

- **Nursery (ages 0-3):** Located just up the stairs and to the right. Feel free to stay with your child until s/he feels comfortable. Please pick up your child here after the service.
- **Children (JK-Grade 5):** Located up the stairs in Canon Nicholson Hall. Kids do a "sticker sign-in" at our colourful Welcome table.
- **Youth (Grades 6-12):** Located at the top of the stairwell past Canon Nicholson Hall. Junior and Senior Youth gather in the youth room, with the Junior Youth and their leaders heading to the Sunroom at 11:10.

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We look into outer space, and because we cannot 'see' a God we can touch, a God we can comprehend with our rational intellects, we invent new gods to take his place... little gods who have eyes and see not, ears and hear not, hands and touch not, and who have nothing to say to us in the times of our deepest need.

Madeleine L'Engle

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## The Gathering of the Community

Prelude *Prelude in D minor*

Clara Schumann

Welcome

Hymn 384  
*Omitting v. 5*

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*please stand*  
text tr. Catherine Winkworth

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
all ye who hear,  
brothers and sisters draw near,  
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:  
hast thou not seen  
how thy entreaties have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,  
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,  
who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,  
biddeth them cease,  
turneth their fury to peace,  
whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
sound from his people again:  
gladly for aye we adore him.

*please remain standing*

*Leader*

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

***People***

**And also with you.**

The Collect for Purity

*Leader*

Almighty God,

***People***

**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.**

## The Two Great Commandments

*Leader* Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these your laws in our hearts.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider* Merciful God,

*All* **you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*please be seated*

## The Proclamation of the Word

### The Readings

#### Acts 17:22-31

*read by Paula Walshaw*

*Reader*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>22</sup>Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

*Reader*

This is the Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 66:9-20**

**Refrain**

*Cantor* **ALL**



Bless our God, O — peo - ples Let the sound of hispraise be heard.

*Choir*

- <sup>9</sup> God has kept us among the living,  
and has not let our feet slip.  
<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.  
<sup>11</sup> You brought us into the net;  
you laid burdens on our backs;  
<sup>12</sup> you let people ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and through water;  
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

**Refrain**

- <sup>13</sup> I will come into your house with burnt offerings;  
I will pay you my vows,  
<sup>14</sup> those that my lips uttered  
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.  
<sup>15</sup> I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings,  
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;  
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

**Refrain**

- <sup>16</sup> Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for me.  
<sup>17</sup> I cried aloud to him,  
and he was extolled with my tongue.  
<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.  
<sup>19</sup> But truly God has listened;  
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.  
<sup>20</sup> Blessed be God,  
because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me.

**Refrain**

Gospel Acclamation

**All**



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

*Choir*

*Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening, you have the words of everlasting life.*

*please remain standing and turn to face the reader  
as the Gospel of Christ is spoken among us*

Holy Gospel

read by Andrew Federle

Gospeller

The Lord be with you.

**John 14:15-21**

**People**

**And also with you.**

Gospeller

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

**People**

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reader

Jesus said, "15 If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Gospeller

The Gospel of Christ.

**People**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation

**All**



*please be seated*

**Sermon**

Karen Isaacs

*your notes*

Motet

*Mother of God, here I stand*

Tavener

Mother of God, here I stand now praying,  
Before this icon of your radiant brightness,  
Not praying to be saved from a battlefield,  
Not giving thanks, nor seeking forgiveness  
For the sins of my soul, nor for all the souls,  
Numb, joyless and desolate on earth,  
But for her alone, whom I wholly give you.

**The Creed**

*please stand*

*Leader*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**All**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Leader*

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Leader*

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All**

**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.**

**The Prayers of the People**

*read by Bill Appelbe*

*Leader*

God, in your mercy,

**All**

**hear our prayer.**

**Confession and Absolution**

*Leader*

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to God's table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*please sit or kneel*

*silence is kept*

*Leader*

**People**

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.**

*Leader*

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 Celebration of the Eucharist

*During the following hymn, we are joined in worship by our youth and children. Our children bring up the bread and wine to set the table for Communion, our family meal. At the Lord's Table, Christ is the host and we are the guests.*

*We also take up a financial offering to nurture God's kingdom among our people and beyond our walls. A growing number of us contribute via Pre-Authorized Giving. Giving joyfully and freely to God's work is one practical way that we are being transformed into a people of hope & confidence, humility & gratitude, wonder & curiosity, generosity & purpose. If you are visiting with us this morning, please feel no compulsion to give.*

*please stand*

Hymn 435

*Take my life,*

text, Frances Ridley Havergal



Kids

Join in!

Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and purposeful for thee.

Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Prayer over the Gifts

*Leader*

God of Glory,

***People***

**accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light,  
where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*please stand or kneel*

*Leader*

The Lord be with you.

***People***

**And also with you.**

*Leader*

Lift up your hearts.

***People***

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader  
**People**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader

It is indeed right, our duty and joy, that we should always and everywhere give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, mighty Creator, and eternal God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with the whole company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and singing:

Sanctus

Community Mass, Proulx



Join in!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n\_\_\_\_\_ and

earth\_\_\_\_\_ are full\_\_\_\_\_ of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the

high-est. Blessed is he who comes\_\_\_\_\_ in the name\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est\_\_\_\_\_

Leader

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in your tender mercy you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his once and for all offering of himself, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. He instituted and in his holy gospel commands us to continue, a perpetual memorial of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we who receive this bread and wine according to your Son Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood.

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

In the same way, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Accept through Jesus Christ, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and

thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him: Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, world without end.

**All**

**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Leader

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**All**

**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 Communion

*All baptized persons are welcome at Christ's table.*

*If you do not wish to receive the wine, you may touch the base of the cup.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*The Deacon will bring Holy Communion to those unable to come forward to the Lord's table.*

Leader

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All**

**Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

*A New People's Mass, Murray*



Join in!

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,  
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-  
way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

*O magne Pater*

*Hildegard of Bingen  
sung by Maureen Ferguson*

Communion Hymn 559 *Blessed Jesus, at your word*

text tr. Catherine Winkworth



Join in!

Blessed Jesus, at your word  
we are gathered all to hear you.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear you.  
By your gospel pure and holy,  
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

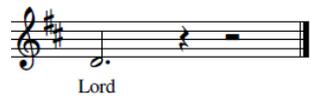
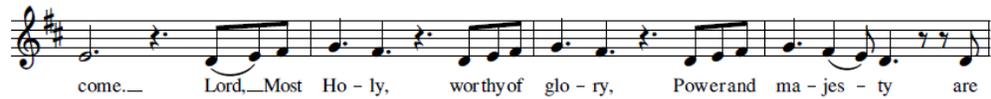
All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
 lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
 till your Spirit breaks our night  
 with your beams of truth unclouded.  
 You alone to God can win us,  
 you must work all good within us.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart!  
 Light of light, from God proceeding,  
 open lips and ears and heart,  
 help us by your Spirit's leading.  
 Hear the cry your church now raises;  
 Lord, accept our prayers and praises!

Communion Hymn *Holy, holy, holy*

Mary McLean

*sing twice through*



**Prayer after Communion**

*please stand*

*Leader*

Almighty and everliving God,

**All**

**we thank you with all our hearts for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. We acknowledge**

**your love and care for us in making us members of his mystical body, the blessed company of all faithful people, and heirs of eternal life. Amen.**

Leader  
**All**

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.**

The Blessing  
Leader

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Announcements

Recessional Hymn 468 *To Abraham and Sarah*

text, Judith Fetter



Join in!

To Abraham and Sarah the call of God was clear:  
"Go forth and I will show you a country rich and fair.  
You need not fear the journey, for I have pledged my word:  
that you shall be my people and I will be your God."

From Abraham and Sarah arose a pilgrim race,  
dependent for their journey on God's abundant grace;  
and in their heart was written by God this saving word,  
"That you shall be my people and I will be your God."

We of this generation on whom God's hand is laid  
can journey to the future secure and unafraid,  
rejoicing in God's goodness and trusting in this word,  
"That you shall be my people and I will be your God."

**Dismissal**  
Deacon  
**All**

We are raised to new life with Christ. Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

*Fugue in D minor*

Clara Schumann

*Please join us for coffee after the service.*

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God.  
Flowers are arranged this week by Kitty Graham.*

*In consideration of those who suffer from chemical sensitivities or allergies,  
we request that you refrain from wearing fragranced products when in church.*

*Please help us care for God's world and recycle this program.  
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