

**Waterloo North Mennonite Church**  
**Season after Pentecost Matins Order**

Sunday October 15, 2017

For reflection: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Gathering**

**Silence**

**Prelude**

**Opening the Bible**

**Welcome:**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Leader:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Invocation:**

**Leader:** We enter your presence Eternal God, Creator of all things.

**People:** **We enter your presence Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Leader:** Be present with us Holy Spirit, our constant companion.

**All:** **To the one true God, eternally three in one,  
be praise in all times and places,  
through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Silence**

**Praise**

**Hymn of Praise** STS (purple) #122 Let all creation dance *(rise)*

**Prayer of Praise** *(remain risen)*

**Leader:** We praise God for all we have received.

**People:** **We give thanks for the explosion of harvest,  
for burnished days as well as drizzling days.  
Seasons turn, but God's love is changeless.  
All praise and thanks we give to you, O God! Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise** STJ (green) #13 My soul is filled with joy  
*(be seated after singing)*

Leader: Let us join together in reading the Psalm.

**Psalm of the Day** Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

**People: Praise the LORD!  
O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or declare all his praise?

**People: Happy are those who observe justice,  
who do righteousness at all times.  
Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people;  
help me when you deliver them;  
that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,  
that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,  
that I may glory in your heritage.**

Leader: Both we and our ancestors have sinned;  
we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.  
We forgot God, our Savior, who had done great things in Egypt,  
wondrous works in the land of Ham,  
and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

**People: Therefore he said he would destroy them—  
had not Moses, his chosen one,  
stood in the breach before him,  
to turn away his wrath from destroying them.**

**All: 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.**

**Silence**

**Confession**

Leader: Sovereign God of the universe, our strife and rebellion deny the message and mission of Christ.

**People: We confess that we have found idols to  
occupy the time you have given us. (Exodus 32)  
you have entrusted us with management of your vineyard  
yet our destructive ways have produced no fruit. (Mt 22:33ff)  
We are not worthy of the love you offer  
and the acceptance you extend.  
Help us, Gracious God. Amen.**

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
**People: Jesus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**  
Leader: Jesus, Redeemer of the world, give us peace.  
**All: Amen.**

## Silence

**Hymn** HWB (blue) #144 Kyrie *(remain seated)*

## Words of Assurance

Leader: The life of God is available to all who repent and believe.  
It is God who works in you to will and to act according  
to his good purpose. (Phil 1:6)

## Response to Assurance

**People: Holy God, we have heard you call us.  
The encouragement of Christ sustains us;  
We would empty ourselves to become servants; (Phil 4:7)  
in obedience, we will work for God's good pleasure. Amen.**

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:  
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.  
Look not to our sins, but on the faith of your Church,  
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom  
where you live forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always  
**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Before we offer the peace of Christ to each other,  
we especially welcome guests at Waterloo North today.

## Introduction of Visitors

Leader: Let us offer each other the sign of Christ's peace.

## Passing the Peace of Christ

*(rise)*

## Listening to God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

Leader: As we prepare to listen to God's Word let us pray:  
Gracious God

**All: Prepare our hearts to accept your Word.  
Silence in us any voice but your own;  
that hearing, we may be transformed  
by the Good News of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord from the book of Exodus.  
READ Exodus 32: 1-14

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Silence

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord from the Epistle of Philippians.

READ Philippians 4: 1-9

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Silence

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord from the Gospel of Matthew.

**Hymn to greet the Gospel** HWB (blue) #101 Alleluia *(rise)*

READ Matthew 22: 1-14

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you O Christ!**

## Silence

*(be seated with the reader)*

## Coming to the Table

Homily

**Hymn of Response** HWB (blue) #418 Move in our midst *(rise)*

## Prayer of Preparation

Leader: Let us pray ...

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good! *(Ps 106:1)*

**People: Let us approach his table with thanksgiving!**

**We joyfully accept the invitation to the God's table** *(Mt 22:3)*

**which is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet,**

**a living sign of the unity of those gathered at the table,**

**and a sign of our unity with Christ,**

**whose living body we are. Amen.**

*(1Cor 1:27)*

## Communion

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.** *(Ps 106:1)*

**For we have seen his mercy even when we spurned it.**

**We give thanks for this meal which has reminded us that everyone is invited to God's table.**

**We give thanks for this meal which has reminded us of the presence of Jesus with us every day.**

**We give thanks for the presence of the Spirit**

**which emboldens us to do justice and walk humbly**

**in the Way of God's Kingdom. Amen**

*(Mic 6:8)*

## **Prayers of the People**

Leader: Let us gather our prayers of gratitude and lift them to God.  
These are some events for gratitude in the life of our congregation and our world ...

