

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Season after Pentecost Matins Order

Sunday October 1, 2017

For silent reflection in preparation for worship:

"Is the Lord among us or not?" (Exodus 17:7b)

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 HWB (blue) #213 Let all together praise our God
(be seated after singing)

Leader: Let us join together in reading the Psalm.

Psalm of the Day Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16

Leader: Listen, dear friends, to God's truth,
bend your ears to what I tell you.
I'm chewing on the morsel of a proverb;
I'll let you in on the sweet old truths,
stories we heard from our fathers,
counsel we learned at our mother's knee.

**People: We're not keeping this to ourselves,
we're passing it along to the next generation –
God's fame and fortune,
The marvelous things God has done.**

Leader: God performed miracles in plain sight of their parents
in Egypt, out on the fields of Zoan.
God split the Sea and they walked right through it;
God piled the waters to the right and the left.

**People: God led them by day with a cloud,
lead them all the night long with a fiery torch.
God split rocks in the wilderness,
gave them all they could drink from underground springs;
God made creeks flow out from sheer rock,
and water pour out like a river.**

**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;
in obedience, we will work for God's good pleasure. Amen.**

(Phil 4:7)

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 17: 1-7

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 Philipians.

READ Philipians 2: 1-13

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 21: 23-32

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) # 567 How firm a foundation (rise)

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 HWB (blue) #297 Jesus came – the heavens adoring
(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 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19;
Philippians 3: 4b-14, Matthew 21: 33-46

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.

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

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 -
ses, 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 musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of six systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The music is in a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat (B-flat major). The tempo/style is indicated as 'in flowing style'. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.