

Following the service, you are invited to join in an informal meal: please help yourself to food and drink at the nearby table

This service has been prepared by Saint Stephen-in-the-Fields, with support and assistance from several Anglican parishes and other Christian communities in the Parkdale neighbourhood. Saint Stephen's holds regular prayer and discussion gatherings in Bellevue Square Park on Saturday evenings; more information is available on our website, www.saintstephens.ca.

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Homilist: The Rev'd Maggie Helwig

Lammas Day Service Scadding Court / Alexandra Park: August 1, 2014

The service begins with a blessing of the garden. The song of blessing can be sung as a round; please feel free to join in. In this, as in the rest of this service, you are invited to participate to the extent that you feel comfortable.

1. 2.

Bless this ground, bless this seed, bless the hands that plant and weed;

Bless the rain, bless the sun, bless the hope that makes us one.

As the procession moves south, carrying fruits of the harvest toward the park and the bake-oven, the cantor begins the second verse of the song:

1. 2.

Bless this ground, bless this land, bless the harvest of our hands;

Bless this grain, bless our bread, grant that we may all be fed.

Please join the procession to the gathering area, where you will find chairs arranged around the altar stone. The service continues with the celebrant's greeting:

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
All **And also with you.**

Celebrant We gather in thanksgiving for the gifts of creation.
But first, let us confess our sins and the sins of our society
in the misuse of these gifts.

Cantor Ky-ri-e, ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son; ky-ri-e, ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.

All Ky-ri-e, ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son; ky-ri-e, ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.

Leader Almighty God, in our greed and irresponsibility
we wound your earth, your waters, your air.
For our exploitation of your creation,
and our lack of concern for those who come after us

All **Forgive us, Lord.**

Leader We have made a world where some have too much
and some live with hunger and deprivation.
For our acceptance of injustice and our complicity in oppression,

All **Forgive us, Lord.**

Leader We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

All For our failure to serve others as Christ served us,
Forgive us, Lord.

Cantor Ky-ri-e, ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son; ky-ri-e, ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.

All Ky-ri-e, ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son; ky-ri-e, ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.

Celebrant Restore us, Lord, and let your light shine.

All **Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.**

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.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

You are invited to share a handshake, bow, or other sign of peace with those near you.

Song: Many and great, O God, are your works



1 Ma - ny and great, O God, are your works,
2 Grant un - to us com - mun - ion with you,



mak - er of earth and sky. Your hands have
O star - a - bid - ing one. Come un - to



set the heavens with stars; your fin - gers spread the
us and dwell with us; with you are found the



moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your Word the wa - ters were
gifts of life. Bless us with life that has no



formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.
end, e - ter - nal life in you.

Text: Dakota hymn, J.R. Renville (1779-1846) Tune: LACQUIPARLE (Dakota hymn)

Dismissal

Leader Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion, and everyone is welcome to receive a blessing: please come forward to where the communion ministers are standing. Because of concerns about the transmission of illness, we ask that you not dip the consecrated bread into the wine: drinking from the common chalice is considered safer from the point of view of public health, and you are also welcome to receive only the bread. You may indicate this preference by crossing your arms crossed over your chest (when passing the chalice-bearer); this is also the way to indicate that you would prefer receiving a blessing to receiving communion. Note: Gluten-free bread is available for those who cannot eat wheat.

Song during communion

All Come and fill our hearts with your peace: you a-lone, O Lord are ho-ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace: Al-le-lu-a.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant God of hope, in this Eucharist we have tasted the promise of your heavenly banquet. May we who have shared in this bread of life be strengthened to share our bread and our lives with all those in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

All Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use them to his glory and the welfare of all peoples; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Celebrant Eternal God, you are the source of all life and growth and you pour your blessings upon us day by day. Create in us grateful hearts for all the goodness of your earth and make us good stewards and guardians of creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

You are invited to be seated.

Reading: "God's Grandeur"

Reader The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil
Crushed. Why do men then now not reckon his rod?
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.
And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs —
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889)

Reader God speaks in the world through prophets and poets.

All Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Cantor Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, lu-ia.

All Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, lu-ia.

Cantor We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. *Matthew 4.4*

All repeat Alleluia.

Gospel *You are invited to stand.*

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." *John 6.35-40*

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reflection

Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Celebrant Let us bring before God our thanks and our prayers, saying,
Hear us, O Lord.

Litanist God, we give you thanks for the goodness of the earth,
for the riches of our farms and our gardens, for grain fields and fruit trees,
for farmers, agricultural workers, food packers and distributors,
for all from whose work we receive our daily bread.

All **Hear us, O Lord.**

Celebrant On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them,
saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you."
After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me."

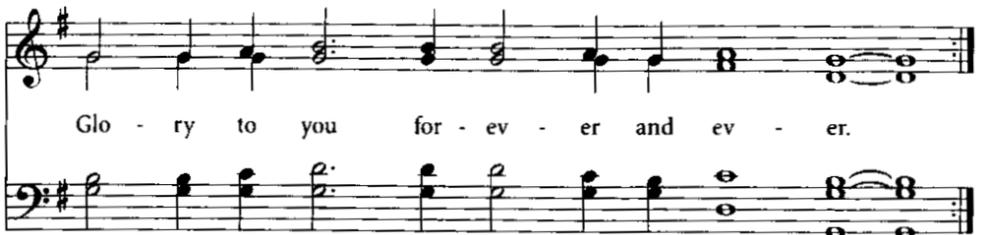
All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Gracious God, with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.
Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread,
and share in the life of the family of your children.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.
We sing your praise, almighty Father,
through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

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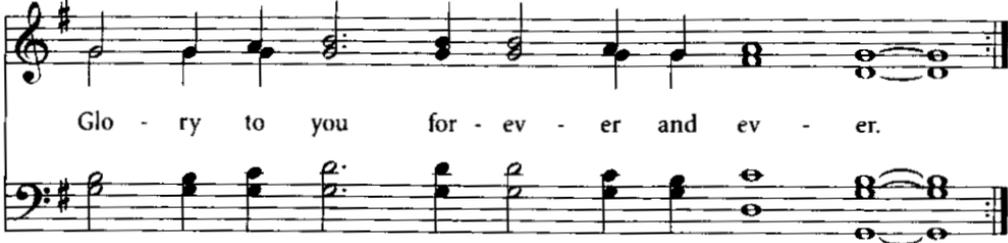
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Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.
By your power you sustain the universe.

All



Glo - ry to you for - ev - er and ev - er.

Celebrant You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.
In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.
Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.
Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.
On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death.
By raising him from the dead
you show us the power of your love
to bring new life to all your people.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Litanist We thank you for bakers and cooks, for food preparation workers,
for the staff and volunteers at food banks and community kitchens,
for all those whose hands feed us and our neighbours.

All **Hear us, O Lord.**

Litanist We pray for areas affected by drought and climate change,
by famine, conflict and the unequal distribution of resources.
Make us instruments of your justice in the world.

All **Hear us, O Lord.**

Litanist We pray for the welfare of this city and all those who live in it,
for this community centre and all community workers,
for this park and all green places, for Alexandra Park, Atkinson Co-op,
and all who work to provide housing. Further their labour, Lord,
and help us all to know that we are members of one body.

All **Hear us, O Lord.**

Litanist We pray for the churches in this community, and especially for
Saint Stephen-in-the-Fields, Saint Matthias, Saint Mary Magdalene,
Epiphany and Saint Mark, Saint Thomas's, Saint George-the-Martyr, Saint
Anne's, the Jeremiah Community, and the Christian Peacemaker Teams,
and for all who seek to serve you.

Teach us to know your presence in one another and in the world.

All **Hear us, O Lord.**

Litanist We pray for all who are hungry, isolated, grieving,
for the sick and the suffering, for refugees and prisoners,
for all those in our hearts and in our minds
Grant that they may know your love and mercy.

All **Hear us, O Lord.**

Celebrant Lord, you have heard the prayers of your people;
you know our needs before we ask
and you have pity on the frailty of our understanding.
Grant these our prayers as may be best for us;
strengthen us in our weakness and free our hands to do your will.
All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All **Amen.**

Song: O Christ, who holds the open gate

1 O Christ who holds the o - pen gate,
2 lo, all my heart's field red and torn,
3 and when the field is fresh and fair
4 the corn that makes the ho - ly bread

O Christ who drives the fur - row straight,
and thou wilt bring the young green corn,
thy bless - ed feet shall glit - ter there,
by which our hun - gering souls are fed,

O Christ, the plough, O Christ, the laugh -
the young green corn di - vine - ly spring -
and we will walk the weed - ed field,
the ho - ly bread, the food un - priced,

ter of ho - ly white birds fly - ing af - ter;
ing, the young green corn for - ev - er sing - ing;
and tell the gold - en har - vest's yield,
thy ev - er - last - ing mer - cy, Christ.

Text: John Masefield (1878-1967)

Tune: LLEDROD

Celebrant Brothers and sisters in Christ,
the people of God in ancient times presented to the Lord
an offering of first-fruits as a sign of their dependence
upon God for their daily bread.
At this Lammastide, we bring a newly baked loaf
as our offering in thanksgiving to God,
for all that we have and all that we share.

Baker(s) In the name of the people of our community, we bring this loaf.
We offer it to God, and pray for blessings
on our homes and our families,
on the food we eat and the work we do,
and on all the daily life of this park, this city,
and all those farms which supply our food.

The bread for the service and for the meal is placed on the altar.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of creation, all that is in the heaven and in the earth is yours,
the grain upon a thousand hills, the fruit of all the fields.
Morning and evening praise you,
the sun and rain declare your glory.
Receive these gifts, the signs of our labour and love,
and give us grace to serve you
in the service of all your creatures.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All Amen.

*One loaf of bread is kept on the altar, and the others are removed to the table for the meal
which follows the service. The other elements for the celebration of the Eucharist are prepared.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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 our thanks and praise.