



CHRIST CHURCH, DARTMOUTH

An inclusive church welcoming everyone

January 23, 2022

A Service of Worship Streamed

A Service of the Word: Supplementary to The Book of Alternative Services

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Anglican Church of Canada is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

A Service of the Word

The Gathering of the Community

All stand as able.

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.
We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

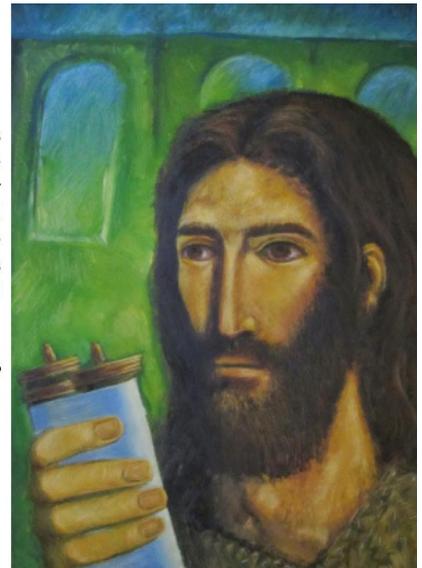
People **Amen.**

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God of freedom, make us impatient to greet the time fulfilled, the poor lifted up, the oppressed set free and your love made manifest in Jesus Christ, the Anointed Servant. Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)



Announcements:

Officiant Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

People **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Officiant Merciful God,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn:

Officiant The Lord is our light and our life.
People **O come, let us worship.**

Venite

Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the
sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Proclamation of the Word

Psalm 19

To respond to the account of the people hearing Ezra read from the Torah, we join in Psalm 19, the first half of which praises Creator God for the sun and the second half of which praises our Redeemer for the words God has spoken, “more desired than fine gold, sweeter far than honey.”

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear,

enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,

O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
**as it was in the beginning,
is now and will be forever. Amen.**

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The excerpt from Nehemiah, the sole selection from Nehemiah in the three-year lectionary, is set next to Luke 4 to show that Jesus continued the Jewish pattern of communal worship at which the Hebrew Scriptures were proclaimed and interpreted for the hearers. Although hearing the words of the law may incite mourning, Ezra says that encountering the voice of God always is joyful: “eat the fat and drink sweet wine”: in other words, let the party begin, and share it with others. We continue this pattern of worship on Sunday morning.

When the seventh month came—the people of Israel being settled in their towns— all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So, they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
People Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The people who gather to hear Jesus proclaimed in the Hebrew Scriptures and interpreted in the New Testament are the body parts that Paul metaphorically describes. For Paul, the church's communal embodiment of Christ is inspiring, for we have company in sorrow and we join together in joy.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”

On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of

power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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The Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies,

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship him without fear,

holy and righteous in his sight

all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

to give his people knowledge of salvation

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Gradual Hymn:

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

Luke says that Jesus, filled with the Spirit, preaches that he himself is the fulfillment of historic hopes for the social transformation and physical healing that the messiah will bring. We on Sunday morning still hear Jesus speaking through the word, and we are to join him in proclaiming God's good favor to all, experiencing this healing, and enacting social transformation.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Sermon:

Officiant Let us confess our faith
as we say,

**All I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer Petitions of the Day:

Those ill or in Hospital, and those in need: Les Halsey, Rick, Jean Thompson, Melba, Bob, Sharon Campbell, Barbara, Ann Piccott, Shelagh, Betty, and Residents of the Admiral, Oakwood, Oceanview, Parkland, and all in Care Homes.

Christ Church Cycle of Prayer: Dana Estabrooks, Fred Eustace, Kathleen Eyland, Sally Fairfield, Cathy Fancy.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Milton and Rustico, Prince Edward Island Rev. Moore and Bonnie St. John the Evangelist, Milton Crapaud, Prince Edward Island Rev. Cathy Pharo, Priest-in-Charge St. John the Evangelist, Crapaud New London, Prince Edward Island Rev. Margaret Fagan and Darroch St. Mark's, Kensington St. Stephen's, Burlington St. Thomas', Spring Brook St. Elizabeth's, Springfield

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer: ACC: The Most Rev. David Edwards, Metropolitan, and the people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, ELCIC: The dean, council, and congregations of the Atlantic and Montreal Areas of

the Eastern Synod

Worldwide Anglican Communion: The Church of Bangladesh

Prayers of the People

(from the 2022 WCC liturgy for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)

With faith and confidence, we come in prayer, before God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

The Magi came from the East to pay homage and offer special gifts from their cultures and countries. We pray today for all Christian communities around the world; in all of their diversity of worship and tradition:

Lord, we ask you to preserve these treasures, particularly in areas of the world where the presence and survival of Christians is threatened by violence and oppression.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

The early years of the Lord's life were marked by violence and massacres at the orders of the despot Herod.

We pray for children living in places in the world where violence continues and where its results are tangible:

Strengthen, O Lord, the bonds of unity and mutual love among our churches and help us to cooperate and witness to your holy Name. Inspire us to work without ceasing in order to defend the oppressed and include the marginalized. Encourage us to stand together in the face of tyranny and oppressive regimes as we seek your Kingdom among us.

O, Lord, hear our prayer.

After the visit of the Magi, the Holy Family experienced migration through the wilderness and became refugees in the land of Egypt.

We pray for all the refugees and uprooted people in this world:
Equip us, Lord, to show hospitality to those driven from their homes, and grant us
the spirit of welcome to those looking for a safe haven.

O, Lord, hear our prayer.

The birth of Jesus was good news for all, gathering people from different nations and
religions in worship of the holy child.

We pray for our efforts to seek harmony and dialogue with other religions:
Lord, give us humility and patience to walk with others with respect on their journey.

O, Lord, hear our prayer.

The Magi returned to their home by a different way.

We pray for our churches in this changing world:

Lord, help us to find new and creative ways to follow you and to witness to you so
that the world may believe.

O, Lord, hear our prayer.

When the Magi saw the holy child, they rejoiced with great joy.

Heavenly Father, fix our eyes on him so we do not lose our way.

We pray for your many denominations and our seeking for unity – the healing of the
very wounded body of Christ:

Unite us in the Lord Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life.

O, Lord, hear our prayer.

Officiant We are the body of Christ; in the one Spirit we were all baptized
into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and
builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

A Hymn of Offering:

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

All say one of the General Thanksgiving prayers.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

**God of freedom,
make us impatient to greet the time fulfilled,
the poor lifted up,
the oppressed set free**

**and your love made manifest
in Jesus Christ, the Anointed Servant. Amen.**

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The Lord's Prayer

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

**All 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.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord (Alleluia).

People **Thanks be to God (Alleluia).**

Closing Hymn:

Officiant May the God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing through
the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



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