

LEADER VERSION

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements:

Becca to welcome folks.

Gluten free elements

Introduce our preacher and presider Michael Blair

Directions for Communion.

Thanks to Matt (Worship Team) and Greg (Musician)

Acknowledging the Territory: (Morgan)

As we gather together at Emmanuel College,
we acknowledge this sacred land on
which the University of Toronto operates.

This land is the territory of the Huron-Wendat and Petun First Nations, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River.

We are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on this territory;

and we are mindful of broken covenants,

and the need to strive to make right with all our relations.

Light candle on Communion Table.

Opening Prayer (Eric)

God of power and love, you raised Jesus from death to life, so that we would learn to live according to the ways of your beloved community, in right relation with all of creation. Free the world to rejoice in his peace Jesus modelled. Help us to glory in Jesus' way of justice. Guide us in our living so that we can embody Jesus' way of love. Unite all humankind in Jesus Christ your Child, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Hymn: VU 210 *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*
Greg on organ

WORD

First Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8 (Emily)

A reading from the book of Revelation...

“Grace and peace to you, from the One who is, who was, and who is to come, from the seven spirits before the throne and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the Firstborn from the dead, sovereign of the rulers of the earth. To Christ – who loves us, and who has freed us from our sins by the shedding of blood, and who has made us to be a kingdom of priests to serve our God and Creator – to Jesus Christ be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

Look! Christ is coming on the clouds for every eye to see, even those who pierced Jesus, and all the peoples of the earth will mourn over Christ. So be it! Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says our God, “who is, who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Pause.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: *Beloved Child, Beloved Community*
Greg on piano/Matt on vocals

Gospel Reading: John 18: 33-37 “The Kingdom of God” (Alex)
The Gospel of Christ according to John...

“So Pilate reentered the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. Are you the King of the Jews?” asked Pilate. Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or have others told you about me?” Pilate replied, “Am I Jewish? It is your own people and the chief priests who hand you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, My realm is not of this world; if it belonged to this world, my people would have fought to keep me out of the hands of the Temple authorities. No, my realm is not of this world.” Pilate said, “So you’re a King?” Jesus replied, “You say I’m a King. I was born and came into the world for one purpose – to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who seeks the truth hears my voice.”

Pause.

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Sermon: “A Different Kind of King” (Michael Blair)

Silence.

Prayers of the People (Rhiannon and Kaitlyn)

Kaitlyn:

Gracious God, we pray for the faithful all over the world, that all who love you may be inspired to serve others as you serve us, united in struggles to embody your ways. We pray for the church and we pray for our sisters and brothers of other faith traditions ...

silence

Sing refrain: VU 400 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* (Greg on piano)

Rhiannon:

We pray for the peoples and leaders of the nations that they may be reconciled one to another in pursuit of your peaceable kingdom. We pray for the victims of global conflict. We pray especially for migrants and refugees. We pray for the world ...

silence

Sing refrain: VU 400 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Kaitlyn:

We pray for all who suffer from racism, discrimination, impoverishment, greed and violence.
Warm humanity's heart with your tenderness.
We pray especially for all who are imprisoned or incarcerated.

silence

Sing refrain: VU 400 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Rhiannon:

We pray for all those who are sick, alone, or dying, or who need your prayers, God. Please feel free say the names of those who need our prayers, out loud or in the silence of our hearts...

Kaitlyn:

Holy One, we know that you hear our prayers.
We trust in you, Holy Wisdom.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ (Morgan)

Let us greet each other with the peace.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Presentation Hymn: *A Place at the Table*

Greg on piano/Becca lead congregation on vocals

TABLE

Celebration of Communion (Michael)

Michael comes forward to the Table after prayers finish.

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 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.

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.

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.
You are both lamb and shepherd.
clothed in light upon the mountain
and stripped of might upon the cross,
Wholly Other and intimate presence,
you are unfathomable 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."

He 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."

He 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!
He extends his 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.

He 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.

All Sing Great Amen (MV 205)

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

We gather these and all our prayers,
thankful that we can turn to you as our mother and father, praying:

**Eternal Spirit, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker,
Source of all that is and shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The Hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your Justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your Commonwealth of Peace and Freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth!
With the bread that we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion servers come forward to the Table.

(Emily, James, and Morgan)

Come, for all things are ready.

All come forward for Communion by intinction.

Music during communion (Becca, Tom, and Bill)

That's alright

Traditional African American,
from the Georgia Sea Islands

*That's alright, that's alright. That's alright, it'll be alright
Since my soul's got a seat up in the kingdom, that's alright.*

Prayer after Communion (Rhiannon)

**All: Mighty and tender God,
voice of the voiceless,
power of the powerless:**

**We praise you for your vision
of a community of wholeness,
A realm of peace,**

**In which all who hunger and thirst are nourished,
in which the stranger is welcomed,
the hurting are healed,
and the captive set free.**

**Guide us by your truth and love,
until we and all your people
make manifest your reign of justice and compassion.**

**We pray in the name of your anointed one, our servant-king,
to whom with you and the Spirit, one Holy God,
be honour, glory, and blessing this day and forever. Amen.**

GOING FORTH

Hymn: VU 333 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
Greg on organ/Matt on piano

Blessing & Sending Forth (Michael)

Postlude: *Fugue in C* by Vanhal (Greg)