

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

Sunday October 8, 2017

For silent reflection in preparation for worship:

“You shall have no other gods before me .... remember the Sabbath day,  
keep it holy .... you shall not covet.” (Exodus 20:3,8,17)

**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) #43 Christ is our cornerstone  
(be seated after singing)

Leader: Let us join together in reading the Psalm.

**Psalm of the Day** Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

**People: In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.**

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

**People: Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.**

**All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

**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 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

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 3: 4b-14

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: 33-46

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) # 538 Lead me, Lord (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) #418 Move in our midst

*(rise)*

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

(StJ #162)

**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 32: 1-14; Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23;  
Philippians 4: 1-9, Matthew 22: 1-14.

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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 for voice and piano. It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. 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, 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 with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

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name, Thy King - dom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in  
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