

## Land Acknowledgement

During the season of Lent, we will begin the liturgy in silence. Therefore, all are encouraged to offer this prayer, acknowledging the lands on which we dwell, before the service begins.

In this Holy time of Lent, we acknowledge with respect that we gather today in many sacred places that were home to those who have been displaced. We recognize that our church dwells on the traditional lands of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Holy One, help us to repent of all that we have done, and to make peace with those whom we have wronged, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

## The Penitential Rite

Please rise as you are able

- *Priest:* The Lord be with you.
- *People:* And also with you.
- Priest: Let us pray. Almighty God,
- *All:* to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
- *Priest:* Blessed be God who forgives all our sins;
- *People:* whose mercy endures forever.
- *Priest:* Dear friends in Christ as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

### **Confession and Absolution**

Priest: We have been wounded.

People: O God, heal us.

*Priest:* We stumble in the darkness.

People: Light of the world, transfigure us.

*Priest:* We forget that we are your home.

People: Spirit of God, dwell in us.

Priest: Eternal Spirit,

*People:* living God, in whom we live and move and have our being, all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you. In the very secret of our hearts you know all that rises to trouble us. Living flame, burn into us. Cleansing wind, blow through us. Fountain of water, well up within us; that we may love and praise in deed and in truth. Amen.

*Priest:* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

## Act of Penitence

The Priest and deacon move to the basin, pour the water into it, and the Priest blesses it,

# The Asperges

During the Asperges, members of the congregation are sprinkled with water.

Kyrie: Missa Brevis KV65 (W.A. Mozart)

The Collect of the Day

Reading

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.*People:* Thanks be to God.

Genesis 12.1-4a A moment of silence is observed

Sung by the choir

Please be seated

#### Psalm 121 (Imant Raminsh)

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper, the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil, He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in. From this time forth, e'en for evermore.

We rise and turn to face the Gospel as it is processed to the midst of the gathered community We do this as a sign of respect and to symbolize that its message is at the centre of our lives and its truth is always before our eyes.

### The Gospel

*Reader:* The Lord be with you. *People:* And also with you.

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *People:* Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever

believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Reader:	The Gospel of Christ.	John 3.1-17
All:	Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.	

Homily: Steven Mackison

A moment of silence is observed

#### The Prayers of the People

Please rise as you are able

The response to the prayers is as follows:

Leader:God who gave water in the wilderness,All:Grant us your living water.

### Healing/Anointing

During the space following the prayers of the people, feel free to continue to hold the concerns of your heart in prayer, offering them silently or aloud.

For those desiring prayers for healing and the ministry of anointing, please move to one of the clergy on the outside of our liturgical space.

## The Peace

During the singing of the hymn, the congregation gathers around the altar. We form two concentric circles that flow around and through the chancel (altar area) and down the steps.

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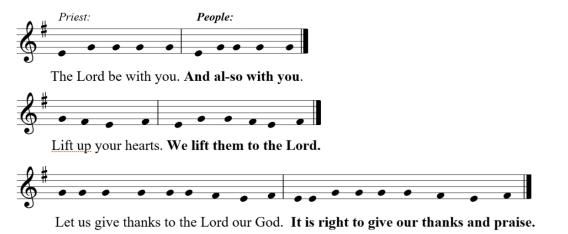
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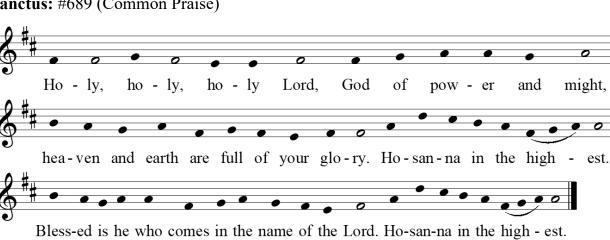
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Text: Samuel Medley (1738-1799). Tune: John Hatton (c.1710-1793).

### The Prayer over the Gifts

# The Celebration of the Eucharist





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Sanctus: #689 (Common Praise)

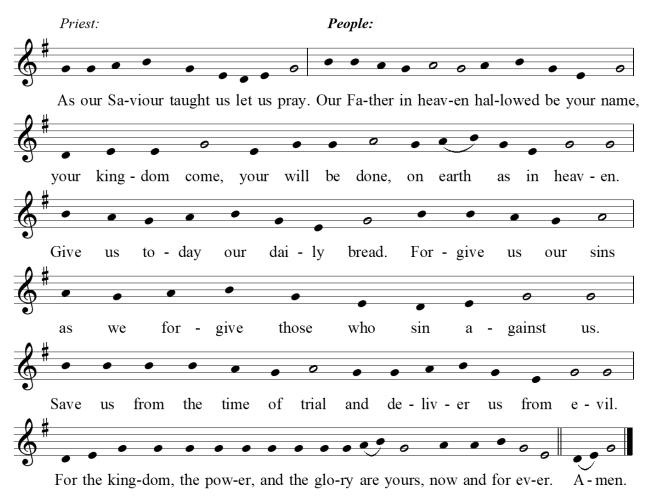
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During the prayer all respond as follows:

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim this truth: Priest: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. All:

At the end of the prayer all respond: All: Amen.

#### The Lord's Prayer



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#### The Breaking of the Bread

- Priest: We break this bread,
- People: Communion in Christ's body once broken.
- *Priest:* Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.
- *People:* If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.
- *Priest:* The gifts of God for the People of God.
- People: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei (Plainsong)

### The Communion



During communion, if you need a gluten-free wafer, please let the communion minister know. Please do not dip the bread in the wine. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms as shown in the picture on the left.

*After receiving, we invite you to remain gathered around the altar for the remainder of the service until the dismissal.* 

**Communion Hymn:** #134 (Sing a New Creation) "When the Hungry ..." All sing



#### Song: "The Wind" (Cat Stevens)

I listen to the wind, to the wind of my soul Where I'll end up, well, I think only God really knows I've sat upon the setting sun But never, never, never I never wanted water once No never, never, never

I listen to my words but they fall far below I let my music take me where my heart wants to go I've swam upon the devil's lake But never, never, never I'll never make the same mistake No, never, never, never

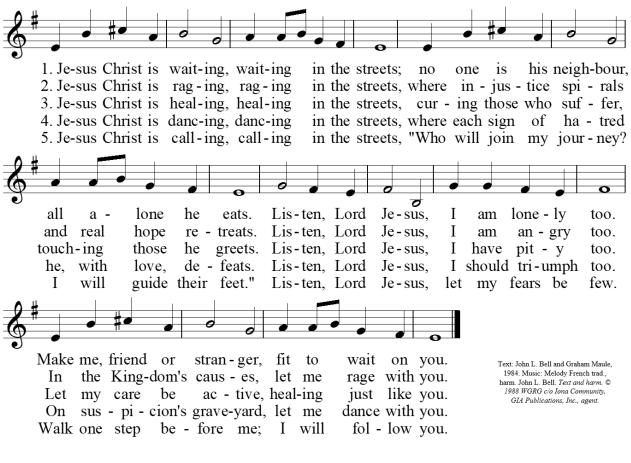
### **Prayer after Communion**

Priest: All your works praise you, O Lord.

All: And your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements not in "Ministry Updates"

Closing Hymn: #128 (Sing a New Creation) "Jesus Christ is Waiting"



All sing

#### The Dismissal

*Priest:* Go forth in the name of Christ.*People:* Thanks be to God.

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