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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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What then are we afraid of? Can we have too much of God? Is it a misfortune to be freed from the heavy yoke of the world, and to bear the light burden of Jesus Christ?

- Francois Fenelon

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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 *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 O God,

***All* you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in him, 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 11:16-19, 25-30**

read by Evan Thompson

Reader A reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.
Jesus said, ¹⁶“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,
¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

Discover

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ **Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."**

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Song 508 *I heard the voice of Jesus say*

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

please be seated

Discover

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:**
*In light of Jesus' promise of rest and peace, why do we resist his invitation to follow him and do things his way?
How can we begin to accept Jesus' invitation this week?*
5. Visuals

The Creed
Leader
People

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

please stand

Discover

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 Leslie MacKinley*
All **Almighty God, We need your healing and forgiveness: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us, some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us, set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you, in all that we do, say and think. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. 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 *In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness
scorned by the ones he came to save:
'till on that cross as Jesus died,
the love of God was magnified.
For every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

Discover

There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious Day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine -
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from God's hand
'till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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 Merciful God and Father,

***People* in Adam's fall we were born to death; in the new Adam we are reborn to life. In all we offer you this day may we share a taste of your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Leader The Spirit of God be with you.

***All* And also with you.**

Leader Lift your hearts to heaven

***All* Where Christ in glory reigns.**

Leader Let us give thanks to God.

***All* It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Leader It is right indeed to give you thanks, most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the first born from the dead, the pioneer of our salvation, who is with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God. In your love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord. You make all

Live

Leader things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God.

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

Leader Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, and grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and blood. In the same night that he was betrayed Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me."

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

Leader After supper he took the cup 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 to forgive sin. Do this, as often as you drink it, to remember me."

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

Leader Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberty ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

All **To you be glory and praise for 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-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,

Live

now and for ev - er. A - men.

Meal

Communion Song *Kingdom Prayer*



Join in!

Lord, we're bro - ken, bro - ken - heart - ed, Tired of go - ing our own_ way.
 Lord, we hun - ger and we thirst for Right - eous - ness that's not our_ own;

We've been proud and self - suf - fi - cient, But we're bro - ken here to - day.
 For we see our self - ish mo - tives, Come and take Your right - ful throne.

Lord, we need Your_ pow'r with - in us, For we have none of our_ own_
 Lord, we need Your_ pow'r with - in us, For we have none of our_ own_

Take this bro - ken heart and mend it with Thy pow'r and Thine a - lone.
 Take this hun - gry heart and fill it with Thy pow'r and Thine a - lone.

Lord, make us Your_ king - dom peo - ple, For we're noth - ing on our_ own,

Do your will and bring Your king - dom, Fill our hearts and take Your throne.

Live

Communion Song *Jesus, be the centre*



introduction

Je - sus, be the cen - tre, be my source, be my light,
Je - sus, be the cen - tre, be my hope, be my song.

1. 2.
Je - sus, Be the fire in my heart, be the wind.
Je - sus,

in these sails, be the rea - son that I live, Je - sus, Je - sus

Je - sus, be my vis - ion, be my path, be my guide, Je - sus.

Be the fire in my heart, be the wind in these sails, be the rea -

- son that I live, Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus, be the cen -

- tre, be my source, be my light, Je - sus, be my source,

be my light, Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus

Live

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

Sending Song *Give thanks to the Lord*



Join in!



Give thanks to the Lord who does won-drous deeds, who mas - ters the winds
God who is mer - ci - ful whose kind - ness is wide
God who has set us free, who raised us to life



— and the rag - ing seas, whose love is for - ev - er whose love is for -
— and love boun - ti - ful
— on a bles - sed tree,



ev - er whose love is for ev - er - more!

Sending

Leader Go in peace, filled with God's Holy Spirit.
All **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 Monty Emerson and Katherine Larkin by Janet Emerson and family, and in loving
memory of Winnifred and Edgar Goodaire,
from their sons, David and Edgar, and family.*

Flowers are arranged this week by Kathy Shaw.



*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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