



**+ The Emmaus Community + The Abbeychurch +**

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First Mass

Feast of St. Matthew in the Season of Creation

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## **Welcome/Land Acknowledgement**

### **Opening Responses**

We gather in the name of the Creator

**Who is a community of love.**

We gather in the name of the Redeemer

**who reconciles all of creation.**

We gather in the presence of the Life Giver

**Who inspires new life and renews it.**

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all

**And also with you**

Silence

**Opening poem:** The Summer Day, by Mary Oliver

Who made the world?

Who made the swan, and the black bear?

Who made the grasshopper?

This grasshopper, I mean-

the one who has flung herself out of the grass,

the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,

who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down-

who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.

Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.

Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.

I don't know exactly what a prayer is.

I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down

into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,  
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,  
which is what I have been doing all day.  
Tell me, what else should I have done?  
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?  
Tell me, what is it you plan to do  
with your one wild and precious life?

### **Collect**

Let us pray,  
Merciful God, you remind us through Scripture that you desire mercy  
and not sacrifice. You showed us an example of your mercy in the life  
and actions of Jesus Christ. Let your church live out that mercy for  
others, as the healing and compassionate presence that Jesus was in the  
world. In his name we pray. **Amen.**

### ***Children light the candles***

#### **O Joyous Light**

Hail Gladdening Light, sun so bright  
Jesus Christ, end of night,  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Hail Gladdening Light, Eternal Bright  
at evening time, round us shine,  
Alleluia, Alleluia

And we hymn the Father we hymn the Son,  
we hymn the Spirit Holy divine  
No one more worthy of songs to be sung  
To the giver of life, all glory is Thine

Hail Gladdening Light,  
such joyous Light  
O Brilliant Star, forever shine,  
Alleluia, Alleluia

### **Psalm 19 Cæli enarrant**

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows the  
handiwork of the Lord.

**2 One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

3 Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

**4 their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.**

5 In the deep has God set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often they offend? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in your sight; O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

Glory to you Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Celtic Alleluia

**Gospel:** Matt 9:9-13

**Silence**

## **Reflection Song: Come ye sinners**

Come ye sinners Poor and needy weak and wounded sick and sore  
Jesus ready stands to save you full of pity love and power

Come ye thirsty come and welcome God's free bounty glorify  
True belief and true repentance every grace that brings you nigh

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms;  
In the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms

Come ye weary heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall  
If you tarry till you're better you will never come at all

Let not conscience make you linger, Not of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness He requireth Is to feel your need of Him.

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms;  
In the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms

## **Affirmation of Faith**

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**

## **Our Prayers**

### **Confession**

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **The Peace**

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

**And also with you.**

*The members of the community greet one another in the name of the Lord with a bow. (please refrain from shaking hands at this time)*

### **Offertory: Come Healing (L Cohen)**

O gather up the brokenness and bring it to me now  
The fragrance of those promise you never dared to vow  
The splinters that you carry, the cross you left behind  
Come healing of the body Come healing of the mind  
And let the heavens hear it The penitential hymn  
Come healing of the spirit Come healing of the limb

Behold the gates of mercy In arbitrary space  
And none of us deserving The cruelty or the grace  
O solitude of longing Where love has been confined  
Come healing of the body Come healing of the mind  
O see the darkness yielding That tore the light apart  
Come healing of the reason Come healing of the heart

O troubled dust concealing An undivided love  
The heart beneath is teaching To the broken heart above  
Let the heavens falter Let the earth proclaim

Come healing of the altar Come healing of the name

O longing of the branches To lift the little bud  
O longing of the arteries To purify the blood  
And let the heavens hear it The penitential hymn  
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### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer** (St Lydia's)

The Holy Eucharist *(feel free to speak the words along with the cantor)*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

*Cantor: And also with you.*

Presider: Lift up your hearts

*Cantor: We lift them to the Lord.*

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

*Cantor: It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Presider: Holy God, How wonderful is the work of your hands! All of creation echoes the music of your praise. When sin had scarred the world, You made a covenant to renew the whole of creation.

You embraced a people as your own and filled them with longing. For a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail.

*Cantor: Glory to you forever and ever.*

Presider: Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, the living bread, in whom all our hungers are filled. You have given your Holy Spirit as a

mighty stream to refresh and renew the face of the earth. Therefore, with the company of heaven and all of your creation we sing

*Cantor: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna is the highest.*

Presider: While Jesus was eating with his disciples, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take, this is my body. Do this in remembrance of me."

*Cantor: Glory to you forever and ever.*

Presider: As supper was ending, Jesus took the wine and after blessing it, poured it, gave it to them and said, "take, this is my blood, do this in remembrance of me".

*Cantor: Glory to you forever and ever.*

Presider: Holy God we give you thanks for the mystery of faith given to us in Jesus your Child:

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

Presider: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that with burning hearts, we may be a people of hope, justice, and love. As grain was scattered across this land then gathered and made one in this bread, so may your church, scattered to the ends of the earth, be gathered and made one in your love. Amen

*Cantor and people: Amen*

As beloved children of a loving parent we pray as Jesus taught us...



**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God given for the life of the world.

Feed on Christ in your hearts through faith with thanksgiving.

**Thanks be to God!**

*All are welcome to receive at Christ's table. If you would like to receive a gluten free wafer, please tell the Celebrant.*

**Communion Song: Nothing to Fear (Porters Gate)**

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you  
And the depths of the river shall not overwhelm  
When you walk through the fire you will not be burned  
I am the Lord, I am the Lord

And there is nothing to fear, nothing to fear  
There is nothing to fear, nothing to fear  
For I am with you always

In the depths of your sorrow I wept beside you  
When you walked through the shadow, I drew you near  
Yesterday, today, tomorrow - always the same  
I am the Lord, I am the Lord

And there is nothing to fear, nothing to fear  
There is nothing to fear, nothing to fear  
For I am with you always  
And there is nothing to fear, nothing to fear  
There is nothing to fear, nothing to fear  
For I am with you always

What can separate you from My perfect Love?  
What can separate you from My perfect Love?  
What can separate you from My perfect Love?  
Do not fear  
Do not fear  
Do not fear

### **Prayer after Communion**

God of mercy and compassion, we have shared the joy of salvation that Matthew knew when Jesus called him. May this food renew our life in him  
who came not to call the righteous but sinners to salvation in his kingdom,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Blessing**

#### **Closing Hymn: Alleluia Sing to Jesus**

*During this final hymn, any who wish, are invited to come forward to receive the first blessing of a newly ordained priest. In the tradition of the church this first blessing carries with it a special grace.*

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation, hath redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him, when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget His promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay:  
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own:  
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.  
Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest:  
thou on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation, hath redeemed us by his blood.

### **Sending**

Go out into the world rejoicing to encounter the Creator who waits to meet you there.

**Thanks be to God, Amen! Alleluia!**

