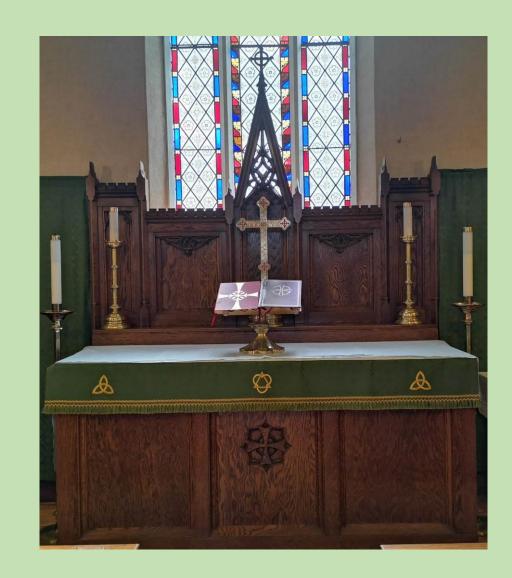


Holy Communion

Winter Church,
Saint Luke's
Church Hall

The Sixth Sunday after
The Epiphany





Good Morning, and welcome to

the celebration of

Holy Communion

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- Liturgy: Holy Communion, Kenyan Liturgy
 - Anglican Church of Kenya 2002
- Presiding: Reverend Taunya Dawson
- Preaching: Reverend Jerry Cavanaugh
- Deacon: Reverend Jerry Cavanaugh



The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn:

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross





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When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.



Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the cross of Christ, my God; All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.



See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?



Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.



Gathering

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it

All: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.

Celebrant: Our help is in the name of the Lord

All: Who made heaven and earth



Celebrant: I was glad when they said to me

All: "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Celebrant: Praise the Lord

All: The name of the Lord be praised.

Celebrant: The Spirit is here:

All: The promise of God



Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God,
you bring to light things hidden in darkness,
and know the shadows of our hearts:
cleanse and renew us by your Spirit,
that we may walk in the light and glorify your
name,
through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.



THE GLORIA

Celebrant: Glory to the Father

All: Glory to the Son

Celebrant: Glory to the Spirit

All: For ever Three in One

Celebrant: Be glorified at home

All: Be glorified in Church

Celebrant: Be glorified in Nova Scotia

All: Be glorified in Canada



Celebrant: Be glorified on earth

All: Be glorified in heaven

Celebrant: Glory to the Father

All: Glory to the Son

Celebrant: Glory to the Spirit

All: For ever Three in One

Celebrant: Hallelujah!

All: Amen



The Collect of the Day

All: Almighty and everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life, look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole all All:s and nations;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20





Psalm 119:1-8

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, * who walk in the law of the Lord!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees * and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, * but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, * that we should fully keep them.



5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct * that I might keep your statutes! 6 Then I should not be put to shame, * when I regard all your commandments. 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, * when I have learned your righteous judgements. 8 I will keep your statutes; * do not utterly forsake me.



Amen.

All: God, as your only Son revealed you still at work in your creation, so through Christ your living Word enable us to know your love and to share it with others. We ask this in his name.



Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 3:1-9





Gradual Hymn:

All Things Bright and Beautiful





All Things Bright and Beautiful



Each radiant flower that opens, each vibrant bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, God made their lively wings.



The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruit in the garden, God made them every one.



The rocky mountain splendor, the loon's wild, haunting call, the great lakes and the prairies, the forest in the fall.



God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is the Creator, who has made all things well.



The Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

Deacon: We stand to hear the good news of our salvation, as it is written in the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter 5, beginning to read at verse 21

. . .

Deacon: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Hallelujah. Praise to Christ our Saviour



The Sermon





Celebrant: We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.



We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.



For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became
incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.



On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.



We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen



The Prayers of the All:

Leader: Let us pray.

May the bishops and leaders of our churches have wisdom and speak with one voice.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: May the leaders of our country rule with righteousness.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader May justice be our shield and defender.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: May the country have peace and the people be blessed.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.



Leader: May the flocks and the herds prosper and the fish abound in our lakes.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader May the fields be fertile and the harvest plentiful.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader May we and our enemies turn towards peace.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: May the love of the Father touch the lonely, the bereaved and the suffering.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: May the path of the world be swept of all dangers.

