
Strengthen us in the ministries we all share,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and all creation may praise your name. Amen.

HYMN 646 We are marching in the light of God *Siyabamba*

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Edith Vuchnich
in loving memory of her parents, Elmer and Emma Myers.

Participating in leadership in today's service: Doug McWhirter (co-ordinating greeter); Elizabeth Blake, Christine Gillespie, Joan Good, Lee Lockwood (greeters); Connie Capes-Leslie and Deborah Hart (liturgists); Jennifer Ruppel (reader); Don Parsons (preacher); Bronwyn Best, Michael Brown, Rob Crabtree, JoAnn Dzy, Christine Gillespie, Betty Heininger, Coral Martin, Bob Paajanen, David Pellowe, Aubrey Peterson, Ray Smith, Elaine Vanstone (communion servers); Laurie Denham and Doug Reid (anointers); The ESG Drummers; Peter Merrick and the Choir.

COMMUNION COMMITTEE MESSAGE

The Communion Committee is attempting to be proactive with regard to the flu virus.

For Communion services now and in the future, the servers who are distributing the bread and juice will use the hand sanitizers at the front of the church just prior to serving Communion. To decrease the number of hands touching the bread tray, a piece of bread will be passed to individuals by the server instead of offering the entire tray of bread. The practice of dipping the bread in the juice will follow as before.

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"In Star and Crescent, Wheel and Flame"

"After the events of September 11, 2001, the call for understanding among people of different faith traditions sounds with new urgency. I wrote this text for a service on the theme of 'Christ and World Religions,' conducted by Bishop Bennett Sims for the SOIL (Spirit of Inclusive Living) worship experiment of Brevard, NC."

Mary Louise Bringle

*In star and crescent, wheel and flame,
in rugged cross and empty tomb,
we image forth one matchless name,
one holy matrix, fount, and womb.
Though different cultures, tribes and lands
use lenses ground to differing sight,
each colour of the prism's bands
refracts from one all-dazzling light.*

*In burning incense, tithing gifts,
in breaking bread and pouring wine,
each act of ardent worship lifts
our human hearts to Love Divine.
In Buddhist chant and Muslim prayer,
in shofar, drum, and sacred song,
the music thankful spirits share
gives praise in voices millions strong.*

*With varied hopes and dreams and creeds,
all tiles in one mosaic whole,
we serve our God in faithful deeds
on pathways to one common goal.
No Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free,
no male and female set apart,
but all are one, as family
held close within our Maker's heart.*

World Communion Sunday

OPEN DOORS OPEN MINDS OPEN HEARTS

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35 LYTTON BOULEVARD

TORONTO, ONTARIO

October 4, 2009 10:30 a.m.

**AN AFRICAN CELEBRATION
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

*The congregation is invited to join in responses which are **bold**.*

OPENING DOORS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC Jesus, we are here *Jesu Rawa Pano*



Je - sus, we are here; Je - sus, we are here; Je - sus,



we are here; we are here for you.

Words: Patrick Matsikenyiri

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GREETING *(The congregation stands as able.)*

This morning we join our sisters and brothers all over the world as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

**In India and Ireland, in Trinidad and here in Toronto,
as one family of earth we come to Christ's table.**

Gathering for the nourishment of grain and grape,
let us with joy and gratitude offer our hallelujah to God.

we remember all brokenness in our world.

In the pouring of this wine

we remember the life-giving love of God poured out for all.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

(Those serving communion come forward.)

AGNUS DEI

Congolese, arr. Guido Haazen

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Come, for all things are now ready.

(All are invited to receive communion by coming forward down the central aisles beginning from the front of the church, and proceeding to one of the stations. Bread will be received first; you are then invited to dip the bread in the cup. An appropriate response to receiving both the bread and juice is "Amen." Healing stations are available in both the east and west transepts and, if you wish, you may go there for prayer and anointing with oil after having received the elements. Please return to your seats via the side aisles.)

COMMUNION MOTET *In Zion*

Tanzanian trad., arr. John Bell

In Zion, Lord, with you, we'll abide; heaven is our home, though untried. No more doubt: we must decide. Hear the Saviour calling us: he wants us by our side. While still here, there is work to be done: the Good News to share with each one. Day departs with setting sun. It is urgent that all know the great gift, God's own Son. Be ready, and await that great day when we meet the Lord in dawn's ray. Purest joy, without dismay. The warm welcome in heaven: it's for this that we pray. Behold them, countless hosts, dressed in white. Songs are on their lips in the height. Boundless throngs, praising his might. From each nation all ages praise the Lamb: what a sight!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray:

**We give thanks, loving God,
that with sisters and brothers all over the world,
you have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.**

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

Nourishing God, let your Holy Spirit move over us,
and upon these everyday gifts of bread and wine,
that all who eat and drink at this table
may become one body and one holy people.
Let your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to your world,
until Christ comes again.

**Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory is yours,
God most holy, now and forever.**

THE GREAT AMEN

Asitibi Amen



A - men, we praise your name, O Lord.



A-men, we praise your name, O Lord. A-men, A-men,



A-men, A-men, A-men, we praise your name, O Lord.

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Now as children turn to a mother who watches over them,
let us pray together:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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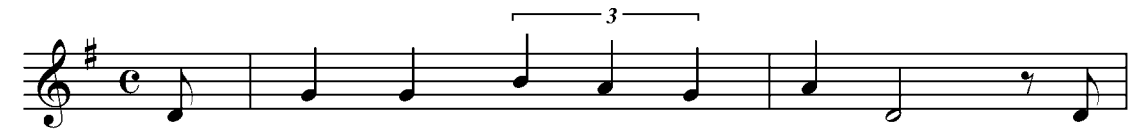
BREAKING OF THE BREAD

"In the breaking of this bread

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

He came down

Tout est Fait



He came down that we may have love; he
He came down that we may have peace; he
He came down that we may have joy; he
He came down that we may have power; he
He came down that we may have hope; he



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have love; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
have peace; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
have joy; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
have power; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
have hope; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

Words and music: Cameroonian trad.

OPENING PRAYER (*The congregation remains standing.*)

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Extravagant God, in this ripening, colour-splashed season,
we sing "hallelujah" for all of your gifts to us.

**We are grateful for the sun and rain mating with earth
to birth an abundant harvest.**

We are grateful for your welcome at this holy table --

Christ's global family gathered for this banquet of bread and cup.

**God of all people and places, on this World Communion Sunday
we pause to admit how often we belittle the voices of others,**

especially when they speak in accents other than our own.
 We acknowledge that sometimes we cling to our own beliefs,
 as if we had a special claim on truth.
 Patient God, forgive us.
 As you embrace us in this Communion Feast,
 show us how to be one with our sisters and brothers
 throughout the world, in the Spirit of Jesus...

(silent personal reflection)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

RESPONSE Know that God is good *Mungu Ni Mwema*

Know that God is good, know that
 God is good, know that God is good,—
 God is good, God is good!

Words and music: Congolese trad.

LEARNING TOGETHER TIME

HYMN Jesus is the Rock *Ewaradze HunYen Mbor*

Jes - us is the Rock, the Rock that lasts,—

we gather with those of every time and every place
 to join the song of all creation proclaiming your goodness:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Congolese, arr. Guido Haazan

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(The congregation may be seated.)

Loving God, in Jesus of Nazareth
 we recognize the fullness of your grace;
 light, life and love revealed
 in words that confront and comfort us,
 in teachings that challenge and change us,
 in compassion that heals and frees us.
 Through countless generations
 your people hungered for the bread of freedom.
 And now we gather at this table to remember
 and to be filled with your living bread
 so that we may rise together,
 transforming our worship into witness
 as we seek to follow in your way.

We remember that on the night before his death
 Jesus came to the table with his friends.
 He took bread and gave thanks to you,
 broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said,
 “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
 Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was ended, he took the cup,
 gave thanks to you, and gave it to his disciples and said:
 “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
 poured out for you and for the whole human family
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

In Jesus’ death you have destroyed the power of death;
 and by raising Christ to new life you have given us life for evermore.
 Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread. I am
send us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt. Strong in
wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hung - er.
faith, free of doubt, tell the world the joy - ful Gos - pel.

Words and music: South African trad.

*As the offering is gathered, the congregation remains seated for this hymn,
and then stands as our gifts are brought to the table.*

OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR WORK, AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, Maker of all things,
we join with all your people to give you thanks and praise.

From you burst forth the splendour of the sun,
and the gentle radiance of the moon.

Stars and planets without number you set in order.

Deep and wonderful are the mysteries of your Creation.

