

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Matins Season After Epiphany Order of Service
February 4, 2018

Words of opening reflection:

“To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal?”
says the Holy One.”

(Isaiah 40:25)

GATHERING

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 O God, who calls us to the Glorious Light.

People: We enter your presence Jesus Christ, Light of the world.

Leader: Be present with us Holy Spirit, our Companion in living by the Light.

**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 HWB (blue) #216 Christ, whose glory fills the skies *(rise)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

(remain risen)

Leader: We sing praise to you, Everlasting God!

(Is 40:28)

People: We give thanks to you, our Creator

for you call us to action in our relationship with you

as you called Samuel when he was a child

(1Sam3)

as you called Jonah, the reluctant prophet.

(Jonah 1:3)

We sing praise to you, God of our calling!

Hymn of Praise HWB (blue) #41 Come, thou Almighty King

(be seated after singing)

Leader: Let us join together in reading the Psalm.

Psalm 147: 1-6, 12, 15-20

All: Praise the Lord!

Leader: How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

**People: The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds.**

Leader: He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.

**People: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.**

Leader: The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

**All: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!**

**People: He sends out his command to the earth;
his word runs swiftly.**

Leader: He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.
He hurls down hail like crumbs – who can stand before his cold?

**People: He sends out his word, and melts them;
he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.**

Leader: He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.
He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances.

All: Praise the Lord!

**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: Loving God, we hear your call every day

**People: in the words of Scripture,
in the voices of millions who cry for justice,
in the voices of those we speak with every day.
But we are like Samuel, not recognizing your voice, (1Sam 3:5)
missing the opportunity to grow in your Way.
We are like Jonah, fleeing from your call, (Jonah 1:3)
avoiding your Way, not doing
what we know you have called us to.**

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.

(HWB #702)

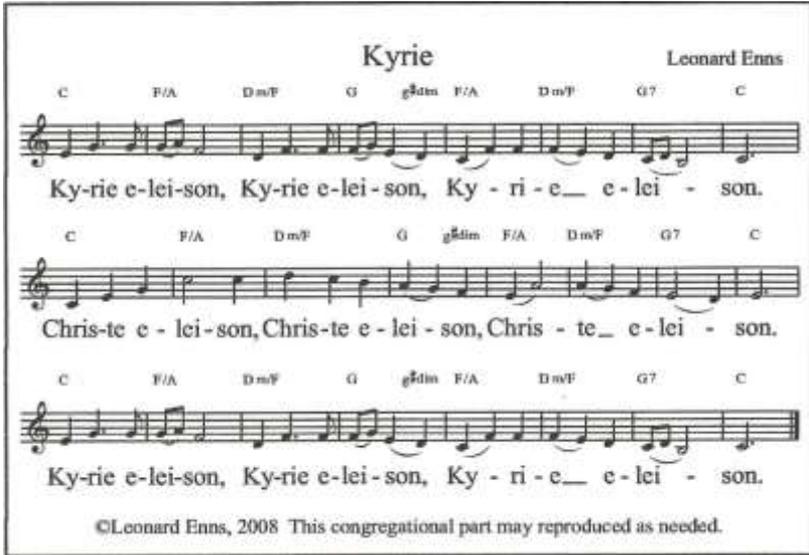
All: Amen.

Silence

Hymn: Kyrie

(remain seated)

Kyrie Leonard Enns



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Words of Assurance

Leader: The Lord is your refuge and salvation!

(Ps 62:6)

The Lord says "I blot out your transgressions
and will not remember your sins".

(Is 43:25)

Response to Assurance

All: With Samuel we will say

"Speak Lord, for your servant is listening".

(1Sam 3:10)

We will serve the Lord for the Lord has called us.

(Josh 24:18)

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.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Before we offer the peace of Christ to each other,
we welcome guests to 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 Isaiah.

READ Isaiah 40:21-31.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord from Corinthians.

READ 1 Corinthians 9:16-23.

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 Mark.

Hymn to greet the Gospel STS (purple) #24 Allelulia

(rise)

READ Mark 1: 29-39.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Silence

(be seated with the reader)

Homily

Silence

Hymn of Response HWB (blue) #66 O worship the King

(rise)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: As we enter our time of prayer this morning, let us share experiences
of God's presence and gather our prayers of gratitude as we lift them
to God. These are some events for gratitude in the life of our
congregation and our world ...

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our prayers.

Leader: What witness to God's presence or prayers of thanksgiving do you bring this morning?

People: audible sharing or sentence prayers (e.g. *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 and intercession 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 (e.g. *"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 prayer.

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:

**People: 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 HWB (blue) #418 Move in our midst *(rise)*

Benediction

Leader: God has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. *(1Pet 2:9)*
May you be filled with all joy and peace in believing, so that
by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. *(Rom 15:13)*
Amen. *(be seated)*

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.

Scriptures for next week: 2 Kings 2: 1-12; Psalm 50: 1-6; 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6; Mark 9: 2-9.

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.

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.

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 image shows a musical score for 'The Lord's Prayer' in a flowing style. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. 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 score is written in a key with one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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