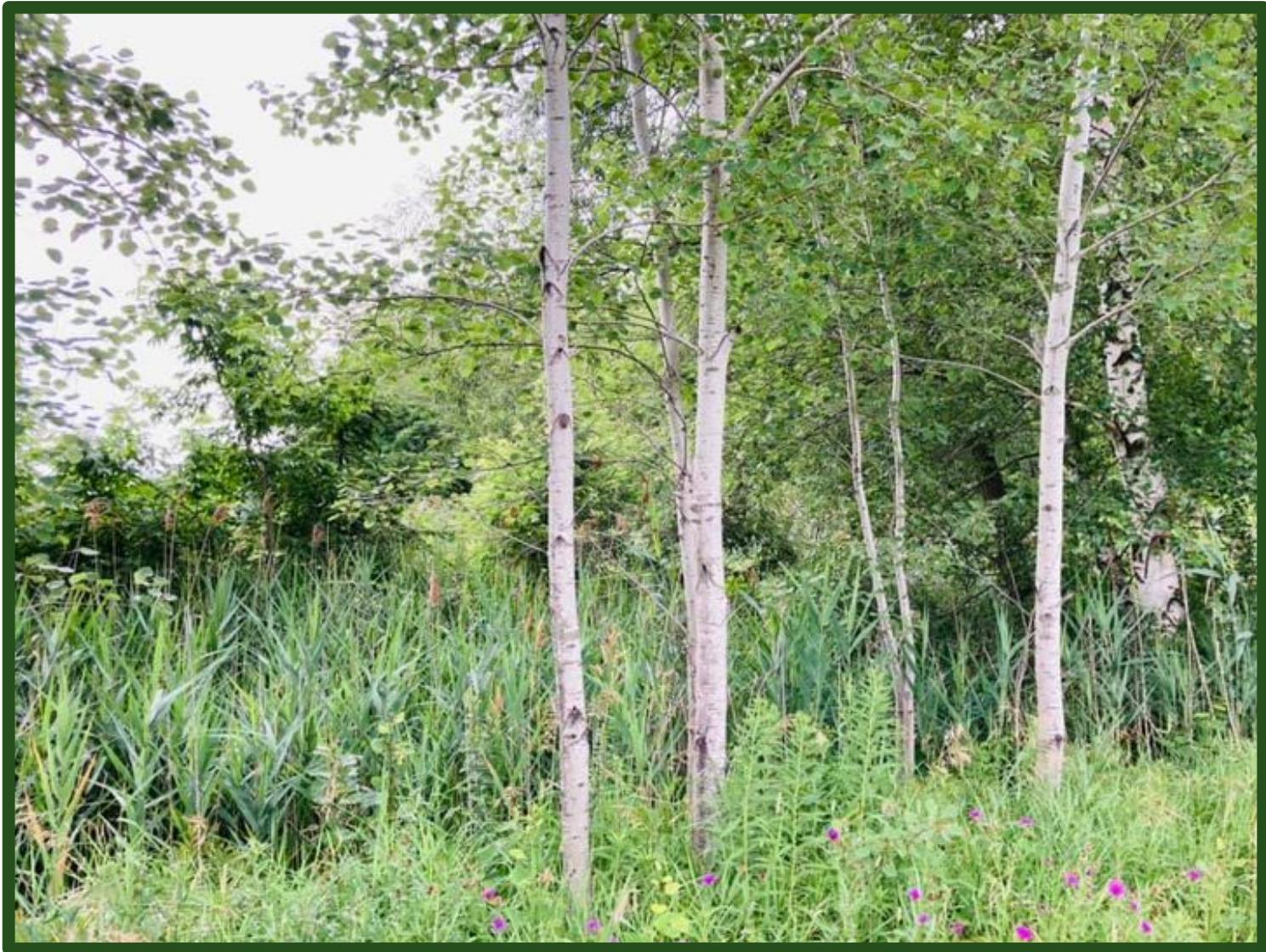


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A Service of Morning Prayer for the Eighth Sunday
After Pentecost (18 July 2021)

A Prayer for Community

In all the uncertainties of life, we continue to gather in prayer and worship — although not yet in person.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

May this time of Scripture, music, and prayer, inspire us in faith, and embolden us in acts of love for your world.

