

PALGRAVE

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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Greeting and announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

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:

Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

For God has done wondrous things for us.

Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind so that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!

Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.

Help us to worship in spirit and in truth.

Let us worship God.

Hymn: Come, Let Us Sing VU 222

Come let us sing to the Lord our song, we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise, so joyfully thank God for our days.

O thirsty soul, come drink at the well, God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand, strengthened and comforted by God's hand.

You dwell among us and cause us to pray, and walk with each other following your way;
our precious brothers and sisters will grow in the fulfilling love they know.

Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low, let your praises endlessly flow.

Prayers of Adoration and confession

Holy God, we gather as your people called unto life and love. You sent the Holy Spirit to breathe life into your church. Let us no longer be captives to fear, but make us wholly present to experience a new birth, and awaken possibilities within us to share your love in the world. Let your Spirit, our Advocate, guide us; preserving us from judgment, protecting us from sin, and leading us into righteousness, so that we may bear witness to the good news through Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession:

Lord God, you know us very well. You have called us to follow you, but you know that we would rather hide and be silent than proclaim the power of your love. The world is a difficult place. We fear so much. We want people to like us, and so we hold back on our proclamation of our faith.

Help us to boldly proclaim your empowering and healing love and presence.

Bring your Holy Spirit upon us this day to ignite a spark of joy in our hearts and our voices.

Bring the power of your rushing wind through our spirits so that we may be turned in new directions for service and witness.

We pray in the name of Jesus. AMEN.

Hymn:

Come and Find the Quiet Centre VU 374

Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

In the spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,

in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

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Worship)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

God of Word and wisdom, reveal the mysteries of faith to us this day by the power of your Holy Spirit. Through the Scriptures, show us how to witness to the name of Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

Hymn: Open My Eyes, That I May See VU 371

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Sermon: The truth in a world of fake news.

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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Pastoral Prayer

Holy God, we bless you for bringing us into communion with you, offering us the same unity in love you share as the blessed Trinity.

Help your church in all its branches to discover the unity for which Christ prayed.

May our unity in Christ show the world how to overcome divisions and enjoy the diverse gifts you have created in us.

Draw the human family together in the love that unites us with you.

Where we have acted without regard for the needs of others; inspire us to work for justice and fairness.

Where we have been blind to the pain of the oppressed; open our eyes to opportunities for reconciliation and caring.

God of healing and hope, we pray for all who feel despair or anxiety in these challenging days.

Lift up in love those who find their illness unrelieved.

Comfort those who grieve the loss of someone dear or some important opportunity.

Support those who are denied dignity by the attitudes or actions of others and sustain those who long for healing of some kind.

Hear us O God, as we offer these prayers in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying:

“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.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

The season of Pentecost celebrates the outpouring of God’s Spirit upon the Church with the gifts need to serve others in Jesus’ name. Let us offer God our gifts this day with grateful hearts and the generosity revealed in Christ himself.

Our Offering & Gifts are received in person as well as virtually. We acknowledge our gifts through PAR, cheques, cash, online donations, as well as the offering of ourselves, our time, and our talents.

Dedication of Offering

Generous God, thank you for all your gifts which bring us hope and joy. Bless the gifts we bring and work with them to establish your reign in the world you love. In the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, we pray.

Hymn

Three Things I Promise MV 176

Three things I promise, Holy God, in age and youth, in life and death:
to bless your Name, and cling to Christ, and listen for the Spirit's breath.

Your love unfolded time and space, and life, and all that life became,
and so, with thankful heart and voice, through good and ill, I bless your Name.

I follow, serve, and cling to Christ amid our culture's tides and trends,
for here your Name is most revealed: Majestic Love, and Best of Friends.

Enlivened as the Spirit moves to cleanse, awaken, and renew,
I pray that justice, peace, and truth may seed and grow in all I do.

If I should live when vigour fades, and family and friends are gone,
three acts of loving faith remain when days are slow, and work is done.

Revive and guide me, Living God, as day by day, until my death,
I bless your Name, and cling to Christ, and listen for the Spirit's breath.

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

Benediction and Commissioning

Go into God's world; live with hope, peace, and joy. Celebrate the Holy Spirit who is with you as you move through the joys and fears of your lives. And may the grace of Christ our risen Lord, the love of God who raised him from the dead, and the power of the Holy Spirit who fills the world with new life; bless and keep you, now and always. Amen

Sung Response

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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