

All-age Communion 16 March 2014 - Lent 2



Welcome!

“The wind blows where it chooses,
and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or
where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

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Sensing using our Conscience

Almighty God, Creator of us all.

You marvellously made us in your image: but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbours. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son: remake us and lead us by your Spirit. the Comforter.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove our sins from us, as far as the east is from the west, strengthen our life in his kingdom and keep us upright to the last day: through Jesus Christ our merciful high Priest. **Amen**

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Sense of security and need

Kyrie

Lord have mercy 2x

Christ have mercy 2x

Lord have mercy 2x

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Sense of listening & participation

**Today I awake and God is before me
At night as I dreamt He summoned the day
For God never sleeps but patterns the morning
With slithers of gold or glory in grey**

**Today I arise and Christ is beside me
He walked through the dark to scatter new light
Yes Christ is alive and beckons His people
To hope and to heal resist and invite**

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**Today I affirm the Spirit within me
At worship and work in struggle and rest
The Spirit inspires all life which is changing
From fearing to faith from broken to blest**

**Today I enjoy the Trinity round me
Above and beneath before and behind
The Maker the Son the Spirit together
They called me to life and call me their friend**

Graham Maule/John Bell

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Sense of listening and imagining

Reading

Listen now for the Word

Our Ears are Open

Genesis 12.1 -4a

**The LORD said to Abram,
'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house
to the land that I will show you.
I will make of you a great nation,
and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you,
and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be
blessed.'
So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.**

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Sense of listening and imagining

John 3.1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.

He came to Jesus by night

and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.'

Jesus answered him,

'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' 4

Nicodemus said to him, 'How can any- one be born after having grown old?

Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?'

5 Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh,

and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above."

The wind blows where it chooses,

and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'

Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?'

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Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.

If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from Heaven, the Son of Man.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world

that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

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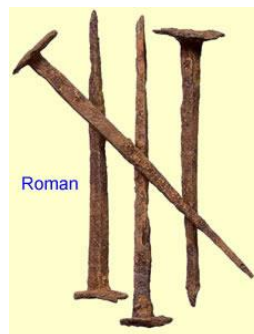


Reflection

Journey to explore senses:

*touch, taste, sight, identity ,
history and conscience*

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Prayer

Let us pray

We light candles to pray for...



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Sensing emotional belonging

**We meet in Christ's name
Let us share his peace.**

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The Communion

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made: it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God forever

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands: it will become the cup of our salvation.

Blessed be God forever

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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 God thanks and praise.

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Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high, voices full and joyful ...
these you deserve, because you invite us to your table offering
not just bread, not just wine,
but your very self so that we may be filled, forgiven, healed and
made new again.
You are worth all our pain and all our praise. So now, in
gratitude, we join our voices to those of the Church on earth and
in heaven:

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord.
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, O blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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Lord God, as we come to share the richness of your table, we cannot forget the rawness of the earth.

We cannot take bread and forget those who are hungry.

Your world is one world and we are stewards of its nourishment.

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**Lord, put our prosperity
at the service of the poor.**

* We cannot take wine and forget those who are thirsty. The ground and the rootless, the earth and its weary people cry out for justice.

**Lord, put our fullness
at the service of the empty**

* We cannot hear your words of peace and forget the world at war or, if not at war, then preparing for it.

**Show us quickly, Lord, how to turn weapons into
welcome signs, and the lust for power into a desire for
peace.**

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So as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room, send down your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine that they may become for us your body and your blood, healing, forgiving and making us whole; and that we may become, for you, your body, loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes. **Amen.**

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(taking the bread)

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread, broke it and said,
`This is my body, it is broken for you.'

(taking the cup of wine)

And later he took the cup of wine and said,
`This is the new blood relationship with God,
made possible because of my death. Take this - all
of you - to remember me.'
The living bread is broken for the life of the world.

Lord, unite us in this sign.

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As our Saviour has taught us so we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

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**O Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world
have mercy on us.**

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**O Lamb of God you take away
The sins of the world
Grant us your peace**

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Sense of Gratitude

Give thanks to our gracious God,
whose mercy endures for ever.

On our heads and on our houses

The blessing of God

In our coming and going

The peace of God

In our life and believing

The love of God

At our end and new beginning

The arms of God to welcome us and bring us home.

Amen.

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Sense of listening and participation

**God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his Love as he told me to**

**He said freely, freely
You have received
Freely, freely give
Go in my name
And because you believe
Others will know that I live**

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**All power is given in Jesus' name
In earth and heaven in Jesus name
And in Jesus name I come to you
To share his power as He told me to**

Carol Owens

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Sending out

Sense of forgiveness and mission

**O God of our ancestors,
God of our people,
Before whose face the human generations pass away;
We thank you that in you we are kept safe for ever,
And that the broken fragments of our history
are gathered up in the redeeming act of your dear Son,
remembered in this holy sacrament of bread and wine.
Help us to walk daily in the Communion of Saints,
declaring our faith in the forgiveness of sins
and the resurrection of the body.
Now send us out in the power of your Holy Spirit
to live and work for your praise and glory. Amen.**

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All our problems,
We send to the cross of Christ.
All our difficulties,
We send to the cross of Christ.
All the devil's works,
We send to the cross of Christ.
All our hopes,
We set on the risen Christ.

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Christ the Son of Righteousness
shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path;
And the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you, always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ, Amen.

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Our next service is on Sunday 6th of April

See the service sheet for the 11am service for other notices (at the back).

Look out for the Palm Sunday sensing Faith Interweave!