

St Nicholas 27.10.2024 - communion – order of service

Welcome

Announcements

Call to worship -

Opening prayer

Hymn – MP 560 - Praise my soul, the King of heaven (4x verses)

Bible Readings:

1st Reading – 1 John 4:7-17 NIV

God's Love and Ours

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

13 This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. 16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 17 This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.

2nd Reading – Mark 1:1-8 NLT

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

1 This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. It began 2 just as the prophet Isaiah had written:

“Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
and he will prepare your way.

3 He is a voice shouting in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord’s coming!
Clear the road for him!’”

4 This messenger was John the Baptist. He was in the wilderness and preached that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven. 5 All of Judea, including all the people of Jerusalem, went out to see and hear John. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. 6 His clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey.

7 John announced: “Someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not even worthy to stoop down like a slave and untie the straps of his sandals. 8 I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!”

Hymn – A&M 365 – Let us build a house where love can dwell (All are welcome) (5x verses)

Reflection – Loving God and shouting about it

Offering

Hymn - Praise God from whom all blessings flow - Hymnal Index 11837 - (1x verse)

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise Him, All Creatures Here Below
Praise Him Above, Ye Heavenly Host
Praise Father, Son, And Holy Ghost

Prayers of intercession & Lords Prayer -

All thanks to you, most holy Friend,

Giver of light and love and holy joy.

Before the beginning, when space and time did not exist,

you nursed a brilliant hope for the children who were yet to be.

All thanks to you, most holy Friend,

Giver of light and love and holy joy.

*In the young world, when you first raised up humankind,
you planted in them a hope that would survive their wandering and falling.*

*All thanks to you, most holy Friend,
Giver of light and love and holy joy.
Through the turmoil of history,
with the rise and fall of powerful nations,
you called the Hebrew tribes to be your people of hope.*

*All thanks to you, most holy Friend,
Giver of light and love and holy joy.
With prophets and ethical law-makers,
with their poets and devout scholars,
you prepared the world for a hope-event to outstretch all others.*

*All thanks to you, most holy Friend,
Giver of light and love and holy joy.
At exactly the appropriate time,
you sent John the Baptist to get your people ready for the incarnate Hope
that would begin at Bethlehem and ripple around the world.*

*All thanks to you, most holy Friend,
Giver of light and love and holy joy.
And when we, you latter-day children,
found our place in this world,
we discovered all around us, like yeast in dough,
the energy of this Hope veined through all things.*

*All thanks to you, most holy Friend,
Giver of light and love and holy joy.
For the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,*

*All thanks to you, most holy Friend,
Giver of light and love and holy joy. Amen!*

*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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever.
Amen.*

Hymn – CH4 196 – "Come, now is the time to worship" (video)

Communion

Hymn – MP 975 - Before the throne of God above (3x verses)

Benediction

Grace

Close

Note: MP; mission praise, A&M; Ancient and Modern, StF; Singing the Faith