

## **PALGRAVE**

July 17, 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:**

We come to offer ourselves to God, who in our moments of fear and anxiety, leads us to calmness and peace.

We come to hear God, who in our moments of confusion, brings clarity and purpose to our lives.

We come into the presence of God, who in all our moments and through the changing scenes of our lives, is with us.

Let us worship God who loves and renews us.

#### **Hymn:**

Open Our Hearts      MV 21

Open our hearts, open our minds.  
Open our lives to you O loving God.  
Open our hearts, open our minds.  
Open our lives to you O loving God.  
Open our hearts.

## Opening Prayer

Gracious God, as we gather in worship, and when we go about our daily lives; teach us to listen:  
to listen with patience, when we want immediate answers;  
to listen with openness to a new word, when we are more comfortable with the old;  
to listen with deep respect to the roots of our faith, when we would prefer a new, easy solution.  
Teach us to hear your voice in stillness and silence.  
To hear a renewed call to return, even when this means hard, uncomfortable work.  
Help us to listen with faithfulness, knowing that your voice can come in unexpected places, and  
through unlikely people and means.  
And, listening, give us courage to act.  
In the name of Jesus. Amen.

## Hymn:

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You VU 232

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,  
God of glory, life, and love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

All Your works with joy surround you,  
earth and heaven reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around You,  
centre of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
sound their praise eternally.

You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Source of grace and fount of blessing,  
let Your light upon us shine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus,  
which the morning stars began;  
God's own love is reigning o'er us,  
joining people hand in hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

### Prayer for Understanding

God of wisdom, by the leading of your Spirit, open our minds to receive new insight from familiar stories.

Open our hearts to grasp deeper truth, revealed through the Scriptures, and through Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 10:38-42

**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:**

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**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!

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

Good and generous God, in Jesus Christ you came to us, promising life in abundance. We give you thanks today for the abundant gifts we receive in him; the assurance of your love day by day; the relief of your mercy when we recognize our own failings; hope to sustain us when things seem bleak; and peace that comes when we entrust ourselves to your love. For all these gifts and other blessings we recognize around us, we give you thanks.

Compassionate God, we pray for all whose lives are empty of joy, and peace - because the going is tough, and friends seem far away... because their hearts are filled with disappointment and anxiety... because their sorrow and grief are great.

Support each one in your abundant compassion.

Gracious God, we remember before you those whose lives are empty of hope because they are struggling with illness or disability and because they are powerless in the face of violence or other forces beyond their control. Confirm your promise of renewal with signs of new possibility and real change.

Good and generous God, fill us with energy & compassion to reach out to those facing difficult times. May we become the gift of love we have received in Jesus; for it is in his name we pray as he taught.

### **Invitation to the Offering**

The stories of Scripture remind us there are many ways to give out of gratitude for God's goodness to us. Whatever we have to give, let us give joyfully and generously, trusting God to do more than we can ask or imagine, in the name of Christ, our Living Lord.

### **Dedication of Offering**

Living, Loving God, we bring the gifts we have to offer to you. Bless and multiply them. Show us how they can best serve your purposes in our church and in your world. Amen.

**Hymn**

You Shall Go Out with Joy. VU p884

You shall go out with joy  
and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills  
will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy,  
and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
*(clap, clap)*  
the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
*(clap, clap)*  
the trees of the field will clap their hands  
*(clap, clap)*  
while you go out with joy.

**BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

**Benediction and Commissioning**

Go in peace. Live in love. Receive with gratitude and give joyfully.  
Praise God for all that is past, and trust God for what is to come.  
And may the blessing of God be with you, this day and always. Amen.

**Sung Response**

May God's Sheltering Wings

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