

PALGRAVE

July 24, 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 gather in the name of Jesus, who brings us together in community;
who opens our hearts to know that our true selves are found in God;
who saves us from fear and selfishness and leads us to serve with compassion and act with love;
who calls us to walk, work, and worship together.
Following the way of Jesus, let us worship God with humility and joy!

Hymn: God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us VU 399

God, whose love is reigning o'er us,
source of all, the ending true;
hear the universal chorus
raised in joyful praise to you:
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
worship ancient, worship new.

Word of God from nature bringing
springtime green and autumn gold;

mountain streams like children singing,
ocean waves thunder bold:
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
as creation's tale is told.

Holy God of ancient glory,
choosing man and woman, too;
Abr'am's faith and Sarah's story
formed a people bound to you.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
to your covenant keep us true.

Covenant, new again in Jesus,
star-child born to set us free;
sent to heal us, sent to teach us
how love's children we might be.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
risen Christ, our Savior he!

Lift we then our human voices
in the songs that faith would bring;
live we then in human choices
lives that, like our music sing:
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
joined in love our praises ring!

Opening Prayer

Ever present God, we seek and you offer.

We ask and you give.

We knock and you open the door.

You hear the prayers of your people.

In Christ, you offer the gifts of new life and hope to all who seek your blessing.

Your Spirit intercedes for us when we cannot find words ourselves.

Receive our praise and our prayers this day, and draw us into your holy presence, so that your love will transform us to serve you in the world you love.

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Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness VU 288

Great is thy faithfulness, God our creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever will be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

God of wisdom, as we listen to the Scriptures today, fill our hearts and minds with your living Word, so that our faith in Christ will grow stronger as we build our lives on him. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Luke 11:1-13

Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus VU 664

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us?
Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,
and we'll find new courage there.

Sermon: It Isn't That Difficult.

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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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Loving God, we come before you in prayer, trusting that your love and power work in the world in ways we cannot imagine.

You made all things good and placed us in relationships so that we can all nurture and share that goodness, but we so often allow selfishness and prejudice to undermine our relationships and the goodness you intend for all to share.

So today, we pray for those who live in troubled nations; those facing wars, poverty, terror, discrimination, or oppression.

Call the powerful to account, O God, and inspire leaders with the courage to listen to those who cry out in pain and desperation.

We pray today for all those whose everyday lives have been disrupted by forces beyond their control: those struggling with the effects of Covid 19 and other illnesses; those grieving the loss of a loved one; those burdened by the rising cost of living; those facing effects of climate change on their communities.

Inspire governments to combine compassion and good planning to respond to those who face such challenges. Equip us to support those who need our help, for we are all your people, embraced by your love, which we claim together in 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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. For ever and ever. Amen.”

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Invitation to the Offering

God responds to our needs and requests with great generosity. Such is God's great love. Let us share God's love with others through the offering we present this day.

Dedication of Offering

Generous God, we offer you our gifts, thankful that your love is overflowing. Bless these gifts so that your love will flow through them to meet the needs of those who cry out to you and to us, for Christ's sake. 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

As we go into what lies ahead, let's yield ourselves to the miracle of transformation.
Let's see the beauty in each other, and celebrate each other for who we are: gifts from God.
And until we meet again, God bless us, each and every one.

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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