

Organ Prelude:

Processional Hymn #384 (CP) "Praise To The Lord The Almighty"
Lobe Den Herren

Land Acknowledgement Statement

We acknowledge the first people who walked this land before us. The land on which we gather is the ancestral territory of the Anishinabek (ah-nish-in-nah-bek) Nation, specifically the Chippewas of Rama First Nation. This territory is covered by the John Collins Purchase of 1785 and the Williams Treaties.

We gratefully acknowledge the beauty and bounty of the land where we live, and our gratitude for the earth, the provider of all that is required to sustain physical life. We, as the youngest visitors here upon the earth, must ensure that the earth is here for the future generations of all beings that live upon her.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

Welcome

Gathering of the Community

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation.

In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the center of this Sacred Circle through which all of creation is related.

You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life.

Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your Spirit, for you are God, now and forever.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: "Let Us Build House"

Two Oaks

V1

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

V3

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat; a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

V5

Let us build a house where all are names, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place!

Gathering Prayer

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness.

Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. **Amen.**

Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from Book of Isaiah 40:25-31 (pg.#701)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from the Book of Philippians 4:4-9 (pg.#1138)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God**

Before the Gospel #509 (CP) "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Verses 1 &2

Precious Lord

The Gospel John 1:1-18

May God be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to St. John.

Glory to you Jesus the Christ.

Long ago, in the time before all days, before the creation of all things, the one who is known as the Word was their face to face with the Great Spirit. This Word full represents Creator and shows us who he is and what he is like. He has always been there from the beginning, for the Word and Creator are one and the same. Through the Word all things came into being, and not one thing exists that he did not create.

Creator's life shined out from the Word, giving light to all human beings. This is the true Light the comes to all the peoples of the world and shines on everyone. The Light shines into the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it or put it out.

Into the wilderness of the Land of Promise (Judea) came a man named Gift of Goodwill (John). He was sent by the Great Spirit to tell what he knew about the Light so everyone could believe. He was not the Light but came to speak the truth about the Light. The true Light that shines on all people was coming into the darkness of the world.

He came down into this world, and even though he made all things, the world did not recognize him. Even his own tribe did not welcome or honour him. But all who welcome and trust him receive their birthright as children of the Great Spirit. They are born in a new way, not from a human father's plans or desires, but born from above - by the Great Spirit.

Creator's Word became a flesh-and-blood human being and pitched his sacred tent among us, living as one of us. We looked upon his great beauty and saw how honourable he was, the din of honour held only by this one Son who fully represents his Father - full of his great kindness and truth.

Gift of Goodwill (John) told what he knew about him and cried out with a loud voice. "The one I have told you about is here! He comes after me, but is much greater - my elder! He has more honour, for even though he is thought to be younger, he existed before I was born." From the fullness of his being we have all had many gifts of kindness poured out on us. Drawn from the Water (Moses) gave us our tribal laws. but the gift of great kindness and truth came from Creator Sets Fee (Jesus), the Chosen One.

No one has ever seen the Great Spirit, but the one Son, who is himself the Great Spirit and closest to the Father's heart, has shown us what he is like.

(First Nations Version, An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament)

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel #509 (CP) "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
Verse 3 *Precious Lord*

Reflection: Living at Fox Lake – Sean and Ashley Davidson

Anthem: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" *arr. J. Rutter*
The St. James' Choir

Affirmation of Faith We affirm our faith as we say:

**We believe in one God, the Creator
You have made all things and placed your spirit in them.
We believe in your Son, Jesus the Christ,
Send from your heart to preach
And change our hearts to be like yours.
He was born of Mary, his mother. He, being Creator with you, from
the beginning of all time, became a person like one of us.
He suffered and died on a cross of sin. He rose from death.
He was taken into heaven.
And now sits on your right hand. He will one day come again to the
earth.
To proclaim your kingdom and dominion. We believe in a holy and
great Spirit Who comes from you to empower us.
And enable us to live as your children. He is worshipped as you are,
for he is one with You and Jesus. We believe in one holy church,
Begun and sustained by your apostles.
We look to our baptism for forgiveness.
We believe that one day all the dead
Will be made alive in the resurrection,
And we believe that when we die
We will return to you and be judged by you. Amen. *(Anglican Church of
Canada)***

Prayers of the People

Beth Morum, Lay-Reader

Confession and Absolution

And with the disciples we ask, “But, Jesus when have we seen you hungry and given you food, or thirsty and given you something to drink? And when was it that we saw a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing ? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you.