Amen



Territorial Acknowledgment

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on the lands that we now call Canada; their relationship with the land was, and remains today, at the centre of their lives and spirituality.

In this holy time and place, we acknowledge with respect that we gather on the traditional, ancestral territories of the Abanaki and Mohawk first peoples.

We pray for the families of the countless unknown children found buried at former Indian Residential School sites across our country, and for all who continue to suffer as a result of violence and racism against Indigenous peoples. Above all, we pray for a spirit of truth and genuine reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

May the living Christ lead us all on pathways of reconciliation and peace.



Hymn 101: Hail to the Lord's Anointed

1. Hail to the Lord's anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

2. He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

4. Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing.
To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

5. O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove.
His name shall stand for ever:
that name to us is Love.

Opening Responses

Lord, open our lips,
**And our mouth shall proclaim
your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
**as it was in the beginning, is
now, and will be for ever.
Amen.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of
holiness.
O come, let us worship.



Confession and Absolution

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 Gos's infinite goodness and mercy.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

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. **Amen.**





1. Glory to God, to God in the height,
bringing peace to every nation.
Lord God almighty, Father and King,
and author of salvation.
Glory! let the people sing,
let the whole creation ring,
telling out redemption's story,
as we worship your name with
thankful songs of praise
for the love that is your glory.

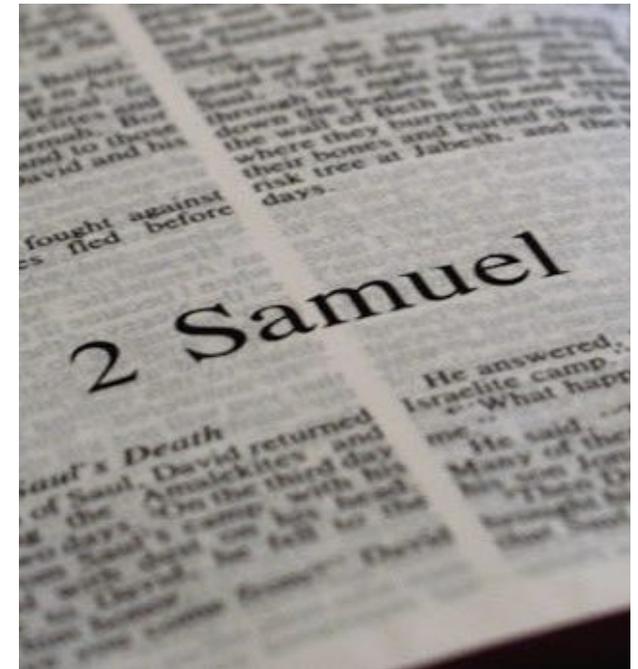
2. Jesus, the Father's one holy Son.
all creation bows before you.
You are the God. the God we acclaim,
and we worship and adore you.
Lamb of God, to you we pray.
you who take our sin away.
mercy, grace and truth revealing.
At the right hand Of God,
receive our humble prayer
for forgiveness, hope and healing.

3, You. Jesus Christ. alone are the Lord,
by your own eternal merit:
sharing by right the glory Of God
in the presence Of the Spirit.
You alone are Lord Most High,
you alone we glorify,
reigning over all creation.
To the Father, the Son and Spirit, Three in One.
be eternal acclamation!

2 Samuel 7:1-14

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.”

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.



Psalm 89

1. My song forever shall record
your tender mercies, O my God,
your faithful fullness will I proclaim,
and every age shall know your name.
I sing of mercies that endure,
of faithfulness forever sure.

2. Almighty God, your lofty throne
has justice for its corner-stone;
and shining bright before your face
are truth and love and boundless grace.
The heavens shall join in glad accord
to praise your wondrous work and word.

