



CHRIST CHURCH

ON CAPITOL SQUARE

CELTIC HOLY EUCHARIST

FEBRUARY 3, 2019

5 P.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH. TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP AND TO ALLOW
FOR PRIVATE PRAYER, PLEASE OBSERVE SILENCE UPON ENTERING
AND TURN OFF ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

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POEM: Testimonial

Rita Dove

Back when the earth was new
and heaven just a whisper,
back when the names of things
hadn't had time to stick;

back when the smallest breezes
melted summer into autumn,
when all the poplars quivered
sweetly in rank and file . . .

the world called, and I answered.
Each glance ignited to a gaze.
I caught my breath and called that life,
swooned between spoonfuls of lemon sorbet.

I was pirouette and flourish,
I was filigree and flame.
How could I count my blessings
when I didn't know their names?

Back when everything was still to come,
luck leaked out everywhere.
I gave my promise to the world,
and the world followed me here.

HYMN: Seek ye first the kingdom of God

1

Seek ye first the king - dom of God
Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,

and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain

2

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

OPENING SENTENCES

Celebrant: Stay with us, Christ, for it is evening.

People: **Make your Church bright with your radiance.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE READING: Luke 4:21-30

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus read from the book of the prophet Isaiah, and began to say, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Reading is followed by a brief period of silent reflection.

SERMON

The Rev. Jennifer C. Brown

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

During this time, and at any time hereafter, you are welcome to come forward to light a votive candle as a symbol of your prayers. Tapers and votives are on the stands by the chancel steps. Please feel free to go to any of these places to light a candle.

PRAYERS OF PEOPLE

Please Stand

Priest: God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

Leader: We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as he loves us.

Silence

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them.

Silence

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations.

Silence

We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

Silence

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

Silence

Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your people.

Leader and People: **Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People may conclude with the following collect:

Priest: Now to God who is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or conceive, by the power which is at work among us, be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all ages. **Amen.**

HYMN: King of glory, King of peace

1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;
 2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;
 3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

Tenor or soprano ad libitum

3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.
 and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
 in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

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Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;
 Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;
 Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

thou didst note my work - ing breast, thou hast spared me.
 and a - lone, when they re - plied, thou didst hear me.
 e'en e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.

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PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

All now exchange a sign of peace, then please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *Please stand.*

From A New Zealand Prayer Book

Celebrant: The Lord is here.

People: **God's Spirit is with us.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness;
through your eternal Word
you have created all things from the beginning
and formed us in your own image;
male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away
You called us back to yourself
And gave your Son to share our human nature.
In him the light which shines for all
Has come into the world,
And he has become one with us
That we may become one with you.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him,
with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father;
 on the night before he died
 your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;
 when he had given you thanks,
 he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
 Take, eat, this is my body
 which is given for you;
 do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
 when he had given you thanks,
 he gave it to them and said:
 Drink this, all of you,
 for this is my blood of the new covenant
 which is shed for you and for many
 for the forgiveness of sins;
 do this as often as you drink it,
 to remember me.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ;
 your death we show forth;
 your resurrection we proclaim;
 your coming we await;
 Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

Celebrant: Therefore loving God,
recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,
his suffering and death,
his resurrection and ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life
and this cup of salvation.
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive
may be to us the body and blood of Christ,
and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power,
may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, O God,
in songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honor and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: **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 for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION: Be known to us, Lord Jesus

Refrain: Cantor

Refrain: All

Verse: (Cantor) The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

Refrain: All

Verse: (Cantor) One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

Refrain: All



Celebrant: God's holy gifts for you, God's holy people. Come to this table to be strengthened to follow Jesus out into the world. Come full of faith, come full of doubt, come to be revived and renewed. It is Christ himself who bids you to come.

All: Thanks be to God!

All baptized Christians, of all ages, are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

If you would like a blessing instead, place your hands on your heart.

For a gluten-free wafer, extend your hands, palms down.

Please notify an usher if you would like to receive Holy Communion at your seat.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

AFTER COMMUNION

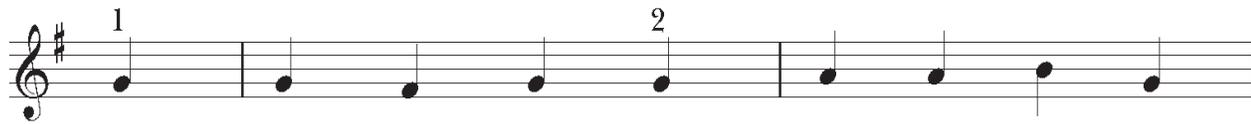
Please Stand or Kneel

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, giver of all good things, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the precious body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We thank you for your love and care in assuring us of your gift of eternal life and uniting us with the blessed company of all faithful people. Therefore, everliving God, keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship. And now we offer ourselves, all that we have and are, to serve you faithfully in the world, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN: O gracious Light



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O



you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through



blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.

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DISMISSAL

Priest: Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

All: Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

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