Leader: Lord, for your goodness and mercy

**People: We give you thanks.**

Leader: What prayers of thanksgiving do you bring this morning?

**People: Audible sentence prayers** (eg. *"I give thanks, I saw God..."*)

Leader: Lord, for your goodness and mercy

**People: We give you thanks.**

Leader: Jesus said: "Ask and it will be given you,  
Search and you will find;  
Knock and the door will be opened for you."

Leader: Let us gather our prayers of petition as we lift them to God. These are some events and concerns for prayer in the life of our congregation and our world ...

Leader: Lord in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayers.**

Leader: What are the prayers of petition that you bring this morning?

**People: Audible sentence prayers** (eg. *"I hold in prayer ..."*)

Leader: Lord in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayers.**

Leader: By your death and resurrection you show us that love is stronger than hate. We pray for our torn and troubled world. May peace and unity grow where hatred and suffering now prevail.

### **Silent Prayer**

Leader: Lord in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayers.**

Leader: By your words and life you invite us to seek your kingdom. We pray that the church in all places may be faithful to you and that we in this congregation may embody your mission to the world.

### **Silent Prayer**

Leader: Lord in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayers.**

Leader: By your healing power you bring restoration, hope and comfort. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us who seek healing of body, mind, spirit or relationships.

### **Silent Prayer**

Leader: Lord in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayers.**

Leader: We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

**All: Lord's Prayer**

(see last page)

## Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Let us speak the affirmation of our faith together:

**All:**     **We believe in God above us,  
Maker and sustainer of all life,  
of sun and moon,  
of water and earth,  
of all living things.  
We believe in God beside us,  
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,  
born of a woman, servant of the poor,  
tortured and nailed to a tree.  
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.  
He descended into the earth,  
to the place of death.  
On the third day he rose from the tomb.  
He ascended into heaven  
to be everywhere present,  
and his kingdom will come on earth.  
We believe in God with us,  
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,  
life-giving Breath of the church  
spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.**  
(adapted, *Iona Abbey Worship Book*)

## Sending

**Hymn of Benediction** STS (purple) #16 Peace before us (rise)

Leader: Go in peace, (StJ #162)  
And may the holy God surprise you,  
Christ Jesus be your partner,  
And the lively Spirit call your steps. Amen.

## **Silence**

### **Closing the Bible**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Abide in God's love, seek justice and go in peace. Amen.

***Offering: as an act of sharing with the world what you have received from God's bountiful hand you are invited to place your offering in the basket as you leave the sanctuary.***

**Scripture for next week:** Exodus 33: 12-23; Psalm 99;  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22: 15-22.

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***With gratitude and respect, we recognize that we are worshipping on the traditional land that once belonged to the Haudenosaunee and Anishnaabe peoples. We regret the lack of respect given to the Indigenous people in the past, and pledge to work for justice and reconciliation.***

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**Head sets** for hearing assistance are available.

**Child care:** The nursery is located next to the sanctuary. Infant change table is located in the washroom next to nursery. The nursery is unstaffed during Matins.

**Children's Worship Binder**, an instrument to help children through the worship service, is available by the sanctuary entrance.

**Information Sheets** with church news and activities are available in the foyer for those who do not receive them electronically.

**Welcome Visitors:** We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning. If you would like to learn more about our church and our ministries, including our care groups, education opportunities, seniors group or youth groups, and if you'd like to be added to our email list, please contact the church office or one of the ministers.

***At Waterloo North Mennonite Church we welcome all people to participate fully in our Christian community of faith with all its expectations, responsibilities, and opportunities regardless of personal characteristics such as race, ethnic background, age, gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, income, or education.***

# The Lord's Prayer

*in flowing style*

The musical score is written in a 2/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name, Thy King - dom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for - give us our tres - pass - es, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil, for Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glo - ry for e - ver, A - men." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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