All: Alleluia. The Lord of Mercy is with us.



The Prayers of Penitence

Celebrant: Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who follow him:

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

"Come to me all of you who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest."



So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbours and intend to lead a new life, following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you.

Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God



All: Almighty God, Creator of 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 heartily 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.



Celebrant: Almighty God,

whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth,

remove your sins from you,

as far as the east is from the west,

strengthen your life in his kingdom and keep you upright to the last day;

through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest.

Amen.



All: Thank you, Father, for forgiveness We come to your table as your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ the Righteous. Amen.



The Peace

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

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us offer one another a sign of peace



The Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn:

Blest Are The Pure In Heart





Blest Are The Pure In Heart

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.



The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring to dwell in lowliness with us, our pattern and our king.



Still to the lowly soul
his presence doth impart,
and for a dwelling and a throne
chooseth the pure in heart.



Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be: give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for thee.



The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: We remain standing for thanksgiving and remembrance.

Is the Father with us?

All: He is.

Celebrant: Is Christ among us?

All: He is.

Celebrant: Is the Spirit here?

All: He is.



Celebrant This is our God.

All: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Celebrant We are his All:.

All: We are redeemed.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise



Celebrant: It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world, Creator, Provider, Saviour and Giver. From a wandering nomad you created your family; for a burdened people you raised up a leader; for a confused nation you chose a king; for a rebellious crowd you sent your prophets.



In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image, bringing your kingdom, revealing your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking your people for yourself.

Through him you have poured out your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying:



All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.



Celebrant: Almighty God, Owner of all things,

We thank you for giving up your only Son to die on the cross for us who owe you everything.

Pour your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember him in the way he commanded, through these gifts of your creation.



On the same night that he was betrayed he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me.'

All: Amen. His body was broken for us.



Celebrant: In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 'Drink this, all of you; 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, in remembrance of me.'

All: Christ has died Christ is risen Christ will come again



Celebrant: We are brothers and sisters through his blood

All: We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.



Celebrant: Therefore, heavenly Father,
hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy,
and await the coming of our Brother, Jesus Christ.
He died in our place, making a full atonement
for the sins of the whole world,
the perfect sacrifice, once and for all



You accepted his offering by raising him from death, and granting him great honour at your right hand on high.

All: Amen. Jesus is Lord.

Celebrant: This is the feast of victory.

All: The Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Hallelujah!



Celebrant: As Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:

All: Our Father in heaven,
holy 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. Do not bring us to the test but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,

now and for ever.

Amen



Celebrant: Christ is alive for ever.

All: We are because he is

Celebrant: We are one body.

All: We share one bread

Celebrant: Draw near with faith.

All: Christ is the host and we are his guests



The Communion





All: 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



Celebrant: All our problems

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: All our difficulties

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: All the devil's works

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: All our hopes

All: We set on the risen Christ



Blessing

Celebrant: Christ the Sun 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.

All: Amen



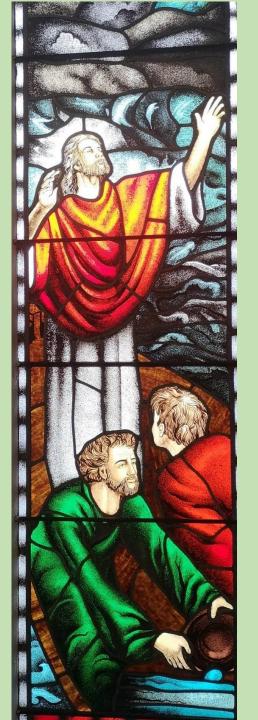
Announcements

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Closing Hymn:

Will Your Anchor Hold In The Storms of Life?





Will Your Anchor Hold?

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life, when the clouds unfold their wings of strife? When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain, will your anchor drift or firm remain?



It is safely moored, 'twill the storm withstand, for 'tis well secured by the Savior's hand; and the cables passed from His heart to mine, can defy the blast, through strength divine.



It will firmly hold in the straits of fear, when the breakers have told the reef is near; though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow, not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow.



It will surely hold in the floods of death, when the waters cold chill our latest breath; on the rising tide it can never fail, while our hopes abide within the veil.



The Dismissal

Deacon: Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you".

Go forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

