

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Season after Epiphany Matins Order of Service
Sunday February 24, 2019

For silent reflection in preparation for worship:

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

(Psalm 37.8)

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 Eternal God, Creator of all that is.

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

Leader: Be present with us, Holy Spirit, our Helper and Teacher.

**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) #30 Arise, your light is come!

(rise)

Prayer of Praise

(remain standing)

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God
and the sky proclaims what God can do!

(Ps 19.1)

**People: We have seen his glory: Jesus the Christ
the Word of God in human form.**

(Jn 1:14)

Jesus is the Light of glory and hope.

(Jn 8:12)

We praise you, O God, for the Light of the World!

We praise you, O God, for you have called us by name.

(Is 43:1)

Amen.

Hymn of Praise HWB (blue) #59 Sing praise to God who reigns

(be seated after singing)

Leader: Let us join together in reading the Psalm.

Psalm 37:1-11; 39-40

Leader Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

People Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Leader Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

People Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

Leader For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land. Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

People But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity. The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

Leader The Lord helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

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: Let us pray together in confession.

God our Refuge and Saviour,

**People: with our words we declare Jesus is Lord!
Yet our actions reveal another lord in our lives.**

*(Ps71:1)
(1Cor 12:3)*

**We have participated in world-darkness
that blinds us to your truth.**

Forgive us and heal our blindness we pray.

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God, pour out your 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

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Words of Assurance

Leader: Our Lord is God who forgives us.

(Ps 99:8)

Happy are those who trust in the Lord!

(Ps 84:12)

Response to Assurance

People: When we see the Light of the world
we are encouraged and do not lose heart.

(2Cor 4.1)

We commit our ways to you, O Lord

(Ps 37.5)

so that our words and our actions might be one. 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 especially welcome guests to Waterloo North today.

Introduction of Visitors *(Please speak loudly so that all can hear.)*

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 Genesis.

READ Genesis 45:3-11, 15.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Silence

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord from the Epistle to the Corinthians.

READ I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50.

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 Luke.

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

(rise)

READ Luke 6:27-38.

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 STJ (green) #104 God moves in a mysterious way

(rise)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Life of the Church: Announcements

Leader: As we enter our time of prayer this morning, let us share experiences of God's presence and lift our prayers of gratitude 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 witness to God's presence or prayers of thanksgiving do you bring this morning? *(Please speak loudly so that all can hear.)*

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 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 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) #39 Will you come and follow me

(rise)

Benediction

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. *(Nu. 6:24ff)*
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.

All: 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: *Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36.*

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.

Nursery: 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.

Offering: Thank you to those who contribute electronically. Offering cards are available (or use loose change/cash) so that you can participate in the giving of offering worship experience.

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

Adapted from a chant by
Richard Langdon, c. 1729-1808

Our Fath - er Who art in heav'n, hal - low - ed
be Thy name; Thy king - dom come; Thy will be
done in earth, as it is in heav'n; Give us this
day our dai - ly bread; And for - give us our
debts, as we for - give our debt - ors, as we for - give our
debt - ors; And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de -
liv - er us from e - vil; For Thine is the king - dom, and the
power and the glo - ry for ev - er. A - men

The musical score is written in a two-staff system (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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