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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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God’s plan is not to abandon this world, the world which he said was ‘very good.’ Rather, he intends to remake it. And when he does he will raise all his people to new bodily life in it. That is the promise of the Christian gospel.

- N.T. Wright, *Simply Christian*

Let God’s promises shine on your problems.

-Corrie ten Boom

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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 *Come, people of the risen King*

Come, people of the Risen King,
who delight to bring him praise;
come all and tune your hearts to sing
to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in.

Refrain *Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
and those weeping through the night;
come, those who tell of battles won,
and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change,
and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days
with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come, young and old from every land—
men and women of the faith;
come, those with full or empty hands—
find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing—
shore to shore we hear them call
the truth that cries through every age:
"Our God is all in all"! *Refrain*

Enter

Prayer of the Day

Leader O God,

All the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Discover

We Discover more of God and of ourselves.

Reading **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

read by Colette Grassie

Reader

A reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.

³¹ Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Song *Hear the call of the Kingdom*

Hear the call of the kingdom, lift your eyes to the King,
let his song rise within you as a fragrant offering
of how God rich in mercy came in Christ to redeem
all who trust in his unfailing grace.

Discover

Refrain *King of Heaven, we will answer the call,
we will follow bringing hope to the world;
filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
salvation in Jesus' name.*

Hear the call of the kingdom to be children of light,
with the mercy of heaven the humility of Christ;
walking justly before him loving all that is right,
that the life of Christ may shine through us. *Refrain*

Hear the call of the kingdom to reach out to the lost,
with the Father's compassion in the wonder of the cross;
bringing peace and forgiveness and a hope yet to come,
let the nations put their trust in him. *Refrain*

please be seated

Message

Richard Webb

Your notes:

Discover

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: **What has the risen Jesus said to you through the parables we've heard this month? How can you share God's love to make God's kingdom a greater reality in your life?**
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 Meg Finlay

All

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and broken your laws. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us and change us. By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you, and to please you more and more; through 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 458 *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Refrain
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia. *Refrain*

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 grace,

***People* accept all we offer you this day, as we look toward the glory you have promised.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Leader The Lord is here. Lift up your hearts.

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

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***All* He is worthy of our praise.**

Leader Always and everywhere, it is right for us to praise you Lord, Holy Father, Mighty Creator
and Eternal God.

***All* To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Live

Leader We thank you, our heavenly Father, that in your love and mercy you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross to save us.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Leader Jesus commanded us to remember his death until his coming again. Hear us, merciful Father, and grant that we, who eat and drink this bread and wine, may remember his death, and share in his body and blood.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Leader On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took the bread in his hands. He gave you thanks and broke it. Then he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, and eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way after the meal Jesus took the cup in his hands. He gave you thanks. Then he gave it to them saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Leader May the power of your Holy Spirit so come upon this bread and wine that it would become for us the very presence of your Son Jesus. And may that same Spirit so come upon us that we would become your hands and feet in this hungry world.

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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-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,

Live

now and for ev - er. A - men.

Musical notation for the word 'Amen' in a hymn style, featuring a treble and bass clef with chords and a melodic line.

Meal

Communion Song *Merciful God*



Merciful God, O abounding in love, faithful to all who draw near you;
hearing the cries of the humble in heart, showing the cross they may cling to.
Helpless I come, broken within; found at the feet of your mercy.
Father, forgive; may my sin be remembered no more.

Merciful God, O abounding in love, faithful through times we have failed you;
selfish in thought and uncaring in deed, foolish in word and ungrateful.
Spirit of God, conquer our hearts with love that flows from forgiveness;
cause us to yield and return to the mercy of God.

Merciful God, O abounding in love; faithful to keep us from falling;
guiding our ways with your fatherly heart, growing our faith with each testing.
God speed the day struggles will end; faultless we'll gaze on your glory.
Then we will stand overwhelmed by the mercy of God.

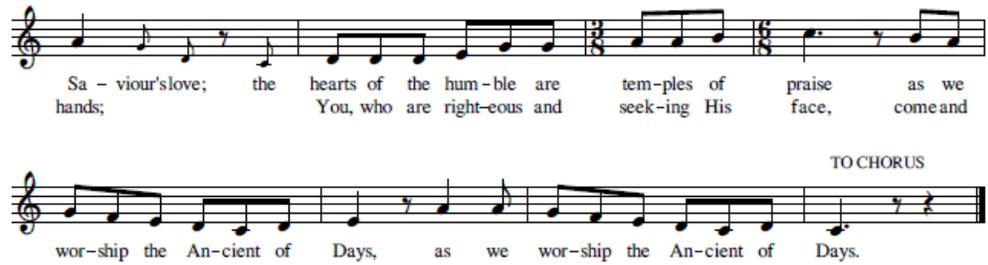
Communion Song *Glory to the Lord*



Lift up your heads, O ye gates, let the King of glo-ry come in; Be lift-ed up, O
an - cient doors; Let the King of Glo-ry come in. 1. in. 1.The
al - tars we've built and the works we have done can nev - er com - pare to the
2. Who can as - cend to the hill of the Lord, peo - ple of clean hearts and

Musical notation for the hymn 'Glory to the Lord', including lyrics and first/second endings.

Live



Sa - viour's love; the hearts of the hum - ble are tem - ples of praise as we
hands; You, who are right - eous and seek - ing His face, come and

TO CHORUS

wor - ship the An - cient of Days, as we wor - ship the An - cient of Days.

Closing Prayers

Leader

O God our Father,

All

may we who in baptism die to sin, rise again to new life and find our true place in your living body. May the new covenant sealed in your blood, through us bring healing and reconciliation to this wounded world. Alleluia. You are risen. We are arisen with you. Praise and glory to the living God. 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

Sending Song *Across the lands*



Kids

Join in!

You're the Word of God, the Father from before the world began.
Every star and every planet has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of your voice.
Let the skies declare your glory; let the land and seas rejoice.

Refrain

*You're the author of creation;
you're the love of every one;
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry, with a word you calmed the sea;
yet how silently you suffered, that the guilty may go free. *Refrain*

With a shout you rose victorious, wrestling vict'ry from the grave;
and ascended into heaven, leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father, interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation you are leading sinners home. *Refrain*

Live

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.

Flowers are arranged this week by Cynthia Clarkson.



*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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