

**Kindred Spirits Worship
January 12, 2025
Sacrament of Communion**

PRELUDE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND TREATIES (Announcement)

One:

Called to live with respect in Creation
as Indigenous, Métis, Settler and Newcomer people,
we acknowledge that the land on which we worship, work, learn and serve,
and the water which sustains life on this land,
is of God, Creator,
and in the farthest reaches of memory
was entrusted to the original peoples who walked this land,
and to their descendants.

One:

With the coming of colonizers,
treaties were made,
but again and again the colonizers disregarded and broke the treaties,
causing grave and lasting harm to the historic caregivers of the land,
to the generations that followed them,
and to the land itself.

All:

**Called to action for Truth and Reconciliation,
we who gather here on Treaty One territory
commit ourselves to finding faithful ways
of honouring the treaties, the land and one another
in a spirit of openhearted respect.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING STATEMENT (Epiphany)

The word Epiphany is a complex word meaning manifestation, or revelation. It derives from the revelation of Jesus to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi. Yet is a series of gospel stories the nature of Jesus will be revealed to followers and opponents, and by implication us as we eavesdrop on those who witnessed Jesus life.

In our lives this January is a time of new beginnings, for Canadian government, for our neighbours to the South, for our churches, and perhaps for many of us individually. As much as we might prefer stability and consistency, the truth is that we are always on a journey to somewhere, our options are to resist and hide, or to hang on and hope that we might perhaps be able to shape the outcome.

Sydney Carter wrote a song about journeying. Perhaps it will set the tone for Epiphany.

Hymn : VU# 639 One More Step Along the World I Go

MOMENT TO PONDER

HYMN: VU# 95 Born in the Night, Mary's Child

SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 43:1-7

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Choir Anthem: "If We Truly Believe"

REFLECTION:

HYMN: VU# 460 All Who Hunger

OFFERING INVITATION AND PRAYER

A new year is upon us! It is a time we might be able to offer compassion and hope to a weary and uncertain world. A time when our gifts and our dreams might be welcomed by those who struggle. Let us resolve to use what we have, and who we are to shape and transform this home of ours.

Doxology VU# 544 In Gratitude and Humble Trust

Let us Pray:

**Holy One, bless the gifts we share and the
hope we hold so our community and world
might be transformed by your Grace.**

AMEN

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation:

Greeting:

God be with you.

And also, with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God Thanks and Praise

Prayers of Thanksgiving

God of light and love, by the light of your promise
You guide your people across deserts, and through dark nights.
In the light of your presence we behold your glory and offer you our gifts.
Through the light of your peace,
You claim us as your beloved, and joy is our banquet.
We give you thanks that you make manifest your glory:
Lighting the way for every pilgrim,
Gifting the earth with the prince of peace,
And setting a table for all who hunger.
And so it is that we sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayers of Intercession

O God, we lift our prayers for the world,
During dark cold days of winter, we pray for all who struggle to see light.
We remember those who do not have enough.
Enough food, enough warmth, enough love!
We remember those whose homes are torn by war and destruction.
We pray for captives who have been released, and those who have died in prisons
both physical, and emotional.
We pray for all who serve the broken hearted. Those who provide food and
water, those who offer medicine and care, those who listen to stories of grief.
We pray for our community, our friends and family in need. The sick and the
lonely, the grieving and the forgotten, the hungry and the alone. Today we
particularly remember

We pray for all those we name in the silence of our hearts.....

Words of Institution

Throughout his life Jesus shared meals with ordinary people. The displaced and the outcast yes, his friends and disciples, yes, and throughout the span of history, all those who have embraced his calling and endeavoured to follow his way. We remember one such meal he ate with his disciples. He took the bread, and blessed it, and broke it, and passed it to them saying, take this and eat. This bread is the body of life, broken by the world. Eat it in remembrance and in Hope.

After that, he took the cup, poured it and blessed it, and passed it to them saying, "This cup is the sign of the new covenant. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Pour your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, O God,
that we might be transformed more and more into the likeness of Christ.
Dying to our old ways, may we rise to life anew.
Through your presence, may the garden of your Creation flourish and thrive,
and the fruits we bear nourish others.

AMEN.

Let us unite in the words of the Jesus prayer:

LORD'S PRAYER (SAID) VU p. 916

**Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,
May your name be made Holy,
May your dominion come,
May your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today the bread we need;
And forgive us our debts,
As we have forgiven our debtors;
And do not put us to the test,
But rescue us from evil,
For your is the dominion, and the power, and the glory forever,
AMEN**

THE SHARING:

May this bread nourish and sustain us in our search for light and life!

AMEN

May this cup bless and refresh in our living and our serving!

AMEN

Come, for all is now ready.

Prayer After Communion:

**Holy God, for food for the journey,
for the blessing of Hope,
for the gift of community,
we give you thanks.**

**Grant that we may grow in love and understanding,
And ours may be lives of faithful action,
In Jesus name.**

AMEN.

Hymn: VU# 82 A Light Is Gleaming

Commissioning

**Choral Blessing: VU# 87 I Am the Light of the World
(refrain)**

Postlude