

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 their long-lasting history with 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:

We come to worship God!

For God is just and compassionate. God is love.

We come to encourage and strengthen one another.

For we all are part of the family of God.

We invite the Holy Spirit to move among us.

For we need its guidance and power.

Let us seek God who loves and calls us.

Let us worship God and seek God's renewal and reconciling grace.

Hymn:

All Creatures of Our God and King VU 217

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:
hallelujah, hallelujah!

Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam,

sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

O rushing winds and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,
sing praises, hallelujah!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice;
O lights of evening, find a voice:
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Earth, ever fertile, day by day
brings forth your blessings on our way:
sing praises, hallelujah!
The flowers and fruit that verdant grow,
let them God's glory also show:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

And everyone of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part:
sing praises, hallelujah!
All who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and yield up all your care:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness:
sing praises, hallelujah!
Praise God eternal, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

(Words: St. Francis of Assisi. 1225 English Translation: William Henry Draper ca. 1919 © Boosey and Hawkes)

Prayers of Adoration and confession

Loving God, you are the source of life!
You are the giver of all that nourishes us in every way.
You are the living waters that refresh us.

You are the solid rock on which we stand.
Your love warms and sustains us. You are everything to us.

As we gather in worship, let our gratitude be great, let our praise be plentiful,
let our worship be wonderful and wonder-filled!
Through Christ Jesus your ever-living Son.

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

God of mercy, grace, reconciliation, and goodness, we are sorry for so much.

For hurtful words we cannot take back;

for shameful memories we cannot bear to relive;

for unhealthy thoughts we are embarrassed to admit;

and for unkind deeds that we cannot undo.

For all those, we are truly sorry, O God.

Open our eyes to see the path of love. Grant us humility and courage to take the path of reconciliation. And bind our hearts to you so that in all we do, we may reflect your love and delight in your ways. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn:

Come In and Sit Down

VU 395

Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.

You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family.

Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.

God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family.

Come in, come in and sit down,

you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.

There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family.

Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.

There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family.

Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.

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Arrangement: © 1987 Songs for a Gospel People.)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

God of wisdom and hope, your Word has offered guidance and healing throughout many generations. Send us your Spirit that, as we listen to the stories of your people, we may find wisdom and hope, guidance, and healing; through your Living Word, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Luke 8:26-39

Hymn:

Come and Fill Our Hearts MV 16

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

(Words: Taizé Community, 1982 Music: Jacques Berthier, 1982)

Sermon: Counting the cost.

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

God of the earth and all its peoples, in Jesus Christ, you proclaimed the good news that true life and peace are found in you. Guide your church to proclaim this good news in ways that bring Christ's reconciling love to all.

On this day, as we celebrate fathers, we ask that you bless all fathers with wisdom, patience, courage, and above all with love for their children. And bless all children with openness to correction, eagerness to learn, and love for their fathers.

And we ask a special blessing on all who are fatherless today; surround them with godly role models to teach, affirm and guide them, and love them with the love of a father.

God of healing and hope, we pray for all those who are ill or in pain; for the anxious and discouraged, for those facing death or the loss of someone dearly beloved, and for those struggling to make ends meet in these uncertain times.

May they find in You, O God, healing, strength, hope and renewal.

God of the earth and all its peoples, on this National Indigenous Sunday, we pray for indigenous communities across this land. Grant them wisdom and courage as they address the needs of their people. Bring healing to those who remember painful experiences and build bridges of understanding among us all.

And God we pray for your Church, may the mission we share in Jesus' name shine the light of your love into desperate lives. Bless this community of faith and restore our hope and our energy to serve in your world.

We offer all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to say together:

“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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours. Now and forever. Amen.”

Invitation to the Offering

God’s Spirit equips us to bring healing and hope to the world. We offer our gifts with gratitude for the healing and hope at work in us and through us.

Offerings & Gifts are received in person as well as virtually. Your financial offering can be made through PAR, cheques, cash, and online donations. Along with your financial gifts, we celebrate and support the offering of yourselves - your time and talents.

Dedication of Offering

Hymn

Go to the World VU 420

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

Benediction and Commissioning

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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