

# PALGRAVE

September 25, 2022

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### Prelude

### 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:

Open our minds, O God,

**that they may be filled with the knowledge of your presence.**

Enrich our speaking, O God,

**that all who hear may be encouraged and uplifted.**

Guide our actions, O God,

**that your love may be evident in all that we do.**

Inspire our worship, O God,

**that the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts may be acceptable unto you.**

### Hymn:

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above      VU 216

Sing praise to God, who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,

the God of our salvation;  
with healing balm my soul is filled,  
and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power hath made,  
God's gracious mercy keepeth,  
by morning glow or evening shade  
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;  
within the shelter of God's might,  
lo! all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory!

Our God is never far away,  
but through all grief distressing,  
an ever-present help and stay,  
our peace, and joy, and blessing;  
as with a mother's tender hand,  
God gently leads the chosen band:  
to God all praise and glory!

Thus all my gladsome way along,  
I sing aloud thy praises  
that all may hear the grateful song  
my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in your God, my heart!  
Both soul and body bear your part:  
To God all praise and glory!

**Prayer of adoration and confession.**

Loving God, who made the world and breathed into us the Spirit of life;  
we praise you.

We adore you; the God who first loved us –  
who knew us in the womb, and treats all of us with compassion and care.

We praise you for revealing your love in Jesus.

Love which through faithful service, wise words, and caring hands,  
and later through the cross and resurrection; turned despair to celebration, exclusion to inclusion,  
sadness and oppression into liberation and laughter.

We praise you that through your Spirit at work in us and in the world, we can all know the joy  
and freedom of your generous love.

**As recipients of your love, we ask that you forgive us for the times when we failed to show  
that love to others.**

**Forgive us when we stifle the spirit of generosity in our lives, or exploit it in the lives of others.**

**Forgive us when we take for granted, and hold selfishly, the gifts you have given us.**

**By your love, make us new. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**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.

## **Prayer for Understanding**

**Scripture Readings:**

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

**Hymn:**

Who is my Mother MV 178

Who is my mother, who is my brother?  
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:  
Spirit-blown people born from the Gospel  
sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

Differently abled, differently labelled,  
widen the circle round Jesus Christ:  
crutches and stigmas, culture's enigmas,  
all come together round Jesus Christ.

Love will relate us colour or status  
can't segregate us, round Jesus Christ:

family failings, human derailings  
all are accepted round Jesus Christ.

Bound by one vision, met for one mission  
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ:  
here is my mother, here is my brother,  
kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

**Sermon:**

What's Your Net Worth?

**Hymn:**

God of the Bible      MV 28

God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,  
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,  
you are our center, daylight or darkness,  
freedom or prison, you are our home.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.

God in our struggles, God in our hunger,  
suffering with us, taking our part,  
still you empower us, mothering Spirit,  
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.

Those without status, those who are nothing,  
you have made royal, gifted with rights,  
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,  
birthing new systems, lighting new lights.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.

Not by your finger, not by your anger  
will our world order change in a day,  
but by your people, fearless and faithful,  
small paper lanterns, lighting the way.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.

Hope we must carry, shining and certain  
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,  
bonding us gladly one to the other.  
till our world changes, facing the Cross.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.

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

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

Loving God, you are our keeper, our shade in the heat of all our battles, our light in every kind of darkness.

In all that we face in life, we are yours, and so we thank you for your care which enriches all our living.

Thank you for the trust we have that those things over which we have little control, do not escape your attention and are not outside of your control.

Thank you for the freedom to focus on the things we can do: caring, loving, living responsibly day by day.

Continue to send us your Spirit to bless us with insight, wisdom, energy and passion to live for you day by day.

Attentive God, we bring our concerns before you. We pray for the situations and people known to us and named by us, and those not known by us, but known to you.

We pray for healing and hope. Embrace them in their need and potential.

We pray for our congregation, asking that your grace may surprise us and open us to your guidance.

We pray for situations where people face violence and hatred, and for families working through discord or hurt.

And we pray for ourselves, for the responsibilities we bear, for the particular challenges we face, and for our own healing.

In the coming week, keep us faithful and caring and deepen our trust in your guidance.

We gather all these prayers together, praying the words that Jesus taught us...

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Dedication of Offering**

**BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

**Hymn**

Go Make a Difference

MV 209

*Go make a difference.  
We can make a difference.  
Go make a difference in the world.  
Go make a difference.  
We can make a difference.  
Go make a difference in the world.*

We are the salt of the earth,  
called to let the people see  
the love of God for you and me.  
We are the light of the world,  
not to be hidden but be seen.  
Go make a difference in the world.

Refrain

We are the hands of Christ  
reaching out to those in need,  
the face of God for all to see.  
We are the spirit of hope;  
we are the voice of peace.  
Go make a difference in the world.

Refrain

So let your love shine on,  
let it shine for all to see.  
Go make a difference in the world.  
And the spirit of Christ  
will be with us as we go.  
Go make a difference in the world

Refrain

## **Benediction and Blessing**

### **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 He 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!

### **Postlude**