

May 21, 2017 | Women in Ministry



9am Communion in-the-Round

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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.

We seek to be a community that is easy to **enter**; where you can **discover** God and yourself; and **live** a transformed life.

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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 ”

Enter

We Enter into the presence of God and of one another.

Musical Prelude

Jenna Gallagher

Please help yourself to a hot or cold drink, or refill the one you have. Enjoy the music as you find a seat wherever you feel comfortable.

Welcome

please stand

Gathering Song *King of the Ages*

*Refrain King of the ages, almighty God; perfect love, ever just and true.
Who will not fear You and bring You praise?
All the nations will come to You.*

Your ways of love have won my heart, and brought me joy unending.
Your saving power at work in me, bringing peace, and the hope of glory. *Refrain*

Your arms of love are reaching out to every heart that seeks you.
Your light will shine in all the earth, bringing grace and a great salvation. *Refrain*

The day will come when you appear and every eye will see you.
Then we shall rise, with hearts ablaze with a song we will sing for ever. *Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

Leader 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.**

Discover

We Discover more of God and of ourselves.

Reading **Acts 17:22-31**

read by Paul Robert

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For 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. ²⁴The 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, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything,

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since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From 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, ²⁷so 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. ²⁸For '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.'

²⁹Since 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. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because 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.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Song *Spirit of Heaven*

Spirit of heaven, flood over me, forming Christ in all that I do.
Turn every sinful desire in me into holy passion for you.

Refrain *O, Spirit of God, come down; let mercy and grace abound.
My passionate prayer shall be: Christ in me.*

Spirit of beauty and holiness, come refine with fire from above,
till I am cast in your righteousness and I love the things that you love. *Refrain*

Breathe your forgiveness when darkness falls and my heart is heavy with sin.
Fill me with faith for the higher cause of the ceaseless praise of the King. *Refrain*

please be seated

Message

Karen Isaacs

Your notes:

Every week we rotate through one of the following "Discovery" elements:

1. Q & A with today's speaker
- ➔ **2. Silence**
3. Responding through music
4. Take home question of the week:
5. Visuals

The Creed *please stand*
Leader Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Leader Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?
People 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, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Leader Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?
People 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 Eleanor Gooday*
All Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgment; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader God, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

Discover

Giving Back to God

We invite you to come forward as we circle around the table up front. Bread, wine, and money are collected and placed on the table as symbols of our lives and labours. If you are visiting with us today, you are our special guests, so please do not feel compelled to give financially.

Song 435 *Take my life* text, Frances Ridley Havergal

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.

Live

As we prepare to Live transformed lives, our communion meal reminds us of Jesus with us.

Receiving bread, wine, or blessing are all valued ways of participating around Jesus' table. Baptized persons of any age are welcome to receive the bread and wine, and gluten-free wafers are available. If you wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. If you wish, the Deacon will bring communion to where you are seated.

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.**

Live

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses and Miriam you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

People **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.**

Leader Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, " Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, " 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Leader Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Live

The Lord's Prayer

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Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be Your Name,
Your king-dom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who
sin a-gainst us, save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e - vil.
For the king-dom, the pow - er, and the glo-ry are Yours,
now and for ev - er. A - - men.

The musical score is written in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It includes vocal lines and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the notes. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) in the vocal lines.

Meal

Communion Song *Behold the Lamb*



Join in!

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Torn for you - eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.
The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you - drink and remember

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, - and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

Communion Song 360 *Bless the Lord, my soul,*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Closing Prayers

Leader Merciful Father,

***All* you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to him in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he lives and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.**

Leader Glory to God,

***All* 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.**

Living it Out

Live

Sending Song 384 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*



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! 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.

Sending

Leader
All

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

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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