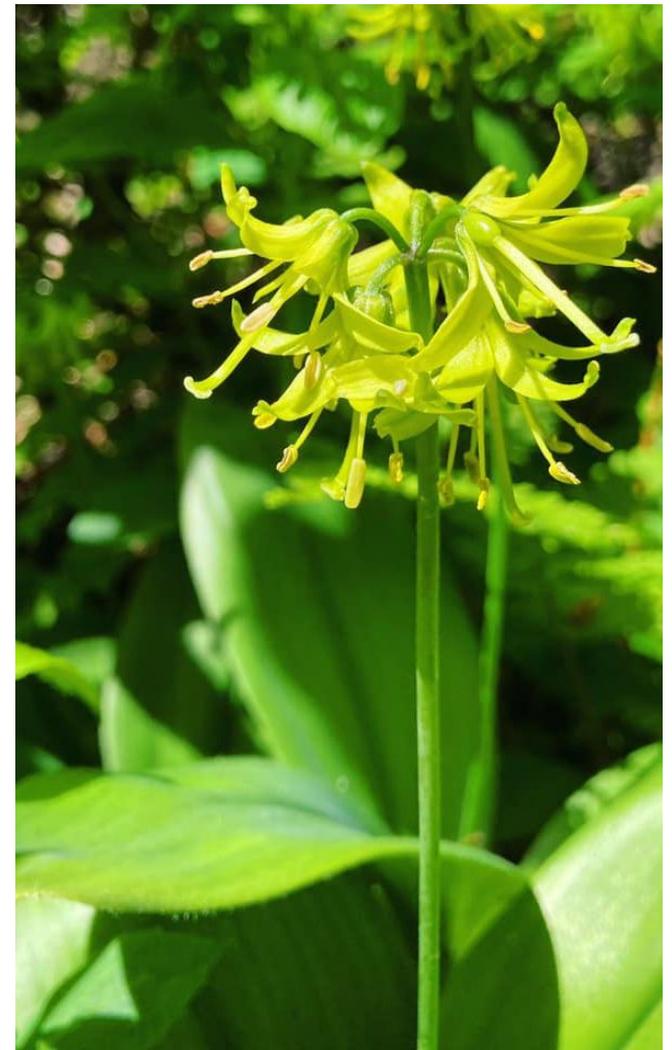
3. The swelling sea obeys your will,
its angry waves your voice can still.
And yours, by right, the heavens and earth,
the world in life, in death, in birth.
The whole creation's awesome frame
proclaims its Maker's glorious name.

4. With blessing is the nation crowned
whose people know the joyful sound;
they in the light, O God, shall live,
the light your face and favour give.
All glory unto God we yield,
who is our constant help and shield.



Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” — a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands — remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.



Hymn 414: God of the Sparrow

1. God of the sparrow

God of the whale

God of the swirling stars

How does the creature say Awe

How does the creature say Praise.

2. God of the earthquake

God of the storm

God of the trumpet blast

How does the creature cry Woe

How does the creature cry Save.

3. God of the rainbow

God of the cross

God of the empty grave

How does the creature say Grace

How does the creature say Thanks.

4. God of the hungry

God of the sick

God of the prodigal

How does the creature say Care

How does the creature say Life.

5. God of the neighbour

God of the foe

God of the pruning hook

How does the creature say Love

How does the creature say Peace.

6. God of the ages

God near at hand

God of the loving heart

How do your children say Joy

How do your children say Home.

