

The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand as you are able and sing
The Gathering Hymn *Come and find the quiet center*

F Gm F Dm Bb C Bb F

1 Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd - ed life we lead,
2 Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
3 In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's pain,

F Gm F Dm Bb C7 Bb F

find the room for hope to en - ter, find the frame where we are freed:
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our be - ing, touch - es base,
let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e - brate the space we gain:

F C Dm F Bb

clear the cha - os and the clut - ter, clear our eyes, that we can see
mak - ing space with - in our think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun,
there's a place for deep - est dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care,

C Dm Bb F Gm Am Bb F

all the things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.
rais - ing cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.
in the Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare!

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Music *Beach Spring*, attr. B.F. White (1800-1879), *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; arr. Ronald A. Nelson (1927-2014)

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The Opening Acclamation

Bishop Blessed are you, holy and living One:
Response **You come to your people and set them free.**
Bishop Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The Lesson *Malachi 3:1-4*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

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The Response, *Canticle 16, The Song of Zechariah*
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The Gospel *Luke 3:1-6*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflection by Bishop Bonnie

Break for Quiet Day

The Liturgy of the Table

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The Gathering Hymn, 67 *Comfort, comfort ye, my people*

Prayers for the Church and the World from the Anglican Church of Canada

The response to each petition **Come, and dwell within us.**

The Celebrant says this concluding collect

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give us, who are called by your holy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As the table is prepared, please be seated and sing

The musical score is written in G major, 6/8 time, and consists of three staves. The lyrics are: "Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre - pare the way of the Lord, and all peo - ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. Pre -". The score includes four marked sections: (A) at the beginning, (B) at the start of the second line, (C) at the start of the third line, and (D) at the start of the fourth line. A "(Fine)" marking is placed above the end of the fourth line.

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The Eucharistic Prayer adapted from Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher, *Eucharistic Prayers*, ©2016, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues and ends with

And so with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we join in the unending hymn:

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 in the highest.

The Celebrant continues and ends with

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues and ends with

Set the hearts of your people on fire to seek your justice and share your mercy; until your dawn from on high breaks upon us, leading us out of the shadow of death and into the fullness of your glory where we worship you without fear: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we make our prayer:

All say together

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 Fraction Anthem from *Enriching our Worship 1*

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

After the Communion all say together

The Post-communion Prayer from *Enriching our Worship 1*

God of abundance,

you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

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Hymn 57 *Lo, he comes with clouds descending*

The Dismissal

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