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# 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 past the Welcome Hub in the Briar Hill Room. 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



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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**All that is gold does not glitter,  
Not all those who wander are lost;  
The old that is strong does not wither,  
Deep roots are not reached by the frost.**

J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*

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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 3    *Morning has broken*

Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dew fall on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

Prayer of the Day

*Leader*    Almighty God,

***All*    you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. May we find peace in your service, and in the world to come, see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives 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    **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

*read by Sally Spofforth*

*Reader*    A reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate

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them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"

<sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

*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.

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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: **Which soil (heart) condition in Jesus' parable resonates with you now? What one thing will you do this week to join the Holy Spirit in nurturing the "soil" of your heart?**
5. Visuals

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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 Heather Jenkin*

*All*

**We confess to you, Heavenly Father, how unlike you we are in our attitudes and actions. We strive for recognition and acclaim from others. We look out for our own needs and concerns, failing to care for others except when it serves our own purposes. Forgive us our sins and renew our hearts. Show us how we can only achieve greatness and gain our lives by giving them away. Work in us the power of your Holy Spirit so we become more like you and so bring glory to our Father in heaven. This we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

*Creation sings*

Creation sings the Father's song;  
He calls the sun to wake the dawn  
And run the course of day  
Till evening falls in crimson rays.  
His fingerprints in flakes of snow,  
His breath upon this spinning globe,  
He charts the eagle's flight;  
Commands the newborn baby's cry.

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*Refrain*      *Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing,  
"Hallelujah!" Fill the earth with songs of worship;  
Tell the wonders of creation's King.*

Creation gazed upon His face;  
The ageless One in time's embrace  
Unveiled the Father's plan  
Of reconciling God and man.  
A second Adam walked the earth,  
Whose blameless life would break the curse,  
Whose death would set us free  
To live with Him eternally.

*Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing,  
"Hallelujah!" Fill the earth with songs of worship;  
Tell the wonders of creation's King.*

Creation longs for His return,  
When Christ shall reign upon the earth;  
The bitter wars that rage  
Are birth pains of a coming age.  
When He renews the land and sky,  
All heav'n will sing and earth reply  
With one resplendent theme: The glories of our God and King!

*Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing,  
"Hallelujah!" Fill the earth with songs of worship;  
Tell the wonders of creation's King.*

## 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*      Father,

***People*      your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom. Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord.**

## Live

### The Eucharistic Prayer

*Leader* The Lord be with you. Lift up your hearts.  
*All* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

*Leader* We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts that broken bread and wine out-poured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
*All* **Father, for your Son, we praise you.**

*Leader* On the night before your Son died, he had supper with his friends, and taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, shared it with them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.  
*All* **Father, for your Son, we praise you.**

*Leader* When supper was ended he took a cup of wine. Again your Son gave you thanks, shared it 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.  
*All* **Father, for your Son, we praise you.**

*Leader* So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did. In him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.  
*All* **Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world. Amen.**

### 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

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sin a-against 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 *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.



Join in!

#### *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*

## Live

Communion Song 502 *You are salt for the earth, O people*



You are salt for the earth, O people:  
**salt for the kingdom of God!**  
Share the flavour of life, O people:  
**life in the kingdom of God!**

**Refrain**  
**Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,**  
**bring forth the kingdom of peace;**  
**Bring forth the kingdom of justice,**  
**bring forth the city of God!**

You are a light on the hill, O people:  
**light for the city of God!**  
Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
**shine for the kingdom of God! Refrain**

You are a seed of the Word, O people:  
**bring forth the kingdom of God!**  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice  
**grow in the kingdom of God! Refrain**

We are a blest and a pilgrim people  
**bound for the kingdom of God!**  
Love our journey and love our homeland:  
**love is the kingdom of God! Refrain**

### 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

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Sending Song *Lord, we hear your word with gladness*



Lord, we hear your word with gladness:  
you have spoken—we rejoice:  
words of love and life and freedom—  
help us make their truth our choice!  
Now in holy celebration  
for your Word we worship you;  
spoken, written, known in Jesus,  
ours today to prove anew.

May we hear with understanding,  
by your Spirit taught and led;  
may the springs of all our being  
by your living Word be fed;  
may our hearts accept with meekness  
all the grace your light makes known;  
may obedience mark our footsteps  
till we make each word our own!

You have spoken; yours the fullness,  
ours the wealth of this your Word:  
debtors, then as living letters,  
we must make our gospel heard!  
By your Spirit's power transform us;  
shed your saving light abroad  
till our lives by love in action  
show our world the truth of God!

### Sending

*Leader*  
**All**

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

*Please join us for lemonade and coffee on the terrace after the service.*

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God, and  
in loving memory of my mother, Joyce Helen Child Watkins,  
by her daughter, Judith Watkins MacRae, and  
in loving memory of a beloved husband and father, Harold William Ward, by the Ward family.*

*Flowers are arranged this week by Helen Skinner.*



*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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