



Sunday January 21, 2024
Third Sunday after the Epiphany

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Uxbridge



THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Wareham: Spirit of the Living God CP 40

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Welcome & Opening Greeting (Please remain seated.)

We Gather.

One: O God, you spoke your word

All: and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ.

One: Fill all creation with that word again,

All: so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations, and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples,

One: we may become one living body,

All: your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen. (<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts>)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

Processional Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me

CP 430

Land Acknowledgement

Together we say

The Township of Uxbridge is situated on the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Chippewa (Anishinaabe) people. We acknowledge that these lands are covered under the Williams Treaties and are home to many Indigenous communities. We honour, recognize, and respect this nation and Indigenous Peoples as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we now live, work, and play. (Township of Uxbridge)

Litany:

One: God calls to us and reminds us that time is of the essence.

Don't complicate your lives unnecessarily. The present world is passing.

All: **The world that we see around us is on the way out. A new world is coming.**

One: Keep things as simple as possible. Turn away from things that distract you.

The Kin-dom of God is closer than you think. Prepare for it.

All: **God is even now among us to work his gracious will.**

[She] calls everyone to repent and believe in the good news.

One: God calls us to walk in the way of the Chosen, and to announce by word and deed God's righteous judgements.

All: **God makes new all who come to [her] in faith and trust,**

The Lord shows his favour to all who heed him. (<http://spirit-net.ca>)

The Gloria – St. Thomas Mass

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heav'nly King, Almighty God and Father

We worship you. We give you thanks,

We praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Have Mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of God,

Receive our prayer.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

For you alone are the Holy One;

You alone are the lord; you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ

With the holy spirit with the glory of God the Father

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

Collect of the Day

God give us grace, to answer readily the call of our Saviour Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we, and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** (lectionarypage.net)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Jonah

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word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ‘Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.’ So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, ‘Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!’ And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. (NSRVA)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8 Choir

Goss

Gradual Alleluia

CP 405

*“Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.”*

Holy Gospel Mark 1:14-20

Reader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee preaching the Message of God: “Time’s up! God’s kingdom is here. Change your life and believe the Message.” Passing along the beach of Lake Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew net-fishing. Fishing was their regular work. Jesus said to them, “Come with me. I’ll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I’ll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass.” They didn’t ask questions. They dropped their nets and followed. A dozen yards or so down the beach, he saw the brothers James and John, Zebedee’s sons. They were in the boat, mending their fishnets. Right off, he made the same offer. Immediately, they left their father Zebedee, the boat, and the hired hands, and followed. (The Message)

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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Reflection – Robin Dhillon

Contemplative Pause

People: God, we hear and receive your words of hope and encouragement and with thoughtful gladness we sing.

Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness (vs 1)

CP 447

*“Lord we hear your word with gladness: you have spoken – we rejoice:
Words of love and life and freedom – help us make their truth our choice!
Now in holy celebration for your Word we worship you;
Spoken, written, known in Jesus, ours today to prove anew.”*

Profession of faith

Creed of Epiphany

**I believe in God, the creator of the universe,
who spoke, “Let there be light!” and there was light,
setting in motion all of creation and blessing it to this day.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, the light of the world
That shines in the darkness. The darkness cannot overcome it.
He embodied humanity in the image of God.
In kindness, truthfulness, humility and devotion, He suffered for the greater good.
He was and is the Son of God.
He died on the cross for us, God’s saving grace!**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, The guiding light of God in our world.
Through his spirit, God penetrates and reveals
The [dullness] of human sin, helps people grow and become the people they are
meant to be.**

**I believe in the power of transformation, Through God’s spirit and light,
Here in this world and in the world to come. Amen.**

([https://](https://modernliturgist.org/project/creed-of-epiphany)

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Anthem

Lord Be Thy Word My Rule

Moore

Prayers of the People

Confession (A prayer for what we could have been) and **Absolution**

Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being, we humbly confess **that we have not loved you with our hearts, souls and minds, and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us. We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ. We often give in order to receive. We love our friends and [dislike] our enemies. We go the first mile but dare not travel the second. We forgive but dare not forget. And so, as we look within ourselves, we are confronted with the appalling fact that the history of our lives is the history of a revolt against you. O**

God, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be. Give us the [grace and patience] to know your will. Give us the courage to do your will. Give us the devotion to love your will.

(<https://guideposts.org/prayer/how-to-pray/pray-with-dr-martin-luther-king-jr>)

Absolution – Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your faults, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

May the peace of the Christ of Justice who calls us, be with you. **And also with you!**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

Here in This Place New Light Is Streaming

CP 465

Prayer over the Gifts

Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

One: May the God of glory be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

One: People of God, offer your hearts to God.

All: **We give them to the One who comes to redeem us.**

One: People of God, sing songs of praise and joy.

All: **We lift our voices to the One who journeys with us through the waters of baptism, and who feeds us at the Table of hope.** (<https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>)

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfilment of your promise you pour forth your Spirit upon us, filling us with gifts and leading us into all truth. You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood. Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels, and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells, to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus – St. Thomas Mass

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

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; 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 for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command, **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all, presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Parent, who is among us, blessed be your Creation.

May your reign be a reality here on earth.

May we become more interested in building your kin-dom here and now than in waiting for it to come down from above.

Let us share our bread with those who hunger.

Let us learn to forgive as well as to receive forgiveness.

Help us through the time of temptation, delivering us from all evil.

For ours are the eternal blessings that you pour upon the earth.

Amen.

(J. Manny Santiago, 1999. From the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists.)

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God

All: **Thanks be to God**

Agnus Dei – St. Thomas Mass

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world
Grant us peace.**

Communion

During Communion

Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said

CP 431

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Doxology

Glory to God, 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.

Sending forth & Blessing

One: Loving God, we pray for openness.

All: **Open us to the practical needs of those closest to us and give us the determination to respond.**

One: Loving God, we pray for openness.

All: **Open us to opportunities to encourage the downhearted and take our hesitation away.**

One: Loving God, we pray for openness.

All: **Open us to a renewed vision of our faith community, and inspire us with a willingness to serve.**

One: Loving God we pray for openness.

All: Open us to fresh ways of looking at our planet and the challenges that it holds, and remind us of the part we might play in its renewal.

One: Loving God, we pray for openness.

All: That we may end our reluctance and be ready to act boldly. Amen.

(David Sparks, *Called to Act: Prayer with Roots in the Gospel of Mark*)

Announcements

Recessional Hymn

O Jesus, I Have Promised

CP 438

The Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve God.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Deo Gracias

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