

VALEDICTORY EUCHARIST
Scottish Episcopal Institute
General Synod
Saturday 8th June 2019



Jesus said to him, 'Follow me'

Welcome to the 2019 Valedictory Eucharist which marks the close of this academic year and the end of SEI studies for fourteen members of the community.

The following students are this year's Leavers

Michael Blake, Aberdeen and Orkney
Jennifer Holden, Aberdeen and Orkney
Jean Souter, Aberdeen and Orkney
Roxanne Campbell, Brechin
Russell Duncan, Edinburgh
Jane Edwards, Edinburgh
Susan Ward, Edinburgh
Peter Woodfield, Edinburgh
Harriet Oxley, Glasgow and Galloway
Donald Grant, Moray, Ross and Caithness
Kathryn Sanderson, Moray, Ross and Caithness
Katrina O'Neill, Moray, Ross and Caithness
Annie Hughes, St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane
Susan Henderson, United Reformed Church in Scotland

Please hold these candidates in your prayers today and in the weeks to come as they prepare for, and begin to exercise, their ministries.

Please also pray for the other 9 students continuing into a further year of formation, and for the 11 preparing to join the community in August.

The sung worship is led by Lesley Penny, first year ordinand, along with other musicians from St Mungo's Balerno, Diocese of Edinburgh.

PREPARATION

The words of the Gathering song will be shown on the screen; please stand if you are able.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all Your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these. **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

God is love and we are God's children. There is no room for fear in love. We love because God loved us first. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

God our Father, we confess to you and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry. Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil, for the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

God, who is both power and love, forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect: O God, the King of Glory, hear our prayer: that as we believe your Son Jesus Christ to be exalted with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven; so also we may know his presence with us now, and to the end of time; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *(sit)*

First Reading Acts 28:16-20, 30-31

Second Reading Psalm 11

The words of the Offertory song will be shown on the screen.

Gospel: John 21:20-25

When it is announced:

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel:

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Homily: Rev Richard Tiplady (Director of Mixed Mode Training,
Scottish Episcopal Institute)

Prayers of the People

At the beginning and end of the intercessions we will sing the Taizé chant 'O Lord Hear My Prayer' (the words will be shown on the screen)

The Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the Cross. We meet in Christ's name.

Let us share his peace.

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THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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 give God thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life. Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light. Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love. As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves a single, holy living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. ***Amen.***

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.
Lord, unite us in this sign.

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray: ***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Do not bring us to the time of trial but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.***

Jesus, Lamb of God: **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins: **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world: **Give us your peace.**

The words for the songs at Communion will be shown on the screen

Eternal God, may we who share Christ's banquet be one with him as he is one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended Lord. Amen

PRAYING OUR FAREWELLS

All members of the continuing SEI community stand; the Leavers come forward and stand in front of the Primus.

Primus: God of our beginnings and endings, we celebrate all we have shared with these students who are about to leave the SEI community, and ask your blessing as they continue on their journey. May the love that is in our hearts be a bond that unites us forever, wherever we may be. May the power of your presence bless this moment of our leave-taking; this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Principal: I thank my God, every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel. And this is my prayer, that love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ we may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1: 3, 4, 9

Continuing community: As you journey onward, we ask forgiveness where we have failed you; we give thanks for all you have given us; we assure you of our love and prayers.

Leavers: *As I leave, I ask forgiveness where I have failed you; I give thanks for all that you have given to me; I assure you of my love and prayers.*

Continuing community: As you experience the pain of change, and the insecurity of moving on, we pray that you may also experience the blessing of inner growth.

Leavers: *I know that God goes with me.*

Continuing community: As you meet the poor, the pained, and the stranger on the Way, we pray that you may see in each one the face of Christ.

Leavers: *I know that God goes with me.*

Continuing community: As you walk through the good times and the bad, we pray that you may never lose sight of the shelter of God's loving arms.

Leavers: *I know that God goes with me.*

Continuing community: As you ponder your decisions and wonder over the fruits of your choice, we pray that the peace of Christ may reign in your heart.

Leavers: *I know that God goes with me.*

Principal: We praise and thank you, God of the journey, for our brothers and sisters who are soon to leave us We entrust them into your loving care, knowing that you are always the faithful traveller and companion on the Way. Shelter and protect them from all harm and anxiety. Grant them the courage to meet the future, and grace to let go into new life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Primus: *(will bless each Leaver individually)*

The Lord bless you and watch over you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Please stand if you are able

Blessing

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

The words of the recessional song will be shown on the screen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen