

Scripture Reading

John 15: 12-17

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Choir Anthems Today

Introit: Father, We Praise Thee by Healey Willan

Father, we praise Thee, now the night is over, active and watchful, stand we all before Thee; singing we offer prayer and meditation; thus, we adore Thee. Monarch of all things, fit us for Thy mansions; banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending; bring us to heaven where Thy saints united joy without ending. All holy Father, Son and equal Spirit, Trinity blessed, send us Thy salvation; thine is the glory, gleaming and resounding through all creation. Amen.

Offertory Anthem: Fairest Lord Jesus by Derek Hakes

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son, Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing; Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all creation! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and for evermore be Thine! Amen.

COMMUNION SERVICE

INVITATION

PRAYER OF OPEN HEARTS

May we turn again to you, O God, in ways that move us beyond ego to wholeness, beyond judgement to healing, beyond self-serving to generosity. May we know you in the whole of life, in both the blessings and the burdens of our lives. Heal our hurts and open our hearts this day as we return to love again. Amen.

BLESSING OF GRACE

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

SHARING OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, O God, for all who have gathered round this table. For the food and cup of blessing which delight and nourish us and for companionship that sustains us. May we know the fullness of your presence at every meal and in all our sharing this day and always, AMEN.

*It is the practice of this church to serve grape juice in our communion service.
Bread is gluten-free.*