

Refugee Sunday October 18, 10:00 A.M.

We're so pleased that you've come to worship with us this morning. While this bulletin is a guide to the service if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Anglican Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. After the service please join us for coffee/tea.

(Congregational participation in **BOLD**)

Greeting:

Land Acknowledgement

Breath Prayer

Hymn # 575 Let Streams of Living Justice

Prayer for Refugees
God our refuge, we hold in heart and mind those who flee their homes and who seek safety in a new place. We cannot imagine the fear, the uncertainty, the discomfort of leaving what one has known to venture to the unknown, often with little or nothing in their possession. May we be filled with a spirit of compassion and grace to welcome with open arms those who come to us in need. Show us a way of hospitality, help us to be generous; bring peace where there is turmoil. In the name of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.** *Source: Canadian Lutheran World Relief, Worship Resources for World Refugee Day*

First Reading: Leviticus 19: 9-10, 33-34
Reader: Caroline Brown
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Zechariah 7: 8-14
Reader: Caroline Brown
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Gospel Hymn # 572 Let There Be Light
Vs 1,2,3,5 &6 (Blue Book)

The Gospel Reading: (*standing*)
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
The Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 35-45
Reader: Deacon Elinor Smith
The Gospel of Christ
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon – *The Rev. MJ Leewis-Kirk*

Silence

Affirmation of Faith
I believe in Almighty God,
who guided the people in exile and in exodus, the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon, the God of foreigners and immigrants. I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean, who was born away from his people and his home, who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger. When he returned to his own country he suffered under the oppression of Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power. Jesus was persecuted, beaten, tortured and unjustly condemned to death. But on the third day Jesus rose from the dead, not as a scorned foreigner but to offer us citizenship in God's kingdom.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us, who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races.
I believe that the Church is the secure home for foreigners and for all believers.
I believe that the communion of saints begins when we embrace all God's people in all their diversity.
(Rev. Jose Luis Casal)

Liturgy for Refugees- *Spencer Stevens*

Silence

Invitation and Peace

Offertory Hymn # 500 Sister Let Me Be Your Servant
(Blue Book)

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise

Celebrant: It is indeed right …….
…….to proclaim the glory of your name:

Hymn # 719 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord *(Blue Book)*
Holy, holy, holy, Lord
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy God, source of life and goodness,…….
……. Therefore, we proclaim our hope

Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Celebrant: Recalling his death, ,…….
……. Now and forever.

Hymn # 721 Amen, Amen, Amen (*Blue Book)*

The Lord's Prayer
Holy One,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
For give us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of Trial,
And deliver us from evil.
For all of creation, the power,
and the glory are yours
Now and for ever. Amen.

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Chant # 553 Ubi Caritas et Amor
Latin, English, Latin (Blue Book)

THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn: Let My Voice Rise Up
(Choir)

The Prayer after Communion

Glory to God,
whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

HYMN # 576 For the Healing of the Nations
(*Blue Book*)

The Dismissal