

PALGRAVE

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HOLY COMMUNION

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 gather as people loved by God in whose image we are made, reconciled through Christ who sets us free and empowered by the Spirit who enables us to live as God's people.

We offer ourselves to God that we may receive light for our darkness, courage for our fears, hope for our despair, strength for our weakness and forgiveness for our sins.

God is with us; let us open ourselves to God's presence.

Hymn:

VU 412 - This Is the Day

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,
we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us your gates, O God.

You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God, we will praise your name.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we are brought together by your Spirit to offer you praise and thanks for your unfailing love and faithfulness, shown most clearly through your Son, Jesus Christ. In this time of gathering, grant us grace to worship you with joy. Let our gratitude be great, let our praise be plentiful and let our worship be sincere.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to recognize you among us. Give us the courage to step out in faith to meet you and the confidence to follow where You lead.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Hymn: 371 - Open My Eyes, That I May See

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!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

God ever present, yet ever new, guide us by your Word and Spirit so that in your light, we may see clearly what you call us to do. In your truth, we may know how best to follow you and, in doing so, find true peace through Christ, your living Word. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Luke 14:25-33

Sermon Reality Check

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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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Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Creator of heaven and earth, we are filled with gratitude for the blessings of this life. For making us in your image to love and care for one another; we give you thanks. For the gift of Christ, who redeems and guides us, and who gives us a pattern for everyday living; we praise you.

Hear us now as we pray for situations where your love and grace are sorely needed in the world you love.

We pray for your church around the world, facing so many challenges to respond to so many enduring needs: Grant us wisdom and courage to face these times.

We pray for anxious parents, teachers and students facing new and sometimes difficult circumstances and decisions as schools reopen this fall. May there be patient listening and sincere efforts at understanding by all who are involved.

We pray for those who mourn and those who are alone or feeling isolated. For the powerless and oppressed and those caught up in destructive relationships or unjust political and/or social systems. May they be encouraged, supported, and liberated.

And for the various concerns we bear on our hearts this day, help us not to be overwhelmed, but to discern expressions of your care and compassion.

Eternal God, we thank you for the communities of faith in which we find support and nourishment. Keep us always in communion with you and with your people as we join our voices to theirs in the words Jesus taught us, saying:

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, forever and ever. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn:

All Who Hunger VU 460

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Holy Communion

God, most Holy, we give you thanks for being with us and for uniting us with one another.
As we share this sacred meal, we remember your love, whole and holy, a love that has held us
from the beginning, and a love that will hold us for as long as time exists.

We need your Wisdom, God.

We need your guidance.

We need your whispers and your shouts.

**Through the voices of all people - ministers, parents and grandparents, children and
infants, strangers and Neighbours; all who listen and speak your love,
we need your invitation - your calling,**

You gave to us your Christ, alive in the world; a teacher, a healer, a challenger, a saviour.

**He laughed with those who laughed and cried with those who cried,
but most of all, he loved us with an unending love, a love that surpasses death,
a love that brings new life; not only to us, but to all creation.**

On the night before he was taken to his death, Jesus gathered with his disciples.

He shared with them a meal of remembrance and love.

He blessed the bread and broke it, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body broken for you.
Do this in remembrance of me." Each time you eat, remember me."

He blessed a cup of wine and passed it to them saying:

"Drink this; this is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

In the breaking of this bread, we remember the brokenness within ourselves.

We pray for the day when we shall, each one, enter fully into the wholeness of Jesus Christ.

So we eat, we drink, and we remember.

For the bread and wine we have shared and for the life we have received, we thank you God.

Let us pray together.

**Gracious God, though we live in a world of great need, we have tasted of your goodness.
Though faced with brokenness and illness, we have heard your call to be a people of**

healing love.

Though daily we touch our limits, we receive your grace each day.

Send us forth, O God, in faith, in hope and in Love.

Amen.

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 Invitation

We offer to God the fruit of our labour to support the redeeming work God is doing in the world. Give in hope and in trust that God will accomplish more than we can ask or imagine through our gifts.

Dedication of Offering

O God, we offer these gifts to you. Bless them and use them to heal and reshape the world you love with the Good News we celebrate in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

Hymn: Sent Forth by God's Blessings VU 481

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, of each tribe and race.

With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;

unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.

Benediction and Commissioning

Go into this world confident in Christ's love and God's eternal presence with you. Go to be a witness for good and a bearer of peace to all you meet. Go in peace, and may the God of peace be with you! 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