

The Prayer continues . . .

Yes, blessed is he who was born among us incognito, who grew up without privilege or status, who walked the way to heaven through the back streets of this world, who told the deepest truths in ordinary language, who touched and healed, blessed and disturbed without fear or favor, who showed inclusive love in all its unconditional glory; who for all this, and for all of us, rose again; who is present with us here and now.

Let that same Spirit stir our souls so that as we share this sacrament, we may recognize our Lord and receive him that he may be in us, and we in him, forever.



THE BREAD IS BROKEN, THE WINE IS POURED

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took break, broke and blessed it, and said 'Take this and eat it. It is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

Later he took a cup of wine and said, 'In this cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Take this, all of you, to remember me.'

All you who hunger and thirst for a better life, for a deeper faith, for a better world, here is the bread of life: feed on it with gratitude; here is the cup of salvation, drink from it and believe.

THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED (sing the refrain as directed)

Refrain

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and
 joy, com-pas - sion and peace: yes,
 God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,
 jus-tice and joy!

The Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 53 "O God, Who Gives Us Life"

*BENEDICTION



Wycliffe

Presbyterian Church

February 3, 2019 ~ Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Rev. Garrett Bugg, pastor

Preparation for Worship: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations. Do not say 'I am only a boy' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and speak as I command you. Do not be afraid." (Jeremiah 1:5-8)

"Maybe wisdom is not having it all figured out, but being open to God. In wisdom we never finish paying attention, never close our minds. We are continually open to awareness and perspectives by what Paul calls 'the transformation of our minds.' In wisdom we become more open to wonder, attentive to the Spirit, and receptive to God. Wisdom is allowing ourselves to be changed." (Steve Garraas-Holmes)

Welcome & Announcements

Please sign & pass the Friendship pad

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (remain seated; all read the bold)

Gathered round a table is where Jesus so often met people.

Gathered round the table of Matthew,
the table of Zacchaeus, the table of Simon,
the table of Peter,
the table of Lazarus, and Martha and Mary,
the tables of Joanna and Susannah.

Gathered round a table where he could see people face to face,
listen to their stories, share their laughter.

**And here, we are gathered round a table
because this is where Jesus has promised to be,
for those who want to meet him.**

So accept his invitation and feel welcome at this table.
Come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith,
for a better life, for a fairer world.

**Jesus Christ
offers us a foretaste of eternal life,
and invites us to be his guests.**

*HYMN 509 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

**Share the peace of Christ with those around you
Children's time with the Pastor*

A TIME OF CONFESSION – (all read the bold)

O Christ, the Master Carpenter, who at the last, through wood and nails,
purchased our whole salvation,

Have mercy on us.

Wield well your tools in the workshop of your world, so that we
who come rough-hewn to your bench, may be fashioned
to a truer beauty by your hand.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

Inform what we say. Redeem who we are. Be in all we do. (a time of silent confession)



All sing Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me. (Repeat)

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE & PARDON . . . and all say: **Thanks be to God!**

Hear these words from Psalm 71 (71:1-6)

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your
righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.
Be to me a rock of refuge and a strong fortress to save me, for you
are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the
unjust and cruel. For you are my hope and my trust, O Lord, from my youth.
I have leaned on you since my birth; it was you who took me from my
mother’s womb. My mouth is filled with praise.



HYMN 837 “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” (remain seated)



Scripture ~ Luke 4:21-30
The Word of God is Opened to Us
Rev. Garrett Bugg

THE PASTOR’S PRAYER followed by **THE LORD’S PRAYER** (p.35, hymnal)

The offering is received & the table is prepared ~

“I Come with Joy”

arr. Z. Highben

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free; the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me.
I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, a new community of love in
Christ’s communion bread. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen but ever near, is in such friendship better known alive among us here.
Together met, together bound, by all that God has done,
we’ll go with joy to give the world the love that makes us one.

THE STORY

Pastor:

What we do here, we do because it is Jesus’ will.
For it was he, who once in an upstairs room, sat at a meal with his disciples.

Reader:

During the meal, he took bread. And when he had blessed it, he broke it,
and said to his disciples, ‘This is my body. It is given for you. Do this to remember me.’
Later, after they had eaten, he took a cup of wine and after he had given thanks, he said,
‘In this cup is a new relationship with God made possible because of my death.
Drink it, all of you, to remember me.’

Pastor:

So we will do as Jesus did.
We take this bread and this wine, the produce of the earth, the work of human hands,
through which Jesus has promised to make himself known.
And as he said a prayer before sharing, let us follow his example.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (all read the bold)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor:

It is right to praise you, for you are the One from whom we came and the One
to whom we will return. You hold all life in your hand. You watch us waking or sleeping,
you keep every tear that we shed, you hear every prayer we make,
you know both our best and our worst, and you will not let us go.

So with rain, wind and sunshine, with all that moves in time with its Maker, we praise you.
With angels and archangels, with the saints from long ago,
with our loved ones who are gathered round your heavenly table, we praise you.

With the church throughout the world, Orthodox and Lutheran, Catholic and Reformed,
with all who love Jesus and honor his name, we praise you,
singing the hymn of your everlasting glory:

All sing: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!