

**Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Matins Season of Lent Order of Service
February 25 2018**

Words of opening reflection: ...the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him,
"I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless and I will make my
covenant between me and you" (Gen 17:1-2)

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.

People: We follow in your footsteps, Jesus Christ.

Leader: We seek your guidance, Holy Spirit.

**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) #7 Here, O Lord, your servants gather *(rise)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(remain risen)*

Leader: The heavens and the earth shout praise to our God!

People: Day and night, the sun, moon and stars declare your glory!

Your laws are perfect and right!

**Your greatest commandment that we love you
and one another brings true joy to our hearts.**

Joyful, joyful we adore you!

(adapted Ps 19:1-2,7-8 & Matt 22:37ff & HWB #71)

Hymn of Praise STJ (green) #18 Over my head *(be seated after singing)*

Leader: Let us join together in reading the Psalm.

Psalm 22:23-31

Leader: You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**People: For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.**

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
May your hearts live forever!

**People: All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.**

Leader: For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.
To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.

**People: Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.**

**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: Have mercy on us, O God.

**People: Blot out our transgressions.
For you desire truth in our inward being,
but we know our sin;
our sins of omission and commission
that grieve the heart of God
and harm our inward being,
and our brothers and sisters,
indeed, harm all of Creation.**

(Ps 51:1)

(Ps 51:6)

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: HWB (blue) #144 Kyrie

(remain seated)

Words of Assurance

Leader: Our God of mercy will raise you up
by divine grace which you accept in faith
even while still mired in sin.

(Eph 2:4,5,8)

Response to Assurance

**All: Heal us of our sinful ways,
create in us a clean heart O God,
so that with a new and right spirit,
we are able to fulfill the purpose in Christ
for which you have created us. Amen.**

(Ps 107:20)

(Ps 51:10)

(Eph 2:10)

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 Genesis.

READ Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord from Romans.

READ Romans 4:13-25.

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 HWB (blue) #506 I sought the Lord (v.1) *(rise)*

READ Mark 8:31-38.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Silence

(be seated with the reader)

Coming to the Table and Anointing for Healing and Blessing

Meditation on Anointing

Hymn of Preparation HWB (blue) #377 Healer of our every ill *(rise)*

Prayer of Preparation

Leader: God of eternity, of all people, of all time and space,

People: God of the everlasting covenant *(Gen 17:7)*

that we cannot escape or evade:

in sickness and in health,

in joy and in sorrow,

in sin and in faithfulness,

in salvation and in judgment,

we rest in your grace.

(Rm 4:16)

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: In gratitude for covenant and salvation,

for reconciliation with you Eternal God

who forgives our sins and heals us to wholeness

(excerpt, Words for Worship, #32)

People: let us go forth, not ashamed

but openly proclaiming

(Ps 22:31; Mk 8:38)

the healing and hope we have found

in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 in your mercy

People: We give you thanks.

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 lift our prayers of petition and intercession 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 one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.

With the Father and the Son

he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen

(Nicene Creed)

SENDING

Hymn of Benediction HWB (blue) #549 Savior of my Soul

(rise)

Benediction

Leader: May the abundant love of God,
the boundless grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and constant communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you in the week ahead. Amen.

(adapted 2Cor 13:14)

Silence

(be seated)

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.

Giving leadership today: Kim Enns-Hildebrand, Mary Friesen, John Peters, Len Friesen, Mary Schiedel, Ron Flaming, Gordon Allaby, Kendra Whitfield Ellis.

Scriptures for next week: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19:1-4, 7-10; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22.

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.

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Our Fath - er Who art in heaven, hal - low - ed be Thy name;

Thy king - dum come; Thy will be done in earth, as it

is in heaven; 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.