

June 18, 2017

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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If we only had eyes to see and ears to hear and wits to understand, we would know that the Kingdom of God in the sense of holiness, goodness, beauty is as close as breathing and is crying out to born both within ourselves and within the world; we would know that the Kingdom of God is what all of us hunger for above all other things even when we don't know its name or realize that it's what we're starving to death for.

-Frederick Buechner

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Enter

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

Musical Prelude

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 381 *Praise, my soul*
(omitting v. 4)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless;
alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
alleluia, alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.

Prayer of the Day

Leader

Almighty God,

All

your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Discover

We Discover more of God and of ourselves.

Reading

Matthew 9:35-10:8

read by Peter Ricketts

Reader

A reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.

³⁵Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.

³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

¹⁰Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'

⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment."

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Song *Speak, O Lord*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
to receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility;
test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Discover

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—
truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
and the earth is filled with your glory.

please be seated

Message

Richard Webb

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

Discover

The Creed

please stand

Leader Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

***People* We believe and trust in God.**

Leader Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

***People* We believe and trust in God.**

Leader Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

***People* We believe and trust in God.**

Leader This is the faith of the Church.

***People* This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

read by Emma Andison

***All* Most merciful Father, we have sinned and are guilty before you. Forgive us for deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others. Forgive us in our glances and imagination; for pining after more comfort, status, beauty and wealth than you have given us. Forgive us for our hard-heartedness toward you and our neighbours; for our pride and self-absorption; and above all, for doubting your love for us. We thank you for your mercy and the grace to amend our lives, and we ask for your Spirit to transform us into your likeness. Amen.**

Leader God, in your mercy,

***All* hear our prayer.**

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 *How deep the father's love*

How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss—
the father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen one
bring many ones to glory.

Discover

Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life—
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart—
his wounds have paid my ransom.

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 Living God,

***People* you have revealed your Son as the Messiah. May we hear his word and follow it and live as children of light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.**

Live

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.

***All* 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

Wyse

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.

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.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you - drink and remember
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.

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

Live

Communion Song 63 *Eat this bread, drink this cup*

Refrain

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry. Eat this bread,
drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

I am the bread of life,
the true bread sent from the Father. *Refrain*

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,
but this is the bread come down from heaven. *Refrain*

Eat my flesh and drink my blood,
and I will raise you up on the last day. *Refrain*

Anyone who eats this bread,
will live forever. *Refrain*

If you believe and eat this bread,
you will have eternal life. *Refrain*

Closing Prayers

Leader

Heavenly Father,

All

this morning we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith and understanding that we may grow in love for you and for each other and that we may find our true place in you. This we pray in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. 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 *King of the Ages*



*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*

Sending

Leader
All

Go in peace, filled with God's Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Please join us for coffee after the service.

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God, and
in loving memory of Dr. Phillips Rance by the Rance family, and
in loving memory of my late husband William Thomas Tanner
by his wife Anne Tanner and daughter Sheila Tanner.*

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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