



**CHRIST CHURCH, DARTMOUTH**

An inclusive church welcoming everyone

January 30, 2022

*A Service of Worship Streamed*

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

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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.

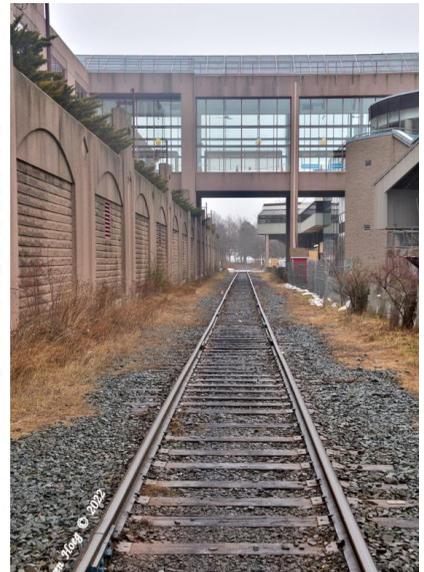
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Prophetic God, strengthen and encourage us to hear those who speak your uncomfortable truths and who challenge our dearest prejudices, so that we may know and heed prophets of our age; through Jesus, the son of Joseph. Amen.

*Propers Working Group (2015)*

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*People* **Amen.**

**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 71:1-6

*Having heard about the boy Jeremiah, we respond by singing Psalm 71:1-6, which speaks of God's care of us since even before birth. God is our rock, castle, crag, stronghold, deliverer, hope, strength.*

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.  
**In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

**Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

**Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.**

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:** Jeremiah 1:4-10

*The call of Jeremiah is set next to the reading in Luke 4 to intensify the identification of Jesus with the tradition of prophets, those who like Elijah, Elisha, and Jeremiah were called to the task of speaking the word of God. Christians have appreciated this particular call narrative as an indication of God's attention to even children. All the baptized are called to speak the things of God to others.*

**N**ow the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and

over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

*It is not easy to comment on 1 Corinthians 13 without getting merely gushy. The passage proclaims the love of God in Christ as now enlivening the community. Although called to faith while young children, believers are expected to grow up, to live into adulthood in lives that access and express the full love of God.*

**I**f I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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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 4:21-30

*Continuing from last week's gospel, today's gospel repeats its last verse, thus epitomizing the semicontinuous reading of Luke we now undertake. Whether we identify with the Jews worshipping faithfully in the synagogue or with the outsiders in*

*Phoenicia or Syria, Christ comes to be our loving Savior, our liberator, our healer. Like the widow, we are fed, and like Naaman, we are cleansed in the water*

**T**hen Jesus began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?”

He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”

When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

**Sermon:** The Rev. Dr. Kyle Wagner, Rector

*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:** Carol & Paul Farquharson, Jill & Steven Feindel, Sheila Ferguson, Joan & Thomas Fetterly, Beverley, David & Levi Fidler.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Parish of Port Hill, Prince Edward Island: Rev. Ann Bush, Rev. Gordon Bush, Deacon, St. Paul's, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island Archdeacon John Clarke and Teresa, Rev. Jay Macdonald, Associate Parish Priest, and Carol

**Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer:** ACC The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the Ottawa, Ottawa Valley and Seaway Areas of the Eastern Synod.

**Worldwide Anglican Communion:** The Diocese of Algoma – The Anglican Church of Canada (Ontario Province)

## Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Let us join in prayer with God's faithful people throughout the world, saying **"God of Love: hear our prayer."**

We pray for the unity of your church, that our life may reflect the love you have shown us.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We ask your grace for *Sandra* our bishop, Rev. Bonnie our pastoral visitor, Rev. Canon David Greenwood Honourary Assistant, Rev. Dr. Canon Jody Clarke, Honourary Assistant and Theologian in Residence, Vanessa Turner our Lay Licensed Minister, our parish wardens Steve Smith, Don Murray, Cathy Connors, and members of our Parish Council and Visioning Teams. We pray for Christine Hoehne and others who volunteer at our weekly foodbank, for Heather Downey who supports our Sunday School. For Tessa our music leader and John MacDonald. We pray for our various committees in the parish, this week we give thanks for our Pastoral Ministry and pastoral visitors group for the faithful work in serving others, and for all who minister in word and in action, that we may bear faithful witness to your good news.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We seek your peace and justice in our world, our country, and our community, that the needy may never be forgotten.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We ask your blessing on our homes, our friends and family, and on those who live alone, that we may know your presence ever near us.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We name before you all whom you have given us to pray for [especially...], knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can ask or imagine.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to you all who have died [especially...], that our trust in you may deepen as you keep them safe in your care.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We offer our thanks and praise for all you have done for us,  
rejoicing in the knowledge that you are with us always.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We look for your purposes to be accomplished, and ask you to fill  
us with the strength and vision to further your reign.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

*The officiant greets the people using these or similar words.*

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**

Prophetic God,  
strengthen and encourage us  
to hear those who speak your uncomfortable truths  
and who challenge our dearest prejudices,  
so that we may know and heed prophets of our age;  
through Jesus, the son of Joseph. **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.**



The Anglican Church of Canada



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