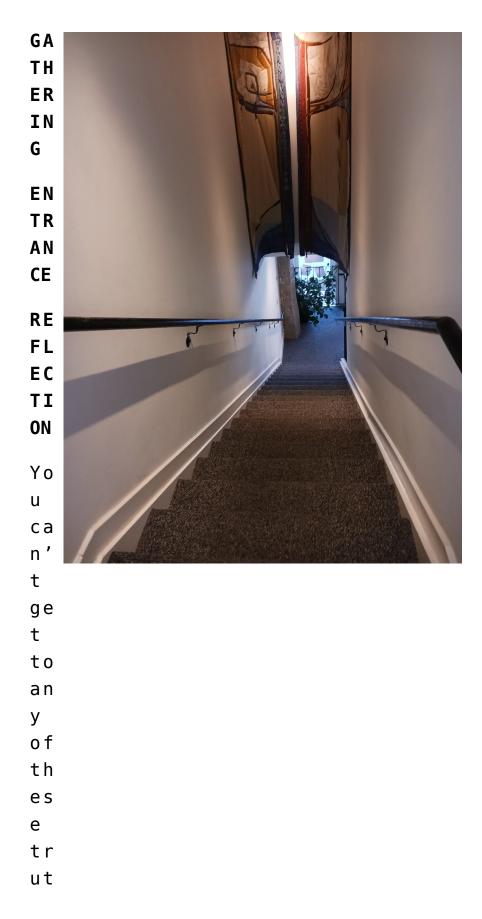
2024 Jubilee Liturgy: Telling the Deeper Truth



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LIGHTING THE ALTAR CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us join together to worship the Holy One, who is always with us.

People: We seek the One who meets us

in the places of deeper truth.

Leader: Let us breathe and take in the Spirit

who loves us in the dark

and closed-off parts of our soul.

People: We meet the Holy when we stand

in the messy reality of our lives,

in this moment.

Leader: Love embraces us even in our anger and damage and grief.

All: Held in Love, we speak the truth in our own voice

and come home.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

SILENCE

PRAYERS

CONFESSION

Leader: We long to be able to speak in our own voice and to stay in the present moment.

People: Instead, we spend time avoiding our anger, damage, and grief.

Leader: We linger in places of comfort and ease, not going into spaces we've been told to stay out of.

People: We may read and even dream about courage and resilience, but fear and resistance motivate us much of the time.

Leader: Then we feel lost and abandoned, lacking both desire and will to move.

All: Forgive us when these feelings of despair

block our awareness of you.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE

Leader: The Holy One forgives our resistance and our fears,

lifting our voices and grounding us in the present moment.

People: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

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

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 us,

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: Beloved Source of all that is,

we give you thanks for our eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to cherish the beauty and glory of our embodied lives on a troubled planet.

People: We give you thanks for the life of Jesus, the Human One, who opened himself fully to his own anger, suffering, and grief, becoming one of us and guiding us toward deeper truths.

Leader 2: We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit, who walks with us through the darkest woods, and frees us to open the doors of even our most fearful inner rooms.

All: We give you thanks for bringing us into the family of your holy people throughout the ages and around the globe, who are given to us so that we can walk each other home.

BLESSING THE ELEMENTS

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 thirst.

Leader 1: On the night he gave himself up, 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 me. 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. O Holy One, send down your All: Spirit that these gifts of grain and grape, and work of human hands 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 Leader 1: The body of Christ, broken for all of us. Feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving. Leader 2: The cup of the new covenant, poured out for the healing of the world. Drink deeply of it. PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

we give joyful thanks

for your eternal love and healing presence

in 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. Amen.

SHARED REFLECTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

BENEDICTION

Leader: Surrounded by God's presence

and the support

of this beloved community,

we face into our difficult truths

and find home.

Now as we go out into the world,

may we speak with the strength

of our own voice,

savor each present moment,

and greet all we meet

with signs of peace. All: Amen