

St. Luke's Table

SEASON OF CREATION

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to give heed to what is said
by your Son.



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Announcements

Birthdays



Reconciliation, Niwano Peace Auditorium,
Haifa, Israel

The Holy Eucharist

(Liturgy by Thom Shuman, titled
“Draw Us Into the Dance”).

Selected from Wild Goose Big Book of Liturgies 2,
Iona Community)

Opening Hymn:

Let There Be Light



Lamb is our Light, Reyntien, Patrick

Let There Be Light, (6 verses)

**Let there be light,
let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather,
let them be face to face;**

**2. Open our lips,
open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord,
opening into grace;**

**3. perish the sword,
perish the angry judgement,
perish the bombs and hunger,
perish the fight for gain;**

**4. hallow our love,
hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom,
hallowed be thy name;**

**5. thy kingdom come,
thy spirit turn to language,
thy people speak together,
thy spirit never fade;**

**6. let there be light,
open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror,
hallow the world God made.**

Call to Worship

Called to be faithful stewards of creation,
we come to worship:

**To sing to the One who has created all that is good,
beautiful and true, and who has shared
everything with us.**

Called to be disciples of Jesus Christ,
we come to learn:

**To follow the One who meets us in every moment
of our lives, in every place we find ourselves.**

Called to proclaim the Good News of Easter,
we come to find the words:

**To be taught by the Spirit, who moves in and through
us as we serve the world.**

The Collect of the Day

**Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth,
and ourselves in your image.
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Jonah 3: 10 ~ 4: 11



Prophet Jonah Before the Walls of Ninevah
Rembrandt Albertina Museum
Vienna, Austria

The First Reading is taken from
the Book of Jonah (3: 10 ~ 4: 1)

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you were a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?'

Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered.

When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in the night and perished in the night.'

And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also the animals?’

Psalm 145: (1-8) (Alternating Verses)

I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.

**Every day will I bless you
and praise your name for ever and ever.**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
there is no end to his greatness.

**One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

I will ponder the glorious splendour of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

**They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will tell of your greatness.**

They shall publish the remembrance
of your great goodness;
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

**The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

Almighty God, give us grace to know you more and more, that knowing we may love and loving we may praise, that the whole world may hear your name and worship you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Second Reading:

Philippians 1: 21-30



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Our Second Reading is from the Letter to the Philippians
(Chapter 1, verses 21-30)

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.

If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer.

I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.

Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents.

For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well ~ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Gradual Hymn:

You Call Us Lord to Be
(First two verses)



Let There Be, Pittman, Lauren Wright

You Call Us, Lord, to Be, (4 verses)

**You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart,
to feel with thoughtful mind
and think with tender heart.**

**Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.**

**2. You call us, Lord, to care
for self and neighbor too,
to take the risk, and dare to show
what love can do.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord,
we ask for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.**

The Good News:

The Gospel of Christ
according to
Matthew 20: 1-16



Orthodox Icon of Laborers in the Vineyard

The Gospel of Christ According to Matthew 20: 1-16

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard.

After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same.

And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard."

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

Now when the first came, they thought that they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong, did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go;

I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.

Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?"

So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Gradual Hymn:

You Call Us Lord to Be
(Remaining two verses)



Let There Be, Pittman, Lauren Wright

**3. You call us, Lord, to be
good stewards of the earth;
to tend it as a place of blessedness and worth.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord,
we ask for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.**

**4. You call us, Lord, to serve:
to die that we may live,
to know we best receive when joyfully we give.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.**

Reflection



Graves Island Provincial Park

Musical Reflection

Let there be
Peace on Earth

Thanks Peter!

Hand of Christ / Palm of Peace
Gallen-Kallela, Akseli, 1865-1931



Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People

Creator God, teach us to see you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you.

Awaken our praise and thankfulness for everything that you have made.

Give us the grace to perceive that we are connected to everything this is.

(Prayerful Silence...)

In gratitude let us pray to the Lord.

We give you thanks, O God.

God whom we love, we stand before you
with open and humble hearts.

In our imagination, allow us to see and hear and feel
the beautiful expressions of the earth, that speak to
each of us ~ mountains, rivers, prairie, oceans,
forest, meadow, trees, flowers.

(Prayerful Silence...)

In gratitude let us pray to the Lord

We give you thanks, O God.

God of love, show us our place in this world,
as kin to all the non-human creatures with whom
we share the earth.

They came forth from your hand; they are yours,
filled with your presence and your tender love,
and not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

(Prayerful Silence...)

In gratitude let us pray to the Lord

We give you thanks, O God.

God of abundance, we give thanks for the sun,
for water, for soil, for air, on which our lives depend
moment by moment.

In silence we are aware of our frailty, our complete
dependence on our beloved Mother Earth
who nurtures us and sustains our every breath.

(Prayerful Silence...)

In gratitude let us pray to the Lord

We give you thanks, O God.

Healing God,
In the midst of great beauty, we are also aware of the frailty of many; and our dependence on you.

We bring to you those suffering in body, mind or spirit;
those feeling isolated or alone,
those living in fear, with violence, or without food or shelter.

We pray for all who carry burdens, especially those who we name aloud or share with you silently in our hearts.

(Prayerful Silence...)

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our Prayers

Creator God, we enjoy the abundant fruits of the earth, yet we acknowledge that we in the developed world, have often wasted its gifts, taking more than our share, leaving our sisters and brothers in other places in poverty and need.

