

# **PALGRAVE**

October 02, 2022

## **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

### **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

#### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

#### **Greeting and announcements**

#### **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:**

We come as guests invited:

**to a celebration, to a relationship, to the table.**

Our invitation comes from Jesus Christ;

**who is the Head of the Church and the host of this feast.**

With brothers and sisters around the world;

**we gather to worship God; whose faithfulness endures forever.**

#### **Hymn:**

Come In, 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.

**Refrain**

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.

**Refrain**

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.

**Refrain**

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.

**Refrain**

**Prayer of Adoration**

God, source of all goodness, we are thankful for the food that nourishes our bodies, and we come today to receive the food that nourishes our spirits.

You set a feast for us. You spread the table and make room for all to come: friend and foe, healed and sick, hopeful and hopeless. You nourish and restore us again and again, and for that, we are truly thankful.

We worship you with grateful praise, together with all your people here and everywhere, who break bread with you at your table today; remembering our life together in Christ.

We gather in community to give praise, to sing, to pray, to listen and to experience your Spirit moving among us.

Gracious God, it is good to be here. May your love and your grace bring forth gratitude in us.

We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**Hymn:**

Break Now the Bread of Life

VU 501

Break now the Bread of Life, saviour, to me,  
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.  
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord;  
my spirit pants for you, O Living Word.

Bless your own word of truth, dear Christ, to me, to me,  
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee;  
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;  
and I shall find my peace, my all-in-all.

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD****Prayer for Understanding**

God of Hope, among all our concerns for ourselves and for the world, we turn to your Word. Help us to still our thoughts and listen for the hope you have promised. Speak to us now of your steadfast love and unceasing mercy, revealed in Jesus Christ your Living Word. Amen.

**Scripture Reading:**

Psalm 37:1-9

Luke 17:1-5

**Sermon**

Underused and Overwhelmed

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD****Hymn:**

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

VU 633

Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,  
the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.  
The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,  
then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.

Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way;  
whose hope burns through the terrors, whose love sustains the day.  
We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound.  
Together we are seeking the road where faith is found.

Divine Eternal lover; you meet us on the road.  
We wait for lands of promise where milk and honey flow.  
But waiting not for places, you meet us all around.  
Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.

### **Pastoral Prayer**

Holy God, we bless you for bringing us into communion with you.  
Draw us together in your love that unites us.  
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 those who suffer; 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.  
Enfold in your love and care, those who find their illness to be unbearable, and those who are worried and stressed about the illness of their loved ones and friends.  
Comfort those who grieve the loss of someone dear, strengthen those who have to go through life without the companionship and support of a loved one, and sustain those who long for healing of some kind.  
And for those who suffer as a result of natural disasters and those brought about by human activities, we pray that they will receive the help they need.

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

**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**

Now to Your Table Spread VU 456

Now to your table spread  
we come, each one in faith  
that you alone provide the words of life or death:  
in wine and bread, in promised food  
we find your loving heart, O God.

Hands of the world stretch out  
your mystery to touch  
in longing to believe a truth beyond our reach,

to sing in joy, to cry in grief,  
to know your meaning for our life.

Here is our common wealth  
in sharing what is good,  
as though all humankind around one table stood,  
this bread to break, this wine to taste:  
one people in the name of Christ.

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks and praise.

**It is right to do so.**

Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body;

**for we all eat of the one bread.**

Because there is one cup, we who are individuals are also community;

**for we all drink of the one cup.**

In Christ, God breaks down the walls that make us strangers and divide us from one another.

**Here God brings wholeness out of brokenness, unity in the church and healing to our faith.**

On this day, we join together with our brothers and sisters around the world in celebrating the presence and love of God.

We celebrate, and we remember that:

On the night Jesus was with his friends, they gathered together at one table, sharing a simple meal. He took bread, and after blessing it, broke it and gave it to his friends saying:

“Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Each time you do this, remember me.”

He also took a cup of wine, and after giving thanks, gave it to his friends saying:

“Whenever you drink it, remember me.”

By remembering Jesus in this way now, we claim our common heritage as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Let us pray*

God of all the earth, bless what we do here. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our world, that we may see your way become our reality.

**Come fill our hearts, fill our church, fill our world.**

*Sharing the meal.*

The body of Christ was broken for us.

**Thanks be to God for the bread of life.**

The blood of Christ was shed for us.

**Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing.**

In Christ, God brings healing and wholeness to our world. As we share this sacred meal, we remember and receive the love of God, extended to all in Jesus, the Christ.

*(The bread and wine are shared.)*

### **Prayer**

Eternal God, we thank you that you have called us to feast at the table of Jesus.

Keep us faithful to your will. Go with us into the streets, to our homes and to our places of labour and relaxation; that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

### **Offering**

## WE GO OUT IN FAITHFUL LIVING

### **Hymn:**

We Are One VU 402

We are one as we come,  
as we come, joyful to be here,  
in the praise on our lips  
there's a sense that God is near.

We are one as we sing,  
as we seek, we are found;  
and we come needful of God's grace  
as we meet, together in this place.

We are one as we share,  
as we share brokenness and fear,  
in the touch of a hand

there's a sense that God is here.  
We are one as we care,  
as we heal, we are healed;  
and we share warmth in God's embrace  
as we pray together in this place.

We are one as we feast,  
as we feast, peace becomes the sign;  
in the bread and the wine  
there's a sense of love divine.  
We are one as we come,  
as we feed, we are fed;  
and we feel God's refreshing grace  
as we meet at table in this place.

We are one as we hear,  
as we hear, heart and hand unite;  
in the word we receive  
there's a sense that God is light.  
We are one as we leave,  
as we love, we are loved;  
and we seek justice in God's ways  
as we move together from this place.

### **Benediction and Commissioning**

We leave this building, but not the presence of God.  
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: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you, this day and always. Amen.

**Closing Chorus:**                      Go Now in Peace / Besig & Price

Go now in peace, never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.  
Amen. Amen. Amen