



## **Sunday, February 04, 2024 Communion Sunday**

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**Readers:** Pat File and Colin Whiteside

**Tech Team:** Glenn Erwin, Gabriela and Rick Dell, Bruce Wilcox

### **WELCOME/CALL TO THE GATHERED/ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE LAND**

#### **HYMN: VU #401 "Worship the Lord"**

**Refrain: Worship the Lord, worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,  
raising our hands in devotion to God who is one!**

1. Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing, and with our lips our togetherness voicing, giving ourselves to a life of creativeness, worship and work must be one! **Refrain:**
2. Praying and training that we be a blessing, and by our handiwork daily confessing: we are committed to serving humanity, worship and work must be one! **Refrain:**
3. Called to be partners with God in creation, honouring Christ as the Lord of the nation, we must be ready for risk and for sacrifice, worship and work must be one! **Refrain:**
4. Bringing the bread and the wine to the table, asking that we may be led and enabled, truly united to build new communities, worship and work must be one! **Refrain:**
5. Now in response to the life you are giving, help us, O Father, to offer our living, seeking a just and a healing society, worship and work must be one!

**OPENING PRAYER:** read by Colin Whiteside

#### **LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:**

One: As we light this Christ candle may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

#### **SUNG RESPONSE: VU#82 "A Light is Gleaming" Refrain**

**Refrain:** A light is gleaming, spreading its arms throughout the night,  
living in the light. Come share its gladness, God's radiant love is burning bright, living in the light.

#### **THEME CONVERSATION:**

**SUNG LORD'S PRAYER:** VU #959 (Children leave for Discovery Kids)

**SCRIPTURE – PSALM 19:7-10 & SONG OF FAITH READING ON SCRIPTURE:** read by Pat File

#### **SERMON:**

#### **COMMUNION HYMN: VU #469 "We Gather Here"**

1. We gather here in Jesus' name,  
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;  
for through the loving son God fashions us as one:  
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord.  
No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs;  
finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.
2. He joins us here, he breaks the bread,  
the One who pours the cup is risen from the dead;  
the One we love the most is now our gracious host:  
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord.  
We are now a family of which Christ is the head;  
though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.



3. We'll gather soon where angels sing;  
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;  
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:  
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

## **SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS VU#  
932(sung)

**Holy, holy, holy are you,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth  
are filled with your glory,  
Hosanna in the Highest!  
Blessed is the one  
who comes in your name.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.**

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION MV#207 2x  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again**

SHARING THE BREAD AND WINE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

**Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.**

**We are fed by your love;  
we are strengthened by your life.  
We are sent forth into this world to  
live into the visions God has laid  
on our hearts.**

**We are now commissioned to:  
feed as we have been fed,  
forgive as we have been forgiven,  
love as we have been loved.  
Thanks be to God.**

## **GIVING OF OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** "Take the Bread Children"

## **SUNG RESPONSE: MV#182 followed by OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,  
Joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of love.  
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,  
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** read by Colin Whiteside

## **CLOSING HYMN: MV #28 "God of the Bible"**

1. God of the Bible, God in the Gospel, hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,  
you are our centre, daylight or darkness, freedom or prison, you are our home.  
**Refrain: Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change. (2x)**
2. God in our struggles, God in our hunger, suffering with us, taking our part,  
still you empower us, mothering Spirit, feeding, sustaining, from your own heart. **Refrain:**
3. Those without status, those who are nothing, you have made royal, gifted with rights,  
chosen as partners, midwives of justice, birthing new systems, lighting new lights. **Refrain:**
4. Not by your finger, not by your anger will our world order change in a day,  
but by your people, fearless and faithful, small paper lanterns, lighting the way. **Refrain:**
5. Hope we must carry, shining and certain through all our turmoil, terror and loss,  
bonding us gladly one to the other, till our world changes facing the Cross. **Refrain:**

## **COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

**SUNG BENEDICTION:** VU#974 "Amen" Amen, amen. Hallelujah, Amen (3x) **POSTLUDE**