

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: O 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,

with signs of peace.

All:

Amen