

PALGRAVE UNITED CHURCH

May 12, 2024

HOLY COMMUNION

Sing a New Song

Introit

Lighting the Christ Candle

Greeting and announcements

Territorial Acknowledgement

Call to Worship:

We come to worship God, who fills us with hope and prepares us to live with courage in a world where there is so much fear and despair.

We come to witness to Christ, our brother, friend, teacher, and saviour, who shows us the way of love when daily we are confronted with acts of selfishness, hatred and destruction.

We come to embrace the Spirit, by whose presence and power we are renewed when we feel disillusioned and discouraged.

May we experience God's power and glory in this time of worship and in every time and place.

Hymn: Come In, and Sit Down VU 395

Gathering Prayers

Holy God, lover of all of creation, we praise You!

You teach us about unconditional love:

the love parents give to their children,

**the love between spouses sharing their lives together,
the love of friends as they give their best to and for each other.**

**You showed us that love in Jesus;
the love he had for his mother and his family,
the love he showed to those who sought healing and hope,
the love he showed as he died, and rose again.**

**Help us to be willing to show that unconditional love to those with
whom we share our lives:**

**Our mothers and those other members of our family, who hold us
dear in their hearts,
our neighbours and those who live and work among us.**

**Help us to show that love to those who are in need and the strangers
that we meet.**

Help us to know that in you, we are all one family.

We pray these things in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Hymn: **Blest Be the Tie That Binds VU 602**

Prayer for understanding.

Scripture Readings: **Psalm 1
John 17:6-19**

Sermon: **Part of the Family**

Hymn: **We Are Pilgrims VU 595**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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Hymn: As We Gather at Your Table VU 457

Invitation

In the name of Jesus, who said: “I am the bread of Life”, I invite you to come and eat.

In the name of Jesus, who said: “I am the true vine”, I invite you to come and drink.

In the name of Jesus, who said: “Love one another as I have loved you”, I invite you to the table of love and grace.

Prayer

Mighty and tender God, in Jesus, we recognize the fullness of your grace.

We see your light, life, and love revealed in words that confront and comfort us,

in teachings that challenge and change us, in compassion that heals and frees us.

And now we gather at this table to remember and to be filled with your love and grace,

that we may rise together to turn our worship into witness and to follow your way. Amen.

Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift up our hearts in prayer to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is Good to give thanks and praise.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, we praise you for your love revealed to us in Jesus,

who walks with us: our wisdom and our way, sharing our joy and sorrow, guiding and strengthening us as we journey through life with its many challenges.

You are our hope, and you are ever faithful.

So it is that we join with your people everywhere to proclaim your goodness and give you praise:

**Holy, holy, holy God,
giver of life and love!**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Blest is the one who comes to bring your love to all!

Hosanna through the ages!

Loving God, we offer you our praise and thanks for the invitation to share at Jesus' table of love and grace.

Jesus showed us what life in community can be. He fed the hungry, sought out the lost and the forgotten, and offered healing and hope to the suffering and distressed. He revealed your kingdom at work in the world.

On the last night he spent with his friends, he took bread, a staple food of his land, blessed and broke it, and gave it to those around him saying:

“Take and eat; this is my body broken for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took a cup of wine, the common drink of his people, poured it and gave it to them saying: “Drink this all of you, this is the

new covenant sealed with my blood, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.”

By remembering Jesus in this way now, we proclaim his grace, power and love.

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

Loving God, we seek your renewing presence.

Bless these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the body and blood of Christ;

the sign and seal of our forgiveness in him, and our reconciliation with you.

As we eat and drink together, make us one with Christ and one in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Jesus is the bread of life, given for us.
Jesus is the cup of blessing, poured out for us.**

In Christ, God brings healing and wholeness to our world. As we share this sacred meal, we remember and receive the love of God extended to us in Christ.

Let us celebrate the feast of our life in God.

Sharing The Meal

Prayer

Eternal God, we thank you that you have called us to feast at the table of Jesus.

Keep us faithful to your will. Go with us into the streets, to our homes and to our places of labour and relaxation; that whether we

are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn: Sent Forth by God's Blessing VU 481

Benediction and Sending Forth

Closing Chorus: Go Now in Peace / Besig & Price

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.