

**Waterloo North Mennonite Church**  
**Matins Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Order of Service**  
**Sunday, January 5, 2020**

For silent reflection in preparation for worship:

"Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." (Isaiah 60:1)

**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 heaven and earth.

**People: We enter your presence Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.**

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** STS (purple) #30 Arise! your light is come! *(rise)*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** *(remain standing)*

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel  
who alone does wondrous things! *(Ps 72:18)*

**People: Our God has done wondrous things!  
His mercy is on those who fear Him  
from generation to generation.  
He has put down the mighty  
and exalted those of low degree.  
He has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.** *(adapted Lk 1:50-53)*

**Hymn of Praise** HWB (blue) #220 Worship the Lord in the beauty  
*(be seated after singing)*

Leader: Let us join together in reading the Psalm.

**From Psalm 72:1,2,7-14; of Solomon**

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God,

**People: may he judge your people with righteousness  
and with justice.**

**In his days may the righteous flourish,  
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!**

Leader: May he rule from sea to sea,  
may his foes bow down before him,  
and all kings and nations give him service.

**People: For he rescues the needy, the poor,  
those who have no helper,  
and has pity on the weak and saves them.**

Leader: From oppression and violence he redeems their life  
and precious is their blood in his sight.

**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: Righteous God of judgment and grace  
we confess we have willingly entered  
the darkness of division and diversion.

**People: The darkness is our sin  
that prevents us from seeing you.  
In our arrogance and fear  
we create chasms and build walls:  
divisions where you would have us love.  
In our greed for pleasure and happiness  
we are lured into distraction and entertainment:  
diversions from seeking your Truth.**

(see Matt 5:44)

(see Rom 13:11)

(see Matt. 6:33)

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

Leonard Enns

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

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef. The melody in the top staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4, then a quarter note C5. The accompaniment in the bottom staff starts with a half note G3, followed by quarter notes A3 and B3, then a half note C4. The lyrics are placed below the top staff.

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

The second system of music consists of two staves. The top staff continues the melody from the first system, starting with a quarter note C5, followed by quarter notes B4 and A4, then a quarter note G4. The bottom staff continues the accompaniment, starting with a half note C4, followed by quarter notes B3 and A3, then a half note G3. The lyrics are placed below the top staff.

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

The third system of music consists of two staves. The top staff continues the melody, starting with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4, then a quarter note C5. The bottom staff continues the accompaniment, starting with a half note C4, followed by quarter notes B3 and A3, then a half note G3. The lyrics are placed below the top staff.

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

The fourth system of music consists of two staves. The top staff continues the melody, starting with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4, then a quarter note C5. The bottom staff continues the accompaniment, starting with a half note C4, followed by quarter notes B3 and A3, then a half note G3. The lyrics are placed below the top staff.

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## Words of Assurance

Leader: The prophet declares "Arise, shine for your light has come!" (Is 60:1)  
May you abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Rom 15:13)

## Response to Assurance

**All: Christ is the Light of the World!** (Jn 1:9)  
**Our blind eyes have been opened, our deaf ears unstopped.** (Is 35:5)  
**Now we truly see the world around us and hear your calling for us to carry your healing and hope to the world. Amen.**  
*(Vision: Healing and Hope, 1995)*

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 60:1-6.

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 Ephesians.

READ Ephesians 3:1-12.

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 2:1-12.

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) #116 O joyous light of glory

(rise)

**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 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 and intercession 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 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) #306 In Christ there is no East or West *(rise)*

### **Benediction**

Leader: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing  
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you prepare the way of the Lord,  
in your life, across the street and around the world. Amen.

*(Rom 15:13; Matt 3:3; Vision: Healing and Hope)*

*(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 (Jan 12, Single Service @ 9:30am):  
Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17.

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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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**Headsets** 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

*in flowing style*

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 pas -  
ses, 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.