

Kincardine United Church

Epiphany Communion

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Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.

*An asterisk in the bulletin indicates you may sit or stand.

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PRELUDE Miniature Suite for Organ: Communion

Healey Willan

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and of their spirituality.

We begin our worship this morning

by acknowledging the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe.

We are all Treaty people, parties to Crown Treaty 45 ½ in 1836.

**Keep us mindful of the covenants that have been made – and broken –
with First Nations peoples.**

**May we grow into living with respect on this land,
walking into reconciliation through peace and friendship,
while honouring all who live, work and worship on it.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT

Miniature Suite for Organ: Intermezzo

Healey Willan

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Online, by recording or in person, it's great to be with all of you!

Why, thank you. We come to be with one another.

We come to hear a message of hope.

I know those online cannot see everyone who is here in person,
nor can those in person see those online.

It doesn't matter because we are still worshipping together.

Well then, let's thank God for inviting us as we join in prayer:

God, you really do stretch us.

We are so grateful that during the past three years of pandemic,

you have walked with us each step of the way, supporting and guiding us each moment.

**Guide us this morning, we pray, as we listen carefully for your loving direction –
our purpose as we follow Jesus. Amen.**

***MORE VOICES #1** Let Us Build a House

SHARING TIME Why Is the Table So Fancy Today?

GOD MOVES AMONG US IN SACRAMENT

INVITATION

CALL TO GIVE THANKS

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give God our thanks and praise.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

VOICES UNITED #372 (Verse 1 only) Though I May Speak

CONFESSION

BIBLE READING Matthew 4:17 in the New Testament

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(A Repeat After Gord Prayer)*

REMEMBERING JESUS AT TABLE Choir Anthem: Jesus Took the Cup

FRACTION

VOICES UNITED #372 (verse 3 only as Prayer for Transformation) Though I May Speak

DISTRIBUTION

If you are worshipping at home, please take the bread and beverage you have prepared and partake.

If you are worshipping here in person, please take the elements you have been given and partake. As you partake, remember the Way of Jesus as our path of loving.

BIBLE READING Matthew 4:18-23 in the New Testament

¹⁸ As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

You have invited each of us and all of us to follow your Way of Love.

May what we have tasted this morning become your Love alive within us.

**May we, like the apostles, might find meaning and purpose in community –
a mission that transforms. Amen.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING 1st Corinthians 1:10-18 in the New Testament

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

DOXOLOGY #321 Voices United (verse 4 only)

Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,

let all on earth below record and dwell upon your love.
When heaven and earth have fled before your glorious face,
may all the saints you love has made sing everlasting praise.

PRAYER BEFORE MEDITATION

MEDITATION Humble Authenticity

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

*VOICES UNITED #372 (*verse 2 only*) Though I May Speak

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*in unison*)

Here we offer symbols of what we have both online and in person:

e-transfers, cheques, pre-authorized payments, coins and paper.

May you, O God, bless us in our giving through our stewardship your gifts.

May you transform our hearts by Love shared and multiplied in Jesus' name. Amen.

*VOICE UNITED 679 Let There Be Light

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT *Gloria # 37 Voices United*

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE Prelude on Vulpus

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