

# Port Wallis United Church

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\* Ev αρχη ην ο λόγος \* In the beginning was the Word \* Au commencement était la Parole \* An toiseach bha am Focal \* Al principio, c'era colui che è "la Parola"

**Season of Pentecost**

**17 October 2021**

## Port Wallis is an open Congregation

**that affirms you as a child of God, made in God's Image, and loved by God.**

### WORDS OF WELCOME / BIENVENUE / FAILTE / PJILA'DIK

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND

We acknowledge that we are meeting in Mi'kma'ki,  
the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People.

#### LIGHTING OF A CHRIST CANDLE *(for use at home and together on Sunday morning)*

You, O God, are light shining in the darkness of the universe,  
guiding us onward from what was to what can be.  
May this candle, whether lit or unlit,  
remind me of your presence and bring me comfort in every day.  
In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

God has made all things.

**And we are entrusted to be caretakers of Creation.**

God has formed us from the elements of creation,

**The elements of our bodies are drawn from the elements of the earth