

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Matins Season of Easter Order of Service
April 15 2018

For silent reflection in preparation for worship:

I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O lord, make me lie down in safety.

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.

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Invocation:

Leader: We enter your presence, Eternal God, Creator.

People: We follow in your footsteps, Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Leader: Be present with us Holy Spirit, our Comforter.

**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) #278 Christ is Alive!

(rise)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

(remain risen)

Leader: God of life and death. Ruler of the universe!

**People: We praise you for Jesus Christ who shared our mortality
and has risen immortal from death!**

(Mk 16:6)

**As we abide in Christ, we celebrate the resurrection,
live in Christ and anticipate the promise**

(Jn 15:4)

of the Spirit at Pentecost. Amen.

(Rm 6:11)

Hymn of Praise HWB (blue) #167 For God so loved us (v.1 in German; v2-4 in English)

(be seated after singing)

Leader: Let us join together in reading the Psalm.

Psalm 4

Leader: Answer me when I call, O God of my right!
You gave me room when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

**People: How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? *Selah***

Leader: But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

**People: When you are disturbed, do not sin;
ponder it on your beds, and be silent. *Selah***

Leader: Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

**People: There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!
Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"**

Leader: You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.

**People: I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.**

**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: God, you are Righteousness and Love.

People: We have sinned against you and one another. *(adapted, Lk 15:21)*

**We have held many personal concerns
and desires as gods before you.** *(Ex 20:3)*

**We have heaped up *words* of love
but have been stingy with *deeds* of love.** *(1Jn 3:18)*

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

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Ky-rie e - lei - son, Ky-rie e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e - e -

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a melody with eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son, Chris - te e - lei - son,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a melodic line with some rests, and the bass staff continues with harmonic support. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Ky-rie e - lei - son,

The third system shows the continuation of the hymn. The treble staff has a melodic line with some rests, and the bass staff provides accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

Ky-rie e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e - e - lei - son.

The fourth system concludes the hymn. The treble staff has a melodic line with some rests, and the bass staff provides accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

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Words of Assurance

Leader: See what love God has given us
that we should be called the children of God!

(1Jn 3:1)

Response to Assurance

**All: Goodness is stronger than evil.
Love is stronger than hate.
Light is stronger than darkness.
Life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours through him who loved us!**

(Bishop Desmond Tutu)

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 Acts.

READ Acts 3:12-19.

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 John.

READ 1 John 3:1-7.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord from the Gospel of Luke.

Hymn to greet the Gospel STJ (green) #41 Alleluia

(rise)

READ Luke 24:36b-48.

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) #86 Taste and See (sing through twice) (rise)

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 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?

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 (Note: a new setting by Len Enns) (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) #570 We walk by faith (rise)

Benediction

Leader: May the God of peace who brought our Lord Jesus from the dead equip you with everything good so that you may do his will, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

(adapted Heb 13:20f)

(be seated)

Silence

Closing the Bible

Declaring the Mystery of Faith

Leader: Let us declare the mystery of our faith!

People: Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

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: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18.

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.

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

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Our Fa-ther who in heav'n, hal-low-ed be thy name. Thy king-dom come. Thy

The first system of musical notation for 'The Lord's Prayer'. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The piano accompaniment starts with a bass clef and the same key signature. The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Our Fa-ther who in heav'n, hal-low-ed be thy name. Thy king-dom come. Thy'. There are some triplets in the piano accompaniment.

will be done on earth, as it is in heav'n. Give us to-day our

The second system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: 'will be done on earth, as it is in heav'n. Give us to-day our'. The piano accompaniment continues with the same key signature and time signature.

dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres-pas-ses, as we for-give those, who tre-pass a-

The third system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: 'dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres-pas-ses, as we for-give those, who tre-pass a-'. The piano accompaniment continues.

gainst us, and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from ev-il, for thine is the king-dom, the

The fourth system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: 'gainst us, and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from ev-il, for thine is the king-dom, the'. The piano accompaniment continues.

pow'r, and the glo-ry for ev-er. A - - - men.

The fifth system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: 'pow'r, and the glo-ry for ev-er. A - - - men.'. The piano accompaniment continues. The system ends with a double bar line and a key signature change to natural (C).

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