

Kincardine United Church

Christ the King, Communion & White Gift Sunday

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

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PRELUDE Jesus Our Redeemer *D. Buxtehude*

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

As we gather for worship, we acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional territory of First Nations Peoples – Peoples who have lived on this land and by these waters for thousands of years.

We gather as a non-Indigenous community of faith on the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe Nation, giving gratitude for their stewardship through the ages.

We are newcomers to this land and we have gained so much in coming.

Our gain, however, has come at a great cost to First Nations Peoples.

We acknowledge that we have gained much
within racist systems of our creation,
systems which have benefitted those who are white,
Christian and heterosexual.

**Our acknowledgement is only the beginning of our journey
toward reconciliation, toward healing of all our relations
with those we have belittled in this culture.**

Our words must now be followed up with action.

**We pray the Holy Spirit breathes forgiveness, hope and love
into all our relations and sets us free
from the evil of colonialism.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Jesus, Our Redeemer *J.S. Bach*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus calls us to open our hearts to all in need.

We come this day to hear

his words of encouragement for us.

Look around you. Smile at each other,

for we all have need of friendship and welcome.

With God's great love in our hearts,

we find our welcome in this place of worship. Amen.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

With thankful hearts we pause this day to be reminded of our
grandest hope

**that the calamities, the demands, even the blessings
of this world do not have the last word.**

You are the one who was and is, and who is yet to come —
a ruler of a different kind.

**Open our hearts to the comfort, the challenge
and the mystery of this good news.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ,
your faithful witness, we pray. Amen.**

VOICES UNITED #820 Make a Joyful Noise

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all creation, you have asked us to reach out
to feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty;
clothe the naked, visit the sick
and those imprisoned; welcome the stranger.**

**These words are not unfamiliar to us, yet somehow
we have treated them as nice words
but not an active part of our life of faith.**

**Forgive us, Lord, for the meagreness of our faith
and the weakness of our witness. Amen.**

SHARING TIME –THE SURVIVORS’ FLAG – Teaching #8

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Colossians 1:11-14 from *The Message*
¹¹⁻¹² As you learn more and more how God works, you will learn
how to do your work. We pray that you’ll have the strength to
stick it out over the long haul—not the grim strength of gritting
your teeth but the glory-strength God gives. It is strength that
endures the unendurable and spills over into joy, thanking the

Father who makes us strong enough to take part in everything bright and beautiful that he has for us.

¹³⁻¹⁴ God rescued us from dead-end alleys and dark dungeons. He's set us up in the kingdom of the Son he loves so much, the Son who got us out of the pit we were in, got rid of the sins we were doomed to keep repeating.

VOICES UNITED #213 Rejoice the Lord is King

BIBLE READING Luke 23:33-43

(New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus[a] there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in[g] your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

DOXOLOGY #315 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (vs.4, only)

MEDITATION "Who Rules You?"

Sacrament of Communion

CALL TO GIVE THANKS

The Spirit of God be with you.

And also with you

Turn to God, the source of life

We lift our hearts in prayer

Let us give thanks

We offer our joyful thanks to God

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Loving God, you made this wonderful world for us to enjoy.

You showed our ancestors how to care for one another.

You gave us Jesus to be our friend and to bring us closer to you.

**He died on a cross but you brought him to life,
to live with us forever.**

You send us your Spirit and bring us to this table
so that we can share your love.

**For all your goodness we give you thanks;
and together we give you praise.**

**Lord of lords, Creator of all things,
nature gives thanks,**

your creatures give thanks,

Your praise rises in us like the great river.

God of all things, Creator, Provider,

we thank you in the name of Jesus Christ.

REMEMBERING JESUS AT THE TABLE

Let us remember together that vision of God's reign
shown to us in Jesus at table:

**He shared food with followers and friends,
with saints and sinners,**

with crowds of thousands on the hillside,

and a few friends in an upper room.

On the night before he died,

he had supper with his companions.

He took a loaf of bread, and after giving thanks,
he broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

“Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks,
he passed it among them, saying:

“Drink this. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Through this loaf and cup, Jesus lives within us.

In word and deed, Jesus lives among us.

PRAYER OF SELF-GIVING

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, as we break bread and share the cup, giving thanks for your love in Jesus, the Christ. We spread your table with these gifts of the earth and of our labour.

We present to you our very lives,

committed to your service on behalf of all people.

This we remember; this we believe:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

PRAYERS FOR TRANSFORMATION

Holy God, pour your Spirit on us,

that we may know Christ in the breaking of bread,

and that in word and deed,

**we may be channels of your love, peace and justice
in the world.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Help us to love as Christ loved. Knowing our own weakness,

May we stand with all who stumble.

Sharing in his suffering

May we remember all who suffer.

Held in his love,

May we embrace all whom the world denies.

Rejoicing in his forgiveness,

May we forgive all who sin against us

And let us pray together:

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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The body of Christ broken for you

The blood of Christ shed for you

The gifts of God for the people of God

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**O God, grant that we, being made your children, may daily
be renewed by your Holy Spirit. Grant us, we pray, that as
we have known the mystery of your Light upon earth, so**

may we also reflect that light to a darkened world, now and forever. Amen

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM Praise The Lord *Hal H. Hopson*

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

With gratitude for all the blessings you have poured into our lives, Lord Jesus, we come bringing these our White Gifts that they may be used in service to those in need. Bless these gifts and those who have given them, that they may truly be a blessing in your holy name. Amen.

VOICES UNITED #342 You Servants of God

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT #481 (vs.2. only)

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

**With peace and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday-life we will face.**

**Our faith ever sharing in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.**

**With your feast you feed us, with your light you lead us,
unite us as one in this life that we share.**

**Then may all the living with peace and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.**

POSTLUDE Christ Lag In Todesbanden BWV 625 *J.S. Bach*