

PALGRAVE

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HOLY COMMUNION

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Lighting the Christ Candle

Greeting and announcements

Territorial Acknowledgement

Indigenous Peoples have lived on and cared for this land throughout the ages. We recognize the personal and spiritual relationship they have with the land on which we gather and call home. We acknowledge the territory of the Anishinabek (a-NI-shi-NAA-bek), Wendat, Haudenosaunee (HO-den-o-SHOW-knee) and Ojibway (oh-JIB-way)/Chippewa (chip-HEY-wah) peoples and the land of the Metis (may-TEA). This land is part of the Treaty and Territorial lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

As treaty people, we honour and respect the Indigenous heritage and the long-lasting history of the land. We strive to continue to build and sustain respectful relationships with these Indigenous nations as we move forward on the path of reconciliation.

Call to Worship:

Let us open our eyes:

To the wonder of God's goodness, and the love that fills us.

Let us open our ears:

To the wisdom of God's word, and the guidance it offers.

Let us open our mouths:

To sing God's praise and share the good news of forgiveness and renewal in Christ.

Let us worship God.

Hymn:

God of Life

VU 528

God of life, in Christ you lead us,
guiding us along the way.
In our past, through joys and sorrows,
you have been our strength and stay.
Keep us faithful, true disciples,

in our learning and our praise
celebrating past and present, consecrating future days.

God of words and Word incarnate,
words that challenge and embrace,
grant us boldness in our speaking,
while we know your loving grace.

Give us words both clear and winsome,
loving hearts and listening ears,
celebrating past and present, consecrating future years.

God of music, psalms and anthems
help us sing your faith anew:
melodies expanding worship,
harmonies enriching too.
May our lives be hymns in action,
turned to Christ in note and rhyme,
celebrating past and present, consecrating future time.

God of days and years and eons,
still you call as in the past.
Work undone demands our labour;
justice yearns for peace at last.
Yours the vision and the challenge;
ours the mission and the praise,
celebrating past and present

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Prayer of Adoration and confession

Faithful God, we give you thanks and praise for every revelation of your love; every story of faith found; every testimony of healing given; every experience of hope renewed.

You have a way of opening eyes, unstopping ears, and loosening tongues so that people may know and rejoice in your ways that lead to love. Let that happen in this hour as we gather in worship, as well as in our everyday encounters.

Led by your spirit, may we be generous with our praise and eager tellers of your stories - proclaiming your transforming work in our lives. May you find us to be a glad and grateful people; thankful for the life you give, faithful in sharing our testimonies and expectant and watchful for what you will do next. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

God invites us to confession and reconciliation. Let us offer our prayers of confession and seek for reconciliation.

**Loving God, you send us into the world as ambassadors of your love and peace,
yet too often we create discord and division.
We serve our own interests first, ignoring those in need.
We value our understanding of the world you love, and fail to listen to the stories of others.
Forgive us for such self-centeredness'.
Help us to be more faithful disciples of Jesus; eager to serve, willing to listen, and glad to be
of service in his name.**

Hymn: When Hands Reach Out MV 136

When hands reach out and fingers trace the beauty of a loved one's face,
we thank you, God, that love relies on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.

When fingers spell and signs express our prayer and praise and thankfulness,
we thank you, God, that hands can sing; you bless the silent songs we bring.

When broken bodies will not mend, we thank you, God, for Christ our Friend.
In him, our healing can begin: he welcomes all the wounded in.

And when the ways we learn and grow are not the ways that others know,
we thank you, God, that we have learned your love's a gift, and never earned.

Your spirit gives us differing ways to serve you well and offer praise.
When all are joined as one, we'll be your able, strong community.

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WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

God of wisdom, as we listen to the scriptures read and interpreted,
send us your Spirit so that we may hear your Word with new understanding.
Move within us so that we may respond faithfully and with boldness. In the name of Christ, our
Living Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-14

Sermon

God helps those who humble themselves

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn:

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

VU 400

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit to this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!

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Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Loving God, source of all blessing; we thank you for your goodness, grace, and guidance. We thank you for our country, Canada, and for all the peace, freedoms, and privileges that we enjoy. We lift up before you all who are in positions of authority and influence, especially our Prime minister and Premier, our MPs and MPPs. We pray that they will serve with wisdom, honesty and compassion.

And help us as your people, that when we see injustice or recognize falsehood, to speak up boldly, following the example of Jesus, our Lord.

Compassionate God, the world is filled with violence and hatred, costing innocent lives. Today our hearts ache for those who live amid brutal conflict, for those who have died through violence, for those whose lives are ravaged by poverty and for those who suffer the many effects of such trauma.

God of all, teach us to live in love.

God, you who are always close to us, you see into our hearts and know the heartaches we carry. We pray for those living with illness and pain, for those who mourn the loss of someone or something dear, and for all those struggling with anxiety or despair in these challenging times. May they receive of your grace in fuller measure. And may we, your people, show more compassion and care and be ministers in your name, for their recovery and relief.

Help us all to trust your guidance in all situations, as we pray the words Jesus taught us:

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn:

As We Gather at Your Table VU 457

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God your presence, let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own,
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us Christ your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

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Invitation to the Table

People of God, we gather around Jesus Christ and his table that is set for all. Just as bread is not made from one grain, but from many, and wine is not made from one grape, but from many; so too, we, who are many, are made one in Christ.

As we share in this sacred meal of love, may God bless us with a new awareness of God's presence, and let us give thanks that we can align ourselves with Jesus and each other.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks and praise to God.

It is right to do so.

We praise you, O God, for your unswerving love for us. You take what is broken and transform it through your love. You take that which has been made ugly by sin and make it beautiful by grace. So we join with your people in heaven and earth to give you praise:

**Holy, holy, holy God,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus showed us what life in community can be. He fed the hungry, sought out the lost and the forgotten, offered healing and hope to the suffering and distressed. He revealed God's kingdom at work in the world.

On the last night he spent with his friends, he took bread, a staple food of his land, blessed and broke it, and gave it to those around him saying:
"Take and eat, this is my body broken for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took a cup of wine, the common drink of his people, and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this all of you, this is the new covenant sealed with my blood, for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me."

By remembering Jesus in this way now, we claim our common heritage as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Sharing the meal

In Christ, God brings healing and wholeness to our world. As we share this sacred meal, we remember and receive the love of God extends to us in Christ.

(The bread and wine are shared.)

Prayer

Eternal God, we thank you that you have called us to feast at the table of Jesus.
Keep us faithful to your will. Go with us into the streets, to our homes and to our places of labour and relaxation; that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Offering Invitation

Dedication of Offering

Hymn:

May the God of Hope Go with Us

VU 424

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all.
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed.

Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all.
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

Benediction and Commissioning

Go forth into unto life with ears unstopped. Listen to the call to service that God will send your way, and with humility and courage, pursue it with the best that you can offer. God will supply the rest.

Go in peace, and may the peace of God be with you. Amen.

Closing Chorus: May God's Sheltering Wings MV 214

May God's sheltering wings, God's gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms, God's cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in God's love, and hold you in God's love.

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