We confess that we fail to see Jesus in the people around us, in those we love and those we do not love. Gracious God, lest we think our words alone are sufficient, today as we confess—we fall silent before you.

Silence is held for personal confession.

May God, who is our constant companion surround us with love and grace. God has accepted our confession, we are forgiven, and the blessing of God Creator, Word, and Life-Giving Spirit be with us now and for evermore. **Amen.**

Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn #506 (CP) “Lord of All Hopefulness”

Slane

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation. Feed us with the Bread of Life, your Son Jesus the Christ.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

God the Creator is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God the Creator.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer our thanks and praise.

God the Creator, our Great Spirit, from the depths of our hearts we give you thanks. We say thank you, now and forever. From the place of the rising sun in the East, to the South where the warm winds blow, from the West where the soft rain comes, to the coldness of the North. We unite with all creation from the four directions to join in the everlasting thanksgiving and praise for the gift of Jesus Christ. With hearts lifted, we join with the angels, the guardian spirits, the saints, and all our ancestors as we say:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are they, who come in the name of our Creator.

O Great Spirit, our Creator from whom all holiness comes, we come before you again today. Just as in generations past, like our grandmothers and grandfathers, we come to worship you and acknowledge your greatness.

We marvel at your creation. You sent Jesus into creation because people had turned away from you and no longer loved each other, bringing death and destruction. Sharing our living and dying, Jesus opened our eyes and our hearts to understand that we are all relatives and that you are our Great Spirit the Creator.

Stretching out his arms upon the cross, he became a perfect offering for all, uniting in beauty all that is, with all that has been, and with all that ever will be.

On the night Jesus was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; gave thanks, gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

In this ceremony which Jesus gave us, we celebrate our salvation. In our offering of praise and thanks, we stand in the memory, strength, and love of Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension.

Remembering, we make our offering. By your Holy Spirit, make our gifts holy, so that they may be spiritual food and drink. + Make us holy, so that we respectfully receive this feast and serve you in each other.

May we also live in unity and live as relatives to all.

United in Christ with all who stand before you on earth and heaven, we worship you, God the Creator, our Great Spirit, in songs and dance of infinite praise.

Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Whoever comes to me shall not hunger and,
whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

Invitation to the Table

So, come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more. You who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

(From Communion Blessing, Christopher Peters and Eucharistic Prayer revised version from the Liturgy of St. John's, Red Lake, MN)

The Communion

All are welcome to receive communion. If you do not wish communion but a blessing, please cross your arms and the priest will bless you.

In the Anglican tradition wine is administer from a chalice or common cup. If you do not wish to receive from the chalice you can cross your arms, and the words of institution will be said. We do not practice intinction or dipping the bread in the cup.

Music During Communion:

#24 (CP) "Abide With Me"

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Anthem: "God So Loved The World"
The St. James' Choir

arr. B. Chilcott

Prayer after Communion

Great Creator, you have fed us with bread from heaven.
Continue to renew us in your truth,
to give light to our minds
strength to our bodies,
and seal us with your Holy Spirit.
We ask this in Christ's name. **Amen.**

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask
or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the
Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn#474 (CP) "Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet"
Warrington

Dismissal

Go into the world, sharing the peace of Christ to the four corners of
the earth. **Thanks be to God.**

Sung Benediction "Let Us, O God, Depart in Peace"

arr. G. Whelpton

Let us, O God, depart in peace, who in your name are gathered here. Disclose the brightness of your face, and be forever near.

Postlude "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

arr. Diane Bish

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