

St. Columba Anglican United Church Port Hardy

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement & Acknowledgment of War

Acclamation:

In this time and place We gather on the ancestral territories of the Kwakwaka'wakw peoples. From many places and peoples, we come to this house in prayer.

In this time and place We gather in the name of the living God. We meet in the presence of Jesus Christ, risen and alive.

In this time and place We gather with the community of faith around the globe and across the ages. In this time and place heaven and earth are one.

In this time and place We are not alone, but one in Christ. Knit together in the unity of the Spirit.

In this time and place Hallowed, expectant, one people in God. In the name of the Holy and Blessed One, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Centering Stillness

Presider: Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God. *(silence)*

Opening Hymn: VU 155 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

***Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!
suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!***

***Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!
sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!***

***But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!
our salvation have procured; hallelujah!
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!***

***Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!***

Prayer

There are alleluias in the air,
that skip a beat as they dance over tombs,

that push at stones and reveal a saviour,
that explode with a slow beauty in the sunrise,
that wake the birds and tear at the dawn.
It is God's special word: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
There are alleluias in the air,
that are filled with the voice of God,
that are spoken aloud in the chambers of parliament,
that break open hope for the poor,
that paint faith with the colour of rainbows.

It is God's special word: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
There are alleluias in the air,
that fill silence with song,
that fill fear with hope, **that fill injustice with compassion,**
that fill worn out things with new life.
It is God's special word: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let us worship amidst the alleluias!

Collect of the Day

God of joy and delight, open our hearts to receive the risen Christ with hope in the new life you promise. Calm our fears and free our voices to sing out for all to hear: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Amen.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles: Acts 10: 34-43
Psalm/Canticle: Psalm 118 **VU 837**

*Refrain: **Hallelujah! Hallelujah!***

Let Israel now say:

'God's love endures for ever.'

Let the house of Aaron say:

'God's love endures for ever.'

Let those who fear God say:

'God's love endures for ever.'

*R: **Hallelujah! Hallelujah!***

God is my strength and my song; God has become my salvation.

There are shouts of joy and deliverance in the tents of the righteous.

The right hand of God does mighty things; the right hand of God raises up.

The right hand of God does mighty things.

I shall not die, but live; and I shall proclaim what God has done.

God indeed punished me, but did not give me over to death.

*R: **Hallelujah! Hallelujah!***

Open to me the gates of the temple, that I may enter and give thanks to God.
This is the gate of God; through it the righteous shall enter.

I thank you for you have answered me; you have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is God's doing, marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

R: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians: 15: 1-11

***Gospel Hymn: SNC 86 You Are Holy, You are Whole**

(PA: VU 179 Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks)

Part 1

You are holy, you are whole.

***You are always ever more
than we ever understand.***

You are always at hand.

Blessed are you coming near.

***Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raised from dead.***

Part 2

***You are holy,
you are wholeness,
you are present.***

Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!

Sing hosanna

in the highest!

Sing hosanna!

Sing hosanna to our God!

Text and music: Per Harling

***Gospel**

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of Jesus according to Mark (*Mark 16: 1-8*)

Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.

The Reading of the Gospel

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: **Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Sermon Reflection

Prayers of the People:

In peace, we pray to you, God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

For this community, our country, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

For Anna our bishop and Chris the National Indigenous Bishop and for all bishops, for Carmen our Moderator, for all other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Hear us, God;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, God, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The people may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God;

And praise your name for ever and ever.

We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

God, let your loving kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God;

in your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so, uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of God be always with you.

And also with you.

***Offertory Hymn: VU 468 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**

***Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.***

***Jesus lives again,
earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around:
loaves abound!***

***Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he set the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.***

***Jesus lives again,
earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around:
loaves abound!***

***Jesus calls us in, sends us out,
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere!***

***Jesus lives again,
earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around:
loaves abound!***

Words: Fred Kaan

Response: IONA: CAYP 80: Glory and Gratitude and Praise

***Glory and gratitude and praise
Now let earth to heaven raise
Glory and gratitude and praise
These we offer to God.***

Words and Music: John L. Bell.

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Prayer over the Gifts

God of miracles, we have been tested, our sisters and brothers have chastened sorely, but we celebrate that we have not been given over unto death, that we are not left alone and hopeless. For you have opened the gates of righteousness, that we may enter through them and give thanks to you. You lead us to this place where we may know your presence. You show us comfort and compassion. You call us into ministry, and turn us from the glare of selfish hunger to find the sparkling water of obedience. O holy God of miracles, we bring our praise and thanks for Jesus resurrected and returned to be among us; For miracles of love and reconciliation; for growth and change that promise new life for all the earth. Hear now our prayers of praise and thanks, O holy Gardener of delight. We raise our praise because the risen Christ has shared our earthly life and conquered death to end all our strife.

Alleluia, Alleluia, and Amen.

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The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider: God is here

People: **The Spirit is with us.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts and minds.

People: **We lift them to God.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider:

Great Creator, with wit and wisdom you formed the universe. In expectation, your Spirit brooded over all: the midwife of transformation. At your Word, the skies, the seas, the lands, and all life came to be.

