

Breaking of Bread and Communion

At the blessing of the Cup:

Jesus, Lamb of God,

have mercy upon us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

have mercy upon us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

Grant us your peace.

While we receive communion we sing

*“Jesus, Remember Me” until all are served and the
elements have been covered 206*

The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer:

Sending Hymn: Lead On Eternal Sovereign 743

Dismissal and Blessing.

Places In The Heart (1984) Starring Sally Field is an emotionally affecting film about struggling through adversity and living with hope in a small Texas town during the 1930s.

The closing scene takes place in a church. As the camera slowly pans the congregation receiving communion, we recognize all the characters — those living and dead and departed for other places. It is an image in which the lambs and the wolves, the wronged and the wrongdoers, the betrayers and the betrayed, are all together as one. It is an unforgettable cinematic statement about hope.

The Presbyterian Church of St. David

Sacrament of Holy Communion

26 November 2017 – 9:00 a.m.

Communion

The Table is the Lord’s, and belongs by right to all who are His.

Call to Worship:

Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was
and who is to come. **Amen.**

And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the
dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. **Amen.**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of
God’s glory. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: Will Your Anchor Hold

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Call to Confession

Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world
but to mend and refashion our hearts, let us confess our sins
and shortcomings.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

**Holy One,
we dare to call you Lord,
but yield to you only fragments of our lives.
We expect to serve you with what remains
after we have satisfied our own desires.
Forgive our greed, our lack of trust,
and in your abundant mercy teach us
what it truly means to follow Jesus with our whole heart.
Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hymn: The Great Physician 359

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 8: 5-13 New International Version (NIV)

The Faith of the Centurion

⁵When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. ⁶“Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly.”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Shall I come and heal him?”

⁸The centurion replied, “Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

¹⁰When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, “Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. ¹¹I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. ¹²But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

¹³Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would.” And his servant was healed at that moment.

Meditation: “A Place at the Table”

Communion Hymn: For the Bread 549

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

The Presbyterian Church In Canada keeps an “open table” and welcomes members of any branch of the Christian community to participate fully in the Sacrament of Communion.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The prayer continues with thanksgiving for God’s saving acts in creation, until...)

where human needs are daily met

and we are set free for love.

To you be glory and dominion forever.

And so we praise you as we say:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of goodness and life,

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!

(The prayer continues with the Words of Institution, until...)

This cup is the new covenant in my blood ... do this in remembrance of me.

Christ has died,

Christ has risen,

Christ will come again.

(The prayer continues with invocation of the Holy Spirit, until...)

And now as Christ has taught us, we pray together saying, Our Father... (debts/debtors).