We praise you for the inspiration and delight
of faithful men and women, children and youth;

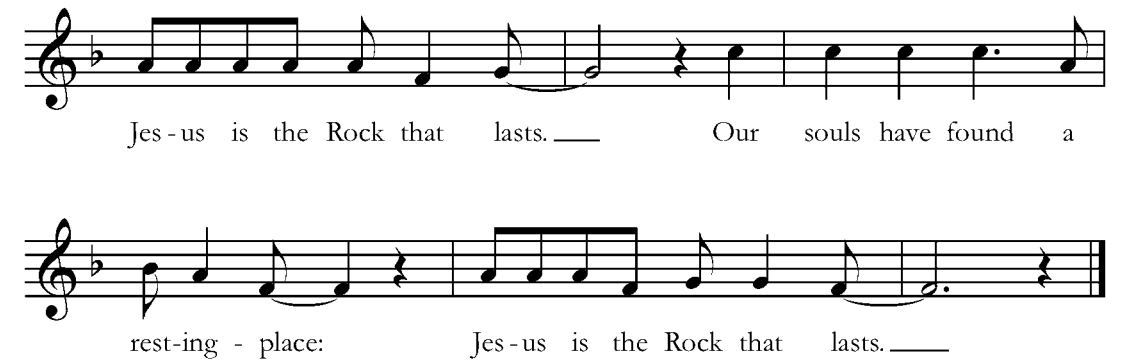
for this earth in all its blessing and promise;

and for the varieties of this bread, once scattered,
now brought together and offered as one gift to You.

In the yearning that all people of earth

from various cultures and traditions

may know your reign of justice and compassion,



Jes - us is the Rock that lasts. — Our souls have found a
rest - ing - place: Jes - us is the Rock that lasts. —

Words and music: Ghanaian trad.

(The children are invited to leave for Church School. Children will return for Communion.)

OPENING MINDS

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

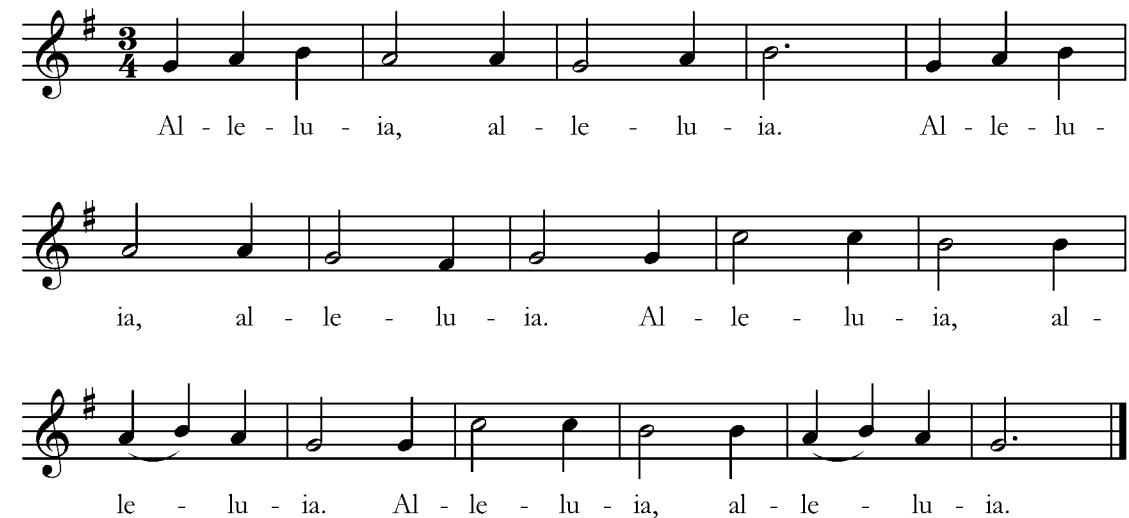
Hebrews 1: 1–4; 2: 5–12

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mxadana



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia,
ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al -
le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: South African trad.

GOSPEL Mark 10: 13–16
The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*repeated*)

ANTHEM *Wana Baraka*, Kenyan trad., arr. Shawn Kirchner
They have blessings, those who pray; Jesus himself said so. Alleluia! They have peace; they have joy; they have well-being.

SERMON How Big is the Table?

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Your will be done on earth Mayenzive Ntando Yakho

Your will be done— on earth, O Lord. Your will be done— on earth, O Lord. Your will— be done on earth, O Lord. Your will be done on earth, O— Lord. Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

Music: South African trad.

OPENING HEARTS

INVITATION

THE PEACE OF CHRIST (*sung*) *Peace be with you* Na Jjoho

Solo *All* *Solo*
Peace be with you, peace be— with you. Peace be with you,
All
peace be— with you, with— all of— us, A -
men, with— all of— us, A - men!

Music: Beninese trad.

(While the singing continues, the congregation is invited to share the Peace with a neighbour)

OFFERTORY HYMN *Halehuya! Pelo Tsa Rona*

Hal - le - lu - jab! We sing your prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jab! We sing your prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness. Christ the He will