

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Matins Season After Epiphany Order of Service
Sunday, February 16, 2020

For silent reflection in preparation for worship:

"Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one." (Matt. 5:37)

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 HWB (blue) #74 We would extol thee *(rise)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

(remain standing)

Leader: The voice of the Lord our God is powerful, *(Ps 29:4)*
the Lord our God is righteous and merciful. *(Ps 116:5)*

**People: We give thanks for the Light of the world
who dwelt among us,
revealing and demonstrating divine love
in human form.**

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust. *(Ps 40:4)*

**The Lord is our light and salvation,
therefore we live in confidence without fear!** *(Ps 27:1)*

Hymn of Praise HWB (blue) #317 Lord, I have made thy word my choice
(be seated after singing)

Leader: Let us join together in reading the Psalm.

Psalm 119:1-8 (NLT)

Leader: Joyful are people of integrity,
who follow the instructions of the LORD.
Joyful are those who obey God's laws
and search for God with all their hearts.
They do not compromise with evil,
and they walk only in God's paths.
You have charged us
to keep your commandments carefully.

**People: Oh, that my actions would consistently
reflect your decrees!
Then I will not be ashamed
when I compare my life with your commands.
As I learn your righteous regulations,
I will thank you by living as I should!
I will obey your decrees.
Please don't give up on me!**

**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: Oh Lord, we confess too often we follow the law (Matt 5:17)
without the Spirit of Light.

People: We are as infants in Christ without growing to know (I Cor 3:1)
the mystery of love that is birthed in Christ.
Open our hearts, O Lord, to the inward Light
that will show us the path to service. (Is. 42,49)

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: HWB (blue) #144 Kyrie (remain seated)

Words of Assurance

Leader: God reveals God's self in transfigured Light
if we but open our eyes to see. (II Peter 1: 16-18)

Response to Assurance

All: God's love rests on us like the Dove of Spirit (John 1: 32-34)
sent in Christ's baptism. We, too, seek
to live in that power of Spirit which is the
opening to grace and truth in Love. 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 Deuteronomy.

READ Deuteronomy 30:15-20.

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 3:1-9.

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 STJ (green) #41 Alleluia

(rise)

READ Matthew 5:21-37.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Silence

(be seated with the reader)

Homily

Silence

Coming to the Table

Hymn of Preparation HWB (blue) #392 Heart and mind, possessions, Lord (rise)

Prayer of Preparation

Leader: Gracious God, you invite us to this feast at the table of Christ.

**People: Open our hearts and minds to receive this meal
in spirit and in truth.**

(Jn 4:23)

**Too often we sip at spiritual baby food
or eat at other meals that make us sick.**

**Help us to know the solid food that is given
to us from Christ our Lord at this table. Amen.**

(1Cor 3:2-3)

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: Gracious God, we give you thanks.

People: You have fed us the true spiritual food of Christ.

In gratitude we offer praise to you O God.

**We commit our heart, actions and possessions
to Christ and the coming of your Kingdom. Amen.**

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 STJ (green) #73 The Lord lift you up

(rise)

Benediction

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God love has broken upon us!
Light is given where once there was darkness,
and hope where there was only death.
Go forth knowing that God will guide your feet
into the way of peace. Amen.

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(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:

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

***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.***

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

Leonard Enns

Our Fa-ther who art 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 treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with a bass line of G2, Bb2, and C3. The system concludes with a 3/4 time signature change and a triplet of eighth notes G4, A4, and Bb4.

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

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a quarter note D5, followed by quarter notes E5, F5, and G5. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with a bass line of G2, Bb2, and C3. The system concludes with a 4/4 time signature change and a half note G4.

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 treble staff continues the melody with a quarter note A4, followed by quarter notes Bb4, C5, and D5. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with a bass line of G2, Bb2, and C3. The system concludes with a 3/4 time signature change and a quarter note G4.

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 treble staff continues the melody with a quarter note E5, followed by quarter notes F5, G5, and A5. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with a bass line of G2, Bb2, and C3. The system concludes with a 3/4 time signature change and a triplet of eighth notes G4, A4, and Bb4.

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

The fifth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a quarter note Bb5, followed by quarter notes C6, D6, and E6. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with a bass line of G2, Bb2, and C3. The system concludes with a 2/4 time signature change and a half note G4.

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