

LEADER VERSION

Announcements:

Becca to welcome folks.

Gluten free elements

Introduce Leanne Ketcham and Lizette Tapia-Raquel

Directions for Communion

Peace of Christ (Becca)

As we begin our time of worship,
Let us welcome and greet each other with the peace.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The music will begin during the Passing of the Peace, signalling the community to return to their seats and begin worship.

Song: *The Church of Christ in Every Age (VU 601)*

Matt on organ/Victor on piano

Acknowledging the Territory: (Rhiannon)

As we gather together to worship God,
we acknowledge this sacred land on
which the University of Toronto operates.
It has been a site of human activity for 15,000 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. The territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and Confederacy of the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

Today, the meeting place of Toronto is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work in the community, on this territory.

We are also mindful of broken covenants and the need to strive to make right with all our relations.

Light candle on Communion Table.

Opening Litany (Matt)

We come as people from different places, with different histories, different traditions, different values.

We come hoping to find companionship for the journey, solidarity for the struggle.

We hunger for lives that have meaning and integrity, and for relationships grounded in mutuality and respect.

We thirst for places to bring our doubts, our fears; places to express honestly who we are.

We thirst for hope and encouragement as we struggle to follow Jesus in the way of life-risking love.

**Be with us God,
As we continue to raise our voices to you in praise and thanksgiving,
and pray to you with longing and hope. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession: (Morgan)

Jesus said, "My yoke is easy and my burden is light."
Let us bring to God our burdens and brokenness, confident and trusting in the Spirit of grace.

Pause.

We pray for forgiveness this day, God of grace.
For choosing power over service, **forgive us.**
For seeking glory rather than humility, **forgive us.**
For pushing ourselves to the front,
when our presence is needed on the sidelines, **forgive us.**

All sing Kyrie eleison (MV 67)
Matt on organ/Victor to lead

Show us where we are needed
and how best to serve you and your people.

**Burn away our domination
and leave us as friends.**

Forgive our sins, heal our brokenness,
and empower us with the Spirit.

In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

All sing Kyrie eleison (MV 67)

Assurance of Grace (Morgan)

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us.

The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us.

Be assured that through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

Psalm: *Sicut Cervus* by Palestrina (UofT Students)

Gospel Reading: Mark 10: 35-45 (Alex)

The Gospel of Christ according to Mark...

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus.

“Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked.

They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

“You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

“We can,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Human One did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Pause.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Lizette Tapia-Raquel

Silence.

Song: *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd* (VU 210)

Matt on organ/Victor on piano

Prayers of the People (Rhiannon and Morgan)

Morgan:

In the silence following each petition,
let us name aloud or in our hearts
those people, places, or situations
that need the care of God.

Let us pray.

Rhiannon:

Holy God,
we turn to you today trusting in your goodness,
trusting in your love,
trusting that you, God, are for us.
We name before you those who suffer from illness,
from the pain of memory,
from torture, from victimization,
especially those hurt by the church or its members

Morgan:

Inaugurate your justice for a broken and crying Creation. . . .

Rhiannon:

Show us your mercy, but not at the expense of your justice. Reconcile
us, but not at the expense of truth

Morgan:

And let us offer our own petitions,
trusting in God's wisdom and compassion

Rhiannon:

Holy One, we know that you hear our prayers.
Answer them as is best for us,
for we trust in you, Holy Wisdom.

Amen.

Celebration of Communion (Leanne)

Leanne comes forward to the Table after prayers finish.

Because there is one bread,
we who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one bread.
In Christ, God breaks down the walls
that make us strangers to ourselves,
and divide us from one another.

We are the body of Christ.

At this table we bear witness to our faith.

**At this table, God brings wholeness out of brokenness,
and healing to Earth.**

Beloved in Christ, let us break bread together.

1 Corinthians 10:17

Presentation Hymn: *One Bread, One Body* (VU 467)

Victor on piano/Matt on guitar

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Triune God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
eternal God, our Creator.

Willing to share your own divine life, you created in love.
Seeking to participate in our lives, you came close to your suffering
people.
Liberating and guiding, you took on our flesh, lived our life, and shared
our finitude.
Once we were no people, but you have made us your people.

From worlds apart, you gather us together.
When we go astray, you welcome us home.
Your love and power are steadfast.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with the choirs of heaven,
lifting up the cries of all creation
with all the faithful of every time and place
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All sing Sanctus (MV 203)

*O holy, holy, holy God,
O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above
bear witness to your grace.*

*Hosanna in the highest heav'n,
creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes
and bears your name always!*

You indeed are holy, O God of majesty:
set apart, Wholly Other, unfathomable in mystery.

Yet in grace – in solidarity – you came among us
in the flesh of Jesus Christ.

For the poor, you became poor;
for the oppressed, you became marginal;
for the crushed, you became broken,
for the outcast, you became a refuge.

So here we remember, O Ancient of Days,
that on the night he was betrayed
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and after giving thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples.
And said, “Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

She breaks and raises the bread.

In a similar way, after supper he took the cup of wine;
and after giving thanks,
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
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

She pours and raises the cup.

And so remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,
we take these gifts of grain and grape
from your gracious gift of Creation
and we celebrate with joy the feast of our redemption in Jesus Christ.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
as a living and holy offering of ourselves,
that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen –
for great is the mystery of faith:

All sing Memorial Acclamation (MV 204)

*Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!*

She extends her hands in invocation over the elements.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be for us a foretaste of that long and wide banquet table
of your just and merciful Reign.
By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ
and with all your creation,
that like Christ we may embody your love
that seeks, struggles, and serves.
Unite us now at your table,
and in one loaf and a common cup,
make us one in Christ Jesus.

She raises the bread and the cup.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ:
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour are yours,

God most holy,
from age unto age.

Great Amen (MV 205)

*Amen, amen, O Holy One!
Hosanna and amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One!
Hosanna and amen!*

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion servers come forward to the Table.

Come, for all things are ready.

All come forward for Communion by intinction.

Music during communion (led by Matt/Victor/Becca)

MV 184 *Ay, Ay Salidummay* (*a cappella*)

MV 47 *Born in Human Likeness* (*Victor on piano/Becca to lead singing*)

Prayer after Communion (Saya)

We give thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.
Strengthen our faith,
increase our love for one another,
and send us forth into the world
united in courage and peace,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour
who taught us to pray, singing:

The Lord's Prayer sung VU 960

Matt on piano

Hymn: VU 567 *Will You Come and Follow Me*
Victor on piano

Blessing (Lizette)

Postlude (Victor)