

PALGRAVE

July 10, 2022

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:

Come, now is the time to worship; to praise God for who God is.

Now is the time to worship; to offer ourselves in service to God.

Now is the time to worship; to celebrate the love we share in Jesus.

Now is the time, to answer God's call.

Come let us worship God.

Hymn:

As the Deer Pants for the Water VU 766

As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after you;
you alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

**You alone are my strength, my shield
to you alone may my spirit yield;
you alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.**

I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy;
you alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.

**You alone are my strength, my shield
to you alone may my spirit yield;
you alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.**

You're my friend and You are my brother,
even though You are a King;
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything!

**You alone are my strength, my shield
to you alone may my spirit yield;
you alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.**

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Prayers of Adoration

Here we are O God, waiting in anticipation for the blessings that are promised when we gather in your name. Here we are, O God, to offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving to you. Here we are, O God, not knowing what this time of worship will awaken in us; but praying that it will awaken in us greater love and deeper commitment.

As we gather in your name and in your presence, help us to approach this hour, this day, and this week as gifts from you: full of possibilities and newness.

Throughout this worship, and when we leave this place, may we open ourselves to the promptings of your Spirit, and may we know the joy and peace of your presence, and the blessedness of service.

In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling VU 333

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,

pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

(Words: Charles Wesley. Music: Rowland Huw Prichard.)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

God of truth and wisdom, by your Spirit, reveal your will for us in the reading of your Word.
Open our hearts and minds to receive your word, and strengthen us to respond in faithfulness.
Amen

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:25-37

Hymn: When I Needed a Neighbour VU 600

When I needed a neighbour,
were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?
And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter,
were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty,
were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?
And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter,
were you there?

I was cold, I was naked
were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?
And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter,
were you there?

When I needed a healer,
were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer, were you there?
And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter,
were you there?

Wherever you travel
I'll be there, I'll be there,
wherever you travel, I'll be there.
And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter,
I'll be there.

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Sermon: Neighbourliness is next to Godliness

Hymn: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love VU 593

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.

Neighbours are wealthy and poor,
varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near and far away.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.

These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love,
all are neighbours to us and you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.

Kneel at the feet of his friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

We praise you, O God, for all your goodness to us.

In Christ, we see your love and wisdom.

Through the Holy Spirit, we recognize the abilities and opportunities you create in us and for us to reach out to the world you love.

We thank you for all the ways our friends, families, neighbours and strangers reach out to us and to others; offering support and kindness when we face our challenges and pain, and celebrating with us when achievements bless us with healing and happiness.

Today we pray for those courageous and compassionate people in our communities and congregations who strive to serve with integrity and honesty in a world prone to self-interest.

We pray for those who struggle to create justice where it has been compromised and to build reconciliation and understanding in divided communities.

Compassionate God, we pray for the troubled in mind or spirit, for the angry and unhappy, and for those who feel that every day is a struggle. Soothe their concerns and open their hearts to claim the hope and help you offer.

We remember before you the sick and the bereaved who must try to put their lives back together again. Draw close to all these who suffer, offering your comfort and courage to face whatever comes next.

Receive our prayers, both spoken and unspoken, and embrace us all in your love. Give us hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but also what you call us to do on your behalf as friends and followers of Jesus. In whose name and after whose example 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours. Now and forever. Amen.”

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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Invitation to the Offering

Dedication of Offering

Hymn When Pain of the World VU 598

When pain of the world surrounds us with darkness and despair,
when searching just confounds us with false hopes everywhere,
when lives are starved for meaning and destiny is bare,
we are called to follow Jesus and let God's healing flow through us.

We see with fear and trembling our aching world in need,
confessing to each other our wastefulness and greed.
May we with steadfast caring the hungry children feed.
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's justice flow through us.

The church is a holy vessel the living waters fill
to nourish all the people, God's purpose to fulfill.

May we with humble courage be open to God's will.
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's Spirit flow through us.

We praise you for our journey and your abundant grace,
your saving word that guided a struggling human race.
O God, with all creation, your future we embrace.
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's changes flow through us.

(Words, Music: Jim Strathdee 1976)

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

Benediction and Commissioning

Go in peace; recognize Christ in friend and stranger. As Christ has been gracious to you, so be gracious to those whom you meet. And may God dwell with you and be your shield, may Christ come unto you and be your saviour and friend, and may the Holy Spirit be in you guiding and empowering you, this day and forevermore. 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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