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

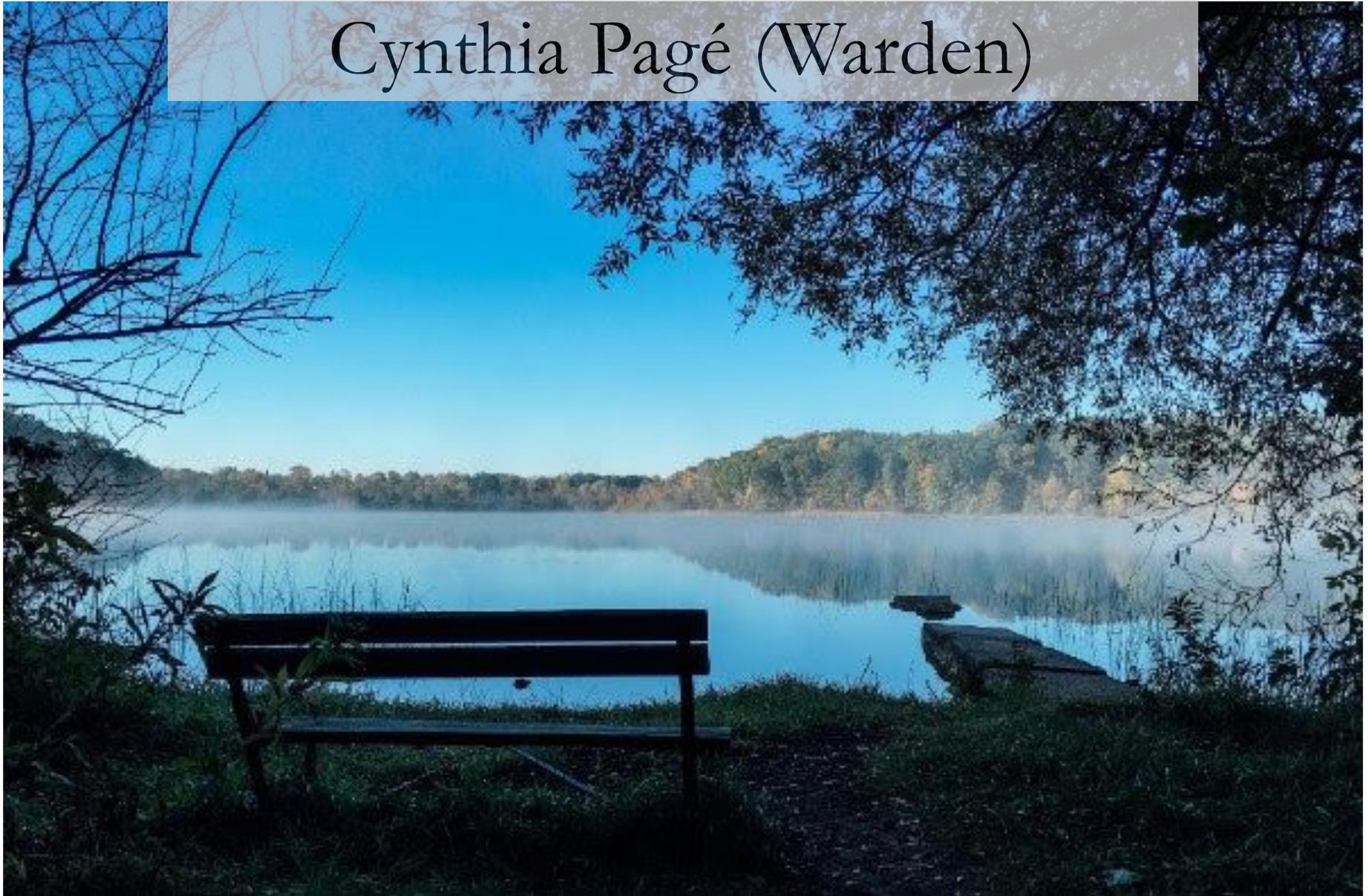
The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.



The Sermon

Cynthia Pagé (Warden)



Confession of Faith

1. **We believe** in God the Father,
God Almighty by whose plan,
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.

We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary,
upon whom the Spirit came.

2. Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.

We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
'Till as judge he comes again.

3. We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
Saints of God in one
communion, one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord, and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.



