

St George's Episcopal Church
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What ONE Can Do

Present a

Celebration of the Third Anniversary
of the U2charist

August 3, 2008



Prelude

Love, Rescue Me

Mysterious Ways

Where the Streets Have No Name

About the U2charist or U2 Eucharist

The U2charist is an Episcopal Eucharist service that features the music of the band U2, and a message about God's call to rally around the Millennium Development Goals. The music in this service is replete with the message of global reconciliation, justice for the poor and oppressed, and the importance of caring for your neighbor, particularly the most vulnerable and in need. Led by the Global MDG ambassador, Bono, U2 is calling people worldwide to a deeper faith and engagement with God's mission. The U2charist seeks to be an extension of this ministry.

Listen for biblical and theological references, for traditional Judeo-Christian imagery and language, as well as for very nontraditional language, used to paint very traditional images of Christian theology. The traditional understanding of faith as an insatiable desire for God is a common theme, and "you" in U2's lyrics is often indicative of God addressing the human, as it is the person of faith addressing God.

For more information about the U2charist, or U2 Eucharist, please contact the Rev. Paige Blair at office@stgeorgesyorkharbor.org.

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Opening Hymn: *Pride (In the Name of Love)*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living God.
People: *You come to your people and set them free.*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.
People: *And also with you.*

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: *Jesus Christ*

(written by Woody Guthrie)

First Reading: *Genesis 32:22-31*

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed

him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Sung Psalms 40 and 6: 40

Gospel: *Matthew 14:13-21*

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Sermon: *What One Can Do* by the Rev. Paige Blair
(illustrated by Eric Hopkins)

Sermon Response: *One*

Prayers of the People (based on EPPN's Bidding Prayer for an End to Global Poverty and Instability)

Celebrant: Almighty God, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have the grace to take up our cross and follow him in pursuit of your work of reconciliation in the world.
God of love, in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Let us pray for the poor, hungry, and neglected all over the world, that their cries for daily bread may inspire works of compassion and mercy among those to whom much has been given.

God of love, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for schools and centers of learning throughout the world, for those who lack access to basic education, and for the light of knowledge to blossom and shine in the lives of all God's people.

God of love, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for an end to the divisions and inequalities that scar God's creation, particularly the barriers to freedom faced by God's children throughout the world because of gender; that all who have been formed in God's image might have equality in pursuit of the blessings of creation.

God of love, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the health of women, children and families around the world, especially for an end to maternal and child mortality, that in building healthy families, all God's people may be empowered to strengthen their communities and repair the breaches which divide nations and peoples.

God of love, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for an end to pandemic disease throughout the world, particularly the scourges of HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis; that plagues of death may no longer fuel poverty, destabilize nations, and inhibit reconciliation and restoration throughout the world.

God of love, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for an end to the waste and desecration of God's creation, for access to the fruits of creation to be shared equally among all people, and for communities and nations to find sustenance in the fruits of the earth and the water God has given us.

God of love, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all nations and people who already enjoy the abundance of creation and the blessings of prosperity, that their hearts may be lifted up to the needs of the poor and afflicted, and partnerships between rich and poor for the reconciliation of the world may flourish and grow.

God of love, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the departed, particularly those who have died as a result of poverty, hunger, disease, violence, or hardness of the human heart;

God of love, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Collect for the Prayers: MLK

(Illustrated by Eric Hopkins)

Sleep, sleep tonight

And may your dreams be realised.

If the thunder cloud passes rain

So let it rain, rain down on me.

So let it be.

So let it be.

Sleep, sleep tonight

And may your dreams be realised.

If the thunder cloud passes rain

So let it rain, let it rain

Rain down on me.

Confession and Absolution

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Absolution Celebration:

When Love Comes to Town (with B.B. King)
*Matthew 27:35: "After they had crucified him,
they divided his garments by casting lots."*

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The Offertory

Tonight's offering will benefit Play Pumps International and AIDS Response Seacoast.

Offertory Hymn: Beautiful Day

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

The Celebrant continues: ...to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:
*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.*

The Celebrant continues: ...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:
*We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

*The Celebrant continues: ...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.***

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymns: *One Step Closer, I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For*

Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Benediction

Celebrant: Holy eternal Majesty, Holy incarnate Word, Holy abiding Spirit, Bless you forevermore. **Amen**

Closing Hymn: *Elevation*

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Love, remembering that we are One.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude: *The Saints Are Coming*

(For the complete lyrics of these and other U2 songs, go to www.u2.com.)

What Are the Millennium Development Goals?

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are eight goals for reducing human suffering through development by 2015. The goals reflect a global consensus; they provide a roadmap toward a world free from the suffering caused by extreme poverty.

1. Eradicate extreme hunger and poverty.
2. Achieve universal primary education.
3. Promote gender equality and empower women.
4. Reduce child mortality.
5. Improve maternal health.
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases.
7. Ensure environmental sustainability.
8. Develop a global partnership for development.

The MDGs are drawn from the vision and targets of the Millennium Declaration, adopted by 189 nations during the Millennium Summit in September 2000, in which the nations of the world boldly declared, "*We will spare no effort to free our fellow men, women and children from the abject and dehumanizing conditions of extreme poverty, to which more than a billion of them are currently subjected. We are committed to making the right to development a reality for everyone and to freeing the entire human race from want.*"

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Would you like to be involved in this movement to Make Poverty History? Please support Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation (EGR), which is resourcing this movement of spiritual transformation in the Episcopal Church by igniting and fueling a passion for living out our commitment to the MDGs. For more information, please contact EGR executive director, the Rev. Mike Kinman at MKinman@gmail.com or New England Coordinator, the Rev. Paige Blair at pblair1@earthlink.net.

A great first step is to visit: www.e4gr.org, www.episcopalchurch.org/ONE, www.millenniumcampaign.org, or www.one.org to learn how you can work with others to eradicate extreme poverty and global AIDS. In addition, you can offer your voice by joining the Episcopal Public Policy Network at www.episcopalchurch.org/eppn. Thank you for doing your part to make this the world God yearns for it to be.