In you, all created things shared life with one another. In ceremony and song, dance and art, these relationships were portrayed and honoured by the first peoples of these Islands and Inlets. The plants, the cedars, the creatures of forest, sea and air revealed your wonder and majesty. When we turned from you, connections were broken, and creation suffered.

Still, you continued to bring light from night, freedom from slavery, and life from death. Therefore, together with our ancestors in faith and with your beloved creation we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS: St. Bride Setting IONA: CAYP #92

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
Heaven and earth are full,
are full_ of your glory.*

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
Heaven and earth are full,
are full_ of your glory.***

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
Heaven and earth are full,
are full_ of your glory.*

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
Heaven and earth are full,
are full_ of your glory.***

*Blessed is the one_ who comes
In the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the Highest!
Hosanna in the Highest!
Hosanna in the Highest!*

***Blessed is the one_ who comes
In the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the Highest!
Hosanna in the Highest!
Hosanna in the Highest!
in the Highest!***

Presider: We praise you, Source of all, for the living Word: Jesus Born in poverty; a child refugee, a worker with his hands. He gathered disciples and taught and healed the people. He freely shared our sorrow, joy, and pain. In vulnerability, he showed power over sin and triumphed over death.

On the night before Jesus died, he feasted with his companions. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this to remember me."

After supper he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to his companions saying, "Drink this, all of you; this is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and the world for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.

Entering into the mystery of faith we call:

All: Come Source of life. Come, transforming Word. Come, Creator Spirit.

Presider: With his sacred presence unbounded by space and time, we offer to you this bread and cup. Send your Breath of Life, like wind, blowing where it will, north, east, south, and west. May your Spirit brood over these gifts and all who feast at this table offering a foretaste of the eternal feast to come. May all who share your abundant gifts be incorporated as one body and one holy people, joined in the offering of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection for the reconciliation of all things. Reveal the unity of your Church and the mystery of our communion with our holy forebears and those yet to be born, that we may be guided in faith and walk gently on the earth. Glory and honour to you Triune God, dynamic of love, complete and perfect unity, now, and in all ages. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Jesus, we died with you on the cross.

All: **In Christ we are raised to new life.**

Presider: Jesus, we were buried in your tomb.

All: **In Christ we share in your resurrection.**

Presider: Live in us, that all may live in you.

The Communion

(Communion will be distributed to be consumed at the same time as one another.)

The body of Christ: God will always love you.

The blood of Christ: God will never leave you.

*Prayer after Communion

Giver of all, we are deeply nourished with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite us in faith, that we may be witnesses to the resurrection, and show the truth in Christ to all the world. **Amen.**

*Doxology

Glory to God, **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: VU 186 Now the Green Blade Rises

***Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many years has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
love is come again, like wheat arising green.***

***In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again, like wheat arising green.***

***Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again, like wheat arising green.***

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,

***your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again, like wheat arising green.***

Words: John M. C. Crum Music: medieval French carol; harm. Martin Fallas Shaw

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve Christ, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the +Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Threefold Amen

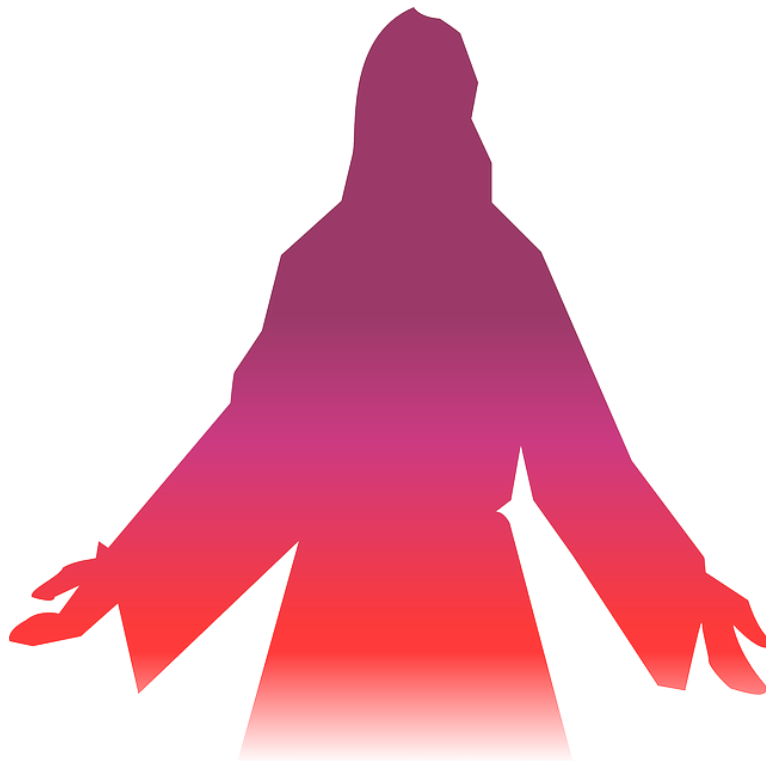
Dismissal/Sending:

One: Go, respecting and serving all that God has created.

People: **For God created all and saw that it was good!**

One: Carry out into the world the love of God in Christ.

People: **Loved, forgiven and redeemed, we go forth!**



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