

GATHERING

(order of service on screen)

Welcome and Announcements

- Etc., and elements of communion
- Teach Kyrie with sign language

Continuing...

Let us begin with a territorial acknowledgment.

Rhiannon and Matt walk forward and stand together at the lectern...

Territorial Acknowledgement [Rhiannon]

As we come together in this place,
we take a moment to acknowledge this sacred land
on which Emmanuel College and the University of Toronto stands.

This has been a site of human activity for many thousands of years.
This land is the territory of the Huron-Wendat and Petun First Nations,
the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River.
Today, the meeting place of Toronto
is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

We are grateful for the opportunity to live and work on this
territory. Let us be mindful of broken covenants,
and strive to make right with all our relations.

A candle is lit by Matt. Silence is kept.

Opening Prayer (*unison, lead by Matt*) *Aotearoa, New Zealand*

Loving God, open our hearts

that we may feel the breath and play of your Spirit.

Unclench our hands

that we may reach out to one another,

and touch and be healed.

Open our lips

that we may drink in the delight and wonder of life.

Open our eyes

that we may see Christ in friend and stranger.

Breathe your Spirit into us,

and touch our lives with the life of Christ.

Hymn: VU 374 “Come and Find the Quiet Centre” [Becca on piano]

WORD

Reading: James 3:13-4:3 [*Valerie de Souza*]

A reading from the book of James...

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: MV 157 **“I am a Child of God”** [*Becca on Piano, Matt as cantor*]

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark...

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Human One is to be betrayed into human hands, and will be killed by them, and three days after being killed, the Human One will rise again.” But they did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when Jesus was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. Jesus sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then Jesus took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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SERMON “Pace of Compassion” [Miriam Spies]

SILENT REFLECTION

...silence...

Prayers of the People [two leaders: Morgan and Saya, alternating]
based on Iona Community

Sung Response: MV 70 Kyrie Eleison

[sign language led by Becca and Matt, a cappella]

We pray for all those who will be born today,
and who, even in the womb may fear the world

*And we pray for all those who will die today,
who wonder who will hold them when human hands are left behind*

Kyrie Eleison

We pray for those who much make a decision today,
which may affect their lives or the lives of others

*And we pray for those who must leave today
– leave home, leave work, leave a relationship, an addiction, or a hard
place*

Christe Eleison

We pray for all those who face discrimination, or fear for their safety....
for those who will not have enough food to eat or water to drink...
for the people and places, known and unknown to us, where your people
cry out for mercy and justice.

And we pray also, aloud or in silence, for all those who need our our
compassion, our prayers, and your presence

[allow the congregation to contribute]

Kyrie Eleison

TABLE

Invitation & Peace [Miriam Spies and Bill Kervin]

Worship Team to bring the elements forward and help Miriam and Bill to prepare the table.

Miriam underlined

Bill in plain text

We invite you to this meal in the name of the one who said, “The last shall be first,”

We invite you to this meal in the name of the one who told the disciples to welcome children as he welcomed them.

We invite you to this meal in the name of Jesus Christ, who walks with us at the pace of compassion.

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

we exchange signs of peace

PRESENTATION HYMN: VU 477 “I Come With Joy”

The worship team to bring the elements forward to help Miriam and Bill prepare the table. [Matt on guitar, Becca on piano or drum]

The Great Thanksgiving

May God be with us.

God is here among us.

Let us open our hearts to God.

We open them to God and to one another.

Let us give heartfelt thanks to God.

It is right to praise our Maker.

We thank you, God, Creator of us all;

In the beginning of time, you made the world and all of its creatures.

In your time, you made people to belong to your love and to each other.

In ages past, your love called to people
who led creation in their times and places.

Adam and Eve were called to multiply and bear fruit.

Noah was called to care for the family of creation.

Miriam and Moses were called to lead their people to freedom.

Yet, even they turned away from you, as we do.

