

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Matins Season of Easter Order of Service
May 12, 2019

For silent reflection in preparation for worship:

"Who are these...? ...They are those who have come out of the great ordeal."
(Revelation 7:13-14)

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.

People: We come into your presence Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord.

Leader: Be present with us Holy Spirit, our comforter and guide.

**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) #170 Blessing and honor and glory *(rise)*

Prayer of Praise

(remain standing)

Leader: We give thanks and praise to you, Eternal God!

People: By your power you raised Christ from the dead, (Eph 1:20)

you are reconciling to yourself all things in Christ, (Col 1:20)

and your new creation will culminate in

a new heaven and a new earth.

(Rev 21:1-5)

For this great hope we thank you, O God! Amen.

Hymn of Praise HWB (blue) #275 The king of love my shepherd is

(be seated after singing)

Leader: Let us join together in reading the Psalm.

Psalm 23

Leader: God, my shepherd! I don't need a thing.
You have bedded me down in lush meadows,
you find me quiet pools to drink from.
True to your word, you let me catch my breath
and send me in the right direction.

**People: Even when the way goes through Death Valley,
I'm not afraid when you walk by my side.
Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure.**

Leader: You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies.
You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing.

**People: Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life.
I'm back home in the house of God for the rest of my life.**

**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: In the life of Jesus you showed us your power,
and called us to love one another as you love us.

(Jn 13:34)

**People: We confess that we have not always
loved as you called us to love.
We confess that our eyes have been
like Paul's on the road to Damascus,
only open to seeing what we want to see,
but closed to seeing your power at work
among us and in the world around us.**

(Acts 9:8)

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)

Words of Assurance

Leader: We trust in you, O Lord for you are our God.
Save us in your steadfast love!

(Ps 31:14,16)

Response to Assurance

**All: In gratitude, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened
by faith we will see opportunities each day
to fulfill your call to love as you have loved us. Amen.** (Eph 3:18)

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 Acts of the Apostles.

READ Acts 9:36-43.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Silence

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord from the Revelation to John.

READ Revelation 7:9-17.

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 STJ (green) #41 Alleluia

(rise)

READ John 10:22-30.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Silence

(be seated with the reader)

Homily

Silence

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:

**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) #296 Here from all nations *(rise)*
Benediction

Leader: May the God of peace, who brought back from the dead
our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete
in everything good so that you may do his will,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*(Heb 13:20f)
(be seated)*

Silence

Closing the Bible

Declaring the Mystery of Faith

Leader: Let us declare the mystery of our faith!

**All: 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 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6;
John 13:31-35.*

***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.

Nursery: 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.

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.

***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

Leonard Enns

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

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

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

gainst us, and lead us not in-to temp-tation, but de-liv-er us from ev-il, for

thine is the king-dom, the pow'r, and the glo-ry for ev-er. A - men.