

WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday February 4th

Ordinances Sermon Series: Sacraments

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*HYMN How Great Thou Art (CCLI) UMH 77

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the name of God,
who created us,
who holds us and the whole world in his hands

In the name of the Son
who came into the world,
who reconciles us with God.

In the name of the Holy Spirit
who fills us with eternal life,
who links us with all Christians
and incites us to peace,
we come together to offer our thanks and praise.

~ from the Church of Scotland's **Starters for Sunday** suggestions for Lent 4C, from the Very Rev. Dr. Sheilagh Kesting. <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God,
you have fed us all
out of your own generous and gracious hands.
From them, we have received welcome,

nourishment, hope, and consolation.

May these things grow in us,
alongside the gift of faith,
so that we may plant their seeds
in the world around us.

Through the Holy Spirit,
guide us in our walk
to re-member our place
in your great and on-going story
of resurrection, redemption, and restoration
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

~ written by lutheranjulia, and posted on RevGalBlogPals. <http://revgalblogpals.org/2016/03/18/friday-prayer-something-is-coming/>

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER Do Lord (pub dom)

CHILDRENS MOMENT

ANTHEM I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, arr. by John Carter (OneLic)

LESSON I Luke 22:14-23 CEB

14 When the time came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles joined him. 15 He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. 16 I tell you, I won’t eat it until it is fulfilled in God’s kingdom.” 17 After taking a cup and giving thanks, he said, “Take this and share it among yourselves. 18 I tell you that from now on I won’t drink from the fruit of the vine until God’s kingdom has come.” 19 After taking the bread and giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is

my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” 20 In the same way, he took the cup after the meal and said, “This cup is the new covenant by my blood, which is poured out for you.

21 “But look! My betrayer is with me; his hand is on this table. 22 The Human One goes just as it has been determined. But how terrible it is for that person who betrays him.” 23 They began to argue among themselves about which of them it could possibly be who would do this.

May God add a Blessing to this reading.

***LESSON 2: Mark 14: 22-26 CEB**

²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” ²³ He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ I assure you that I won’t drink wine again until that day when I drink it in a new way in God’s kingdom.” ²⁶ After singing songs of praise, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

***LESSON 3 Acts 16:25-34 CEB**

25 Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. **26** All at once there was such a violent earthquake that it shook the prison’s foundations. The doors flew open and everyone’s chains came loose. **27** When the jailer awoke and saw the open doors of the prison, he thought the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword and was about to kill himself. **28** But Paul shouted loudly, “Don’t harm yourself! We’re all here!”

29 The jailer called for some lights, rushed in, and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. **30** He led them outside and asked, “Honorable masters, what must I do to be rescued?” **31** They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your entire household.” **32** They spoke the Lord’s word to him and everyone else in his house. **33** Right then, in the middle of the night, the jailer welcomed them and washed their wounds. He and everyone in his household were immediately baptized. **34** He brought them into his home and gave them a meal. He was overjoyed because he and everyone in his household had come to believe in God.

This is the Word of God for all people.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Bread and Water

*HYMN In Remembrance of Me (CCLI) TFWS 2254

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

TIME OF PRAYER

In this Easter season, we celebrate the many gifts which you bestow upon your people. We also reflect upon the challenging call to live as a new creation in Christ. Recognizing both the blessing and call to service in Christ's resurrection, we pray saying "Christ is risen" and respond, "Christ is risen indeed".

God of the Church, your apostles were persecuted for the sake of the gospel. Such suffering continues today in the face of human cruelty and intolerance. We pray for all who are persecuted for the sake of their faith and political beliefs. Strengthen the work of organizations such as

Amnesty International, which seek to disclose and put an end to these great injustices.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

God of righteousness, empower us weak-willed human beings to be faithful to the promises made in affirming our baptisms: to reject Satan and all his empty promises. Help us to discern your will from our own selfish desires.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

God of justice, your Son began his ministry proclaiming the arrival of the Kingdom of God, in which the blind are given sight and the oppressed released from bondage. Give us grace to enact the vision of that kingdom, by living lives of service that are dedicated to justice.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

God of the weak, be with those who suffer and their friends and families who keep vigil with them. We remember those we love and those who have lost, in our prayers.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

God of all people, it is both a gift and a responsibility to have Christ dwelling in us. Let us be truly grateful and willing to live as one with the Lord.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Hear our prayers, Heavenly Father, considering all things spoken and unspoken. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

~ from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada's **Lift Up Your Hearts** archive. <http://www.worship.ca/>

PASTORAL AND SILENT PRAYER (MUSIC)

LORD'S PRAYER

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 and the power and the glory now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER HYMN

For the Bread Which You Have Broken (CCLI) UMH 614

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***UNISON PRAYER**

Almighty God,
giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are,
that we may praise you not with our words only,
but with our whole lives. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (Cont.)

***BENEDICTION and RESPONSE**

Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love (pub dom), Verse 4 only UMH 566

POSTLUDE