Renew our minds and transform us into servants of the earth, so that her richness and bounty will sustain, not only us, but generations to come after us.

(Prayerful Silence...)

In gratitude let us pray to the Lord

We give you thanks, O God. Amen.

Call to Reconciliation

When God looks at us, the One who created us sees hope, joy, grace, life.

But all too often, others see us as broken, hurtful, sinful...

Let us confess our deeds and words to the One who loves us and longs to re-create us in the image of true life.

Prayer for Forgiveness

Why do you pay us any attention, Artist of creation?

Created in your image, we show faces filled with desire to do good, but offer hearts filled with anger to those around us.

Called to be disciples of Christ, we all too often are seen as chasing after the false promises of the easy life.

**Offered the role of being stewards of creation,
we think that everything you have created
is to be used up so we can enjoy life, giving no thought
for future generations.**

**Yet you have declared everything you created to be
good, even us, O God of unexpected grace.**

**So we know that, in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Saviour,
you will reshape our greed into generosity,
our bitterness into blessings and our brokenness into
lives poured out in service to our sisters and brothers.**

(SILENCE)

Assurance of Pardon

Lives that are chaotic become cradles of peace; hearts malformed by meanness are reshaped into goodness; souls filled with despair are cleansed with grace.

This is the good news: the God who created us is the same God who redeems us. The God who redeems us is the God who sends us forth to serve.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

The Peace

The Peace of the
Lord be always
with you.

And also with you.



Time of the Season, Pittman, Lauren Wright

Offertory Hymn:
Blest Are
The Pure In Heart



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Blest Are The Pure In Heart, (4 verses)

**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.**

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

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

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

Prayer over the Gifts

**God of power,
the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe.
Accept our offering this day,
and help us to live in peace and harmony
with all your creation,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May God in Community be with you.

And with you as well.

Shaped in the divine image, let us open ourselves to the Creator.

**With grace-filled hearts,
we come to the Redeemer's table.**

Called to be God's household, let us offer our praises.

**We rejoice that the Holy Spirit has brought us,
from many places, here to our home.**

At the beginning, God of Imagination,
you finger-painted sunrises and sunsets
on the blank canvas of chaos.

You sang creation's cantata, while suns,
moons and stars kept watch over your delights.

You laughed, while lions, tigers and bears danced
joyfully in the meadows, and everything that wiggles,
creeps and crawls clapped their hands in time.

When you would have clothed us in glory, we found sin and death to be a more comfortable fit.

Prophets came teaching obedience and calling us to faithful lives, but we continued to insist on having control of our souls.

So, you sent Jesus to make our brokenness whole once again.

So, with grace, love and unity, our faithful companions and teachers, and with all the saints of every time and place, we lift our songs of thanksgiving:

**How majestic is your name in all the earth, Holy One.
All creation greets you with glad songs of praise.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes to make us disciples.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you, God-over-us, and blessed is Jesus,
God-with-us.

He took off glory's garb to put on humanity;
he set aside heaven's honour to be crowned with
disgrace; he spoke of love and hope,
silencing our enemy, pride;
he went into the grave to free us from death's grasp.

As we remember his life, death and resurrection,
as we celebrate his re-creating power in us,
we speak of that mystery called faith:

Christ died, crowned with death's thorns.

Christ was raised, crowned with resurrection's wonder.

Christ will come, to crown us with glory and honour.

Send your Spirit to flow over the gifts of the bread and the cup, and to bring light and goodness to those who gather around your Table.

As we break the Bread of life, may we become living hope to a world mired in despair.

As we drink from the Cup of grace, may we cradle your kindness and peace in our hearts and souls, so we might be poured out to those who thirst for your peace and gentleness.

And when your dreams which began at creation
are realized and all time comes to an end ~
when we gather around your Table with saints
and sinners, disciples and deniers ~
we will find ourselves closer to you than we ever
thought possible, singing your praises forever and ever,
God in Community, Holy and One.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As Christ teaches us 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.

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

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

The Invitation

Bread and Wine;
the Gifts of God
for the people of God.

**May we who share
these gifts be found in
Christ and Christ in us.**

**Please remain
seated in your pew
to receive Communion.**



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Music During Communion

Let Us Break Bread Together

He's Got the Whole World

*Please help us maintain
Social Distancing by exiting
once everyone in your pew
has received communion.
Thank you!*



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Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees,

Let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall down on my knees

with my face to the rising sun,

Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

**2. Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.**

**3. Let us praise God together on our knees,
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.**

He's Got the Whole World, (7 verses)

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

**2. He's got the wind and the rain in his hands.
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands.
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.**

**3. He's got the little tiny baby in his hands
He's got the little tiny baby in his hands
He's got the little tiny baby in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands.**

**4. He's got you and me, brother, in his hands
He's got you and me, brother, in his hands
He's got you and me, brother, in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands.**

**5. He's got you and me, sister, in his hands
He's got you and me, sister, in his hands
He's got you and me, sister, in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands.**

**6. He's got everybody here in his hands
He's got everybody here in his hands
He's got everybody here in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands.**

**7. He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.**

Prayer After Communion

Most loving God, creator and redeemer,
we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory.

**Through Christ, and with all your saints,
we offer ourselves and our lives to your service.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
to stand with you in your world.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.**

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