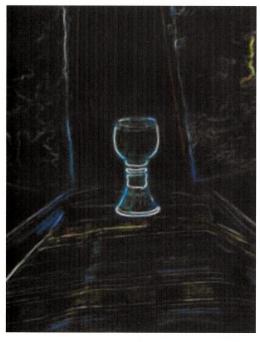
2016 Jubilee - Still a Vision

GATHERING

SEEKERS CHURCH A Christian Community In the Tradition of Church of the Saviour



Jubilee 2016 There Is Still a Vision

ENTRANCE REFLECTION

One of the most poisonous of all Satan's whispers is simply, "Things will never change." That lie kills expectation, trapping our heart forever in the present. To keep desire alive and flourishing, we must renew our vision for what lies ahead. Things will not always be like this. Jesus has promised to "make all things new." Eye has not seen, ear has not heard all that God has in store...you cannot outdream God.

John Eldredge, The Sacred Romance: Drawing Closer to the Heart of God

CANDLE LIGHTING CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: and love,

Holy Source of light and life

we gather here to be

reminded

that we are parts of your

living, changing body.

Voice 1: We come because you call us

into new life. Voice 2: We come because we want to be together as we grow. Leader: We come because we've found that when we are together in community we know your presence in new and different ways. All: God of dreams and visions, open us to the good news that you are making all things new, around us and among us and within us. **OPENING PRAYER** HYMN WORD FOR THE CHILDREN **SILENCE PRAYERS CONFESSION** Holy One, sometimes we want to Leader: believe that things will always be like this. We can be so comfortable with People: things as they are that change feels threatening and harsh. Leader: Sometimes we want to believe

that things cannot change.

People: We feel caught in the circumstances of our lives, bound up in our external world or chained by forces within. Leader: Our hearts are trapped forever in the present denying the past as well as the future. Holy One, forgive us and A11: free us from these chains. INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION **ASSURANCE** Leader: Jesus has promised to make all things new. Eyes have not seen nor ears heard the wondrous possibilities that are ours. We are forgiven and freed to be people of expectation and hope.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

People:

INTERCESSION AND PETITION

COMMITMENT

All: 0 Holy One, we come today to claim our relationship with you.

We pray for the commitment to grow together, sharing the gifts you give us with others here and in the wider world.

Forgive us for the hurt we have inflicted, and help us forgive those who have hurt us.

Give us strength and discipline to nurture our relationship with you; to care for every part of your creation; to foster justice and be in solidarity with those in need; to work to end all war, and violence, and discord; and to respond joyfully when you call, freely giving our selves as you have shown the way.

We open our hearts to you and your creation

in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ. Amen.

HYMN

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING

COMMUNION

PREPARATION

us

Leader 1: This is the table of the Heavenly Feast,
the joyful celebration of the people of
God.

Leader 2: We gather now as one body, joined around the table.

Here we celebrate God's presence among

united in Christ's spirit, broken and whole all at once;

All: Nourished and hungry, loved and loving, sinner and forgiven; we make one circle of knowing,

believing, rejoicing, being, as God lights and rests among us.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader 1: God of dreams and visions,

we give you thanks for all that you have made.

and all that is beyond our knowing.

People: We give you thanks for Jesus,

through whose life, death, and resurrection

all things are made new.

Leader 2: We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit,
whose ever-changing movement brings new
life

even when hope seems lost.

All: We give you thanks for your holy body, the Church,

in which we find new vision for the days ahead.

BLESSING THE ELEMENTS

thirst.

me.

Leader 1: Christ invites everyone to eat the bread of life.

to drink the cup of the new covenant.

Leader 2: Jesus said, I am the bread of life.

You who come to me shall never hunger, You who believe in me shall never

Leader 1: On the night of his arrest, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said,

This is my body, broken for the healing of the world. Whenever you eat it, do so remembering

Leader 2: After supper, Jesus took the cup and said,
This is the cup of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for all.

Whenever you drink it, do so remembering me.

All:

O Holy One, send down your Spirit

that these gifts of bread and cup

may be for us the body and blood of

Christ.

Unite us with Christ forever and bring us with the whole creation to your eternal realm.

SHARE THE ELEMENTS

If you do not wish to receive the elements today you are welcome to join the circle and allow them to pass, or remain in your seat. We serve grape juice in our cups.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

All: God of abundance and mercy, we give joyful thanks

for your eternal love and healing

presence

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n our celebration of bread and cup.

Bless this body of Christ

that we may attend faithfully to our call to be your servants,

with each other and throughout the

world.

A11:

Amen.

SHARED REFLECTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

BENEDICTION

Leader: With our vision renewed,

let us go forth with open

hearts and open minds,

trusting that the Holy One

really will make all

things new.

In the name of God the

Dreamer, Jesus the Teacher,

and the Holy Spirit our

Guide,

let us greet one another

with signs of peace.

All: Amen.