

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Season after Epiphany Matins Order of Service
January 20, 2019

For silent reflection in preparation for worship: "The best is for the last".

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) #414 God, who stretched *(be seated after singing)*

Leader: Let us join together in reading the Psalm.

Psalm 36:5-10

Leader Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,
your justice like the deepest sea.
O LORD, you preserve both people and animals.

**People Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your
faithfulness to the skies.**

Leader All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They are filled from the abundance of your house;
You let them drink from Your refreshing stream.

**People Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your
faithfulness to the skies.**

Leader For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.
Continue your steadfast love to those who know you, do your work in
welcoming hearts.

**People Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your
faithfulness to the skies.**

**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,

(Ps71:1)

**People: with our words we declare Jesus is Lord!
Yet our actions reveal another lord in our lives.
We have participated in world-darkness
that blinds us to your truth.
Forgive us and heal our blindness we pray.**

(1Cor 12:3)

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

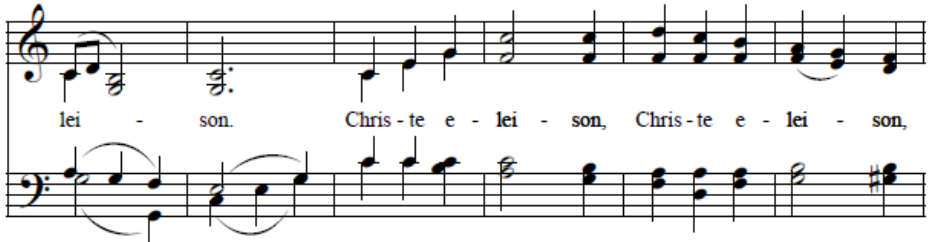
(remain seated)

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 Isaiah.

READ Isaiah 62:1-5.

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 1 Corinthians 12:1-11.

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 John.

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

(rise)

READ John 2:1-11.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Silence

(be seated with the reader)

Coming to the Table

Homily

Silence

Hymn of Preparation HWB (blue) #472 I am the bread of life

(rise)

Prayer of Preparation

Leader: Eternal God, we come to the Lord's table in faith, knowing our weakness, renouncing our sin, trusting in Christ, seeking his grace.
(*Minister's Manual*, p. 75)

People: Sanctify our hearts so that we might praise our Redeemer and taste his presence now and evermore. (*Minister's Manual* p. 76)
Open our hearts and minds, O God, so that as we come to this humble table we recognize the feast of abundance from your house and the drink you offer from the river of your delights. (Ps 36:8)
Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: We give you thanks, O Lord, for your this taste of your feast.

People: We have come to the Lord's table, we have eaten of the abundance of heaven. God is the one who will transform us so that we can be the body of Christ in the world, so that we can exercise the gifts we have been given, individually and as a congregation, to proclaim the good news of the kingdom, that Jesus is Lord! Amen. 1 Cor 12:3
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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) #63 God, fill me now

(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: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 12:12-18, 27-28; Luke 4:14-21.*

***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.

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.

Adapted from a chant by
Richard Langdon, c. 1729-1803

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

Thy king - dom 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.

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