

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 peoples have walked this land,
weaving their identity and their spirituality intimately with the land.

European colonisation came about in large part

because of the Doctrine of Discovery,

a flawed understanding that ignores Indigenous presence on the land.

Affirming the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

and, therefore, repudiating the wrong of such a doctrine,

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

Come to worship God to rejoice in the good news of liberation.

We come while longing for liberation from restrictions and from isolation.

Come to be embraced within God's heart who gathers us as one.

We come into this digital space –

even though we can't see one another –

but trusting in connection through the Spirit.

Come together as we chat with God in prayer:

Loving God who unites us, teach us how to love across the distance.

Open our creativity to connect with one another despite our separation.

Energize us with the Spirit's power for sustaining relationships.

Guide us to perceive the face of Christ in the faces of our neighbours. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 402 We Are One**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent Prayer*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**God within us, God beyond us, God among us,
may the Mystery always be named and known
among all peoples and in all times.**

May Creation give way to the rule of love and the power of life.

Satisfy our hunger, granting us a hunger to see the whole world fed.

Restore us to right relationship

with you, with Creation, with others, with ourselves.

Strengthen us to reject all that would lead us away from you.

Come to us when we choose death over life.

Give us courage to follow your call in this moment.

For in your love we find the only power,

**the only home, the only honour we will ever need,
in this life and the life to come. Amen.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING 1st Corinthians 12:12-31a in the New Testament page 174.

For just as the body is one and has many members,

and all the members of the body, though many, are one body,
so it is with Christ.

For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body –

Jews or Greeks, slaves or free –

and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,"
that would not make it any less a part of the body.

And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,"
that would not make it any less a part of the body.

If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be?

If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them,
as God chose.

If all were a single member, where would the body be?

As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you,"
nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

On the contrary,

**the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,
and those members of the body that we think less honourable
we clothe with greater honour,
and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect;
whereas our more respectable members do not need this.**

But God has so arranged the body,

giving the greater honour to the inferior member,
that there may be no dissension within the body,

but the members may have the same care for one another.

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it;

if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

**And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets,
third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing,
forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.**

Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?

Do all possess gifts of healing?

Do all speak in tongues?

Do all interpret?

But strive for the greater gifts.

And I will show you a still more excellent way.

***MORE VOICES 171** Christ Has No Body Now but Yours

BIBLE READING Luke 4:14-21 in the New Testament page 61.

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

DOXOLOGY Bring Many Names #268 *Voices United* (verse 6 only)

**Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and hosanna, great, living God!**

MEDITATION Spirited Revolution

GOD INVITES US TO THE TABLE

INVITATION

We are all an open book to God's loving gaze because
we are made in the image of God for loving relation.

**We come to this table set by the risen Christ,
invited as a community gathered through the Spirit,
woven together in God's heart by grace.**

Come, then, at Christ's unconditional invitation,
for no one is denied a place at this table for each person is welcome.

We come, in gratitude and in anticipation, for renewal and courage.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Give God your thanks and your praise.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

We give you, O God, thanks and praise for our formation in Love.

You have used each circumstance of our history, of our decisions,
of our mistakes, of our triumphs to nourish our growth within your heart.

**When Adam and Eve yearned for knowledge and status, you walked with us
as we struggled to find your way in a world of complexity.**

When Miriam and Moses came out of hidden exile to insist on liberation,
you encouraged us to dance on our journey to freedom,
nourishing us in the wilderness of our becoming.

**When the prophets challenged our oblivious arrogance to inequity,
you strengthened us to respond with deeper understanding
and a wider commitment to mutual community.**

When we seemed to fall asleep out of weariness and under oppression,
you sent us Jesus of Nazareth to model a self-giving Way of faithful living.

**Yet we didn't listen nor follow, abandoning the promise of hope in Jesus
for the familiar ways we have always done things.**

CHOIR ANTHEM He Became a Lamb Mary K Beal

*He became a lamb, he became a lamb,
when the Father needed a sacrifice, he sent his Son and he became a lamb.
Scarred, bruised, suff'ring for sins not his own, for sins not his own.
Scarred, bruised, willing to give up his throne*

(willing to give up his heavenly throne).
God so loved the world
(he became a lamb),
God so loved the world
(he became a lamb)
that he sent his only begotten son
to pay the price,
(a sacrifice), a lamb, a lamb.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND FRACTION

AFFIRMATION OF MEMORY AND HOPE

In response to Jesus' self-giving, we remember and we hope:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

We continue to grow in our understanding in our living the Way of Christ.

We seek healing and hope for ourselves and for one another,

giving our trust anew to God as we unite in silent prayer:

(silent prayer)

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION

We continue in prayer, inspired by the Spirit living within:

As we commune together digitally around this table,

may your Spirit so move within and among us that we are transformed. May you bless

what we say and do in our homes –

connected across the distance –

that we become ever more your disciples. Amen.

PARTAKING

Please take your bread and beverage you have prepared and partake.

If you have others with you, serve one another in love.

As you partake, remember the Way of Jesus as our own path of becoming.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us join together in prayer through gratitude for God's eternal grace:

Thank you, welcoming Christ, for this table and for our communion in you.

Bless us as we rise from your table with loving kindness for others.

Challenge us through your passion for right relation in the world,

a passion which calls us, equips us and strengthens us. Amen.

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

What we offer to you here of ourselves,
we offer freely and joyfully, O God,
understanding our integral part of your whole.

Weave each one of us and what we give into the tapestry of your mission,
we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 691** Though Ancient Walls

BENEDICTION**SONG OF COMMITMENT** *Gloria # 37 Voices United*

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

POSTLUDE

Prelude on Vulpius

Healey Willan