We try and set time apart for you, we sing your praises,

But then we do not invite you in for the whole of our lives,
the whole of our time.

As it was also with Adam and Eve in the Garden.

As it was also at the time of Noah.

As it was when the people doubted Miriam and Moses.

As it is with us.

Your grace never fails.

You continued to seek out Adam and Eve.

You continued to save Noah and his family.

You accompanied Miriam and Moses
across the Red Sea and through the desert.

You made with the whole earth and with us
your rainbow covenant, a gift of love without bounds.

In the fullness of time, your love came to us,
as you sent your son, Jesus Christ, who walks alongside us
to bring us back to relationship with you.

So it is that we join the song of all creation to
proclaim your goodness:

Santo, Santo, Santo! Mi corazón te adora! [Becca on piano]

Mi corazón te sabe decir: Santo eres Dios!

Holy, holy, holy! My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, God.

We remember how Jesus lived in relationship, in community
with all sisters and brothers,
with You, the one he called Father,
and with Your Spirit.

He noticed Zaccheaus in the tree and invited himself for dinner.
He lingered with the woman at the well during the midday heat.
He sought out the man with regained sight for a conversation.
He welcomed children to come to him in their time.
He took his disciples to a deserted place for a teaching.
He gave time to those on the margins,
loving as wholly and intimately as you do.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus spent time at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them saying,
“Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Each time you do this, remember me.”
After supper he took the cup, gave thanks, poured it, and gave it to them
saying,
“This cup is the new covenant, made for the forgiveness of all people.
Each time you do this, remember me.”

So it is,
remembering Christ’s life and death,
proclaiming his resurrection,
waiting in hope for his coming again.
We look forward to the renewal of all people
as we sing the mystery of our faith:

***Christ has died, is risen, [Becca on piano]
will come again to meet us,
and walks with us the Way of love.
Holy kindom, come!***

Loving God,
we offer you this bread and this fruit of the vine
and ask that you send your Holy Spirit
upon us and upon these gifts
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be joined with your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, teacher and healer of us all.

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

Holy, holy, holy! [Becca on piano]
“Amen!” we pray, with longing.
Let all creation cry “Amen!”
Holy kindom, come!

...and let us join in the words Jesus taught us, praying...

Our Father and Mother of all, who art in heaven...

COMMUNION HYMNS:

[*Matt on piano for the first one, with Becca singing*]

Gestures for our living

words and music: Amós López
translation: Becca Whitla

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is accompanied by guitar chords: D, D/F#, G, and F# in the first system, and Em, Bm, G/B, A, G, A, D in the second system. The lyrics are arranged in two lines, with the first line starting at measure 1 and the second line starting at measure 5. The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the second system.

D D/F# G F#

1. Ges - tures of our health that heal our ma - ny wounds, of
Ges - tures of our pas - sion, of jus - tice long a - wait - ed the
2. Ges - tures of our song an - noun - cing peace for all, that
Shar - ing in the bread, a roof and a ta - ble, Our

5 Em Bm G/B A G A D

ten - der - ness, and wel - come, com - mu - nion and peace. for our liv - ing.
daw - ning of the King - dom fes - ti - val of love. for our liv - ing.
glad - dens our home, o - ther for our liv - ing.
sto - ries meet each

MV 104 “Mungu Ni Mwe Ma/Know that God is Good” [*Becca on piano*]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION [led by Miriam] *spoken in unison*

**Eternal God, we thank you that
you have called your people from east and west,
and north and south,
to feast at the table of Jesus Christ.
Keep us faithful to your will.
Go with us to the streets,
to our homes,
and to our places of labour and leisure—
that whether we are gathered or scattered,
we may be the servant church of the servant Christ,
in whose name we pray.
Amen**

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GOING FORTH

HYMN: VU 384 “The Lone, Wild Bird”

[Matt/Becca]

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH *[Miriam]*

POSTLUDE *[Matt]*