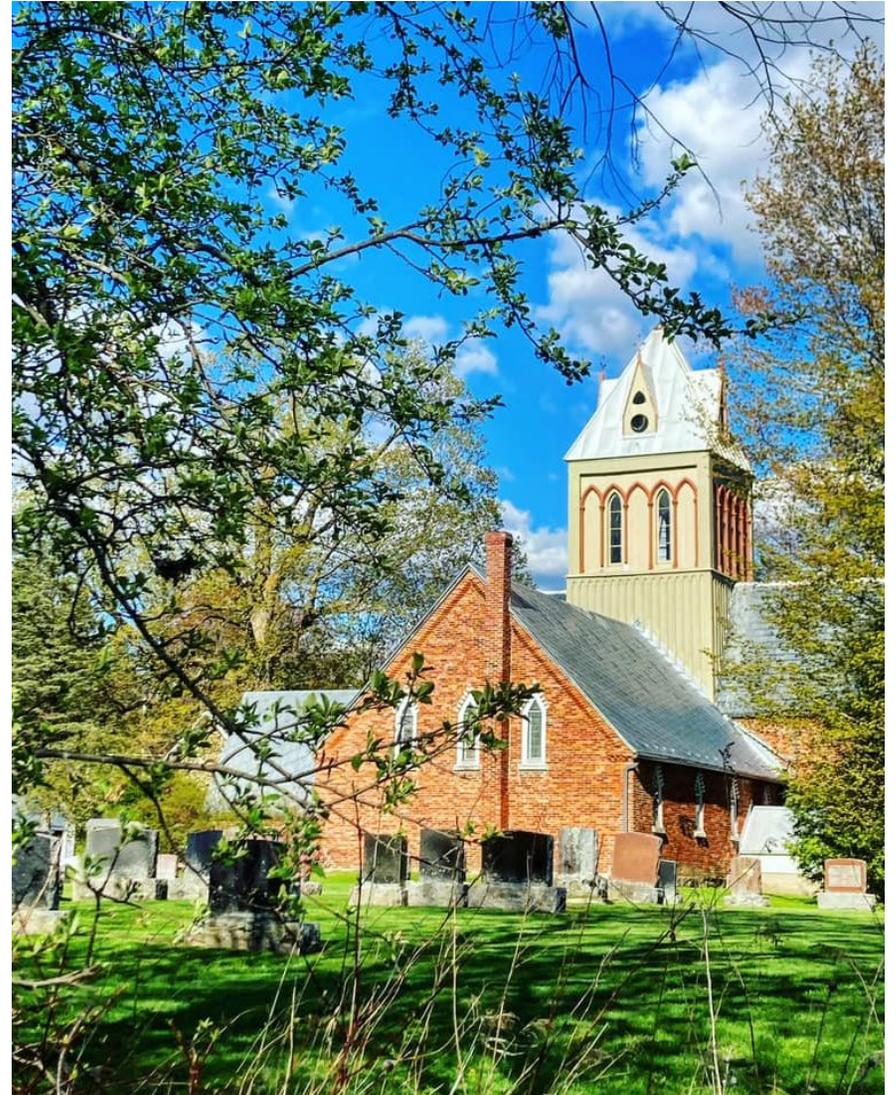


The Prayers of the People

Led by
Deacon Judy Ball
(Mansonville)

The Collect of the Day

Compassionate, restoring God, from far and near you gather your church into one; safeguard the unity of your flock through the teaching of Christ the Shepherd, so that all your scattered children may find in him the guidance and nourishment they seek.
Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Notre Père, qui es aux cieux, que ton nom soit sanctifié, que ton règne vienne, que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour. Pardonne-nous nos offenses, comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés. Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation mais délivre-nous du mal. Car c'est à Toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire, pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.

Hymn 529: God, my hope on you is founded

1. God, my hope on you is founded;
you my faith and trust renew.
Through all change and chance you guide me,
only good and only true.
God unknown, you alone call my heart to be your
own.

2. Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray our trust;
Though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But your power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

3. Daily does the Almighty giver bounteous gifts
on us bestow;
God's desire for us delights us, pleasure leads us
where we go.
Here at hand, love takes stand, joy awaits God's
sure command.

4. God's great goodness lasts forever, deepest
wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light, and life attending, beauty
springing out of naught.
Evermore from God's store new-born worlds rise
and adore.

5. Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of
praise be done,
High above all praises praising for the gift of
Christ his Son.
Christ, you call one and all: those who follow shall
not fall.

Dismissal and Grace

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk the way with us. So let us be swift to love, and fast to show kindness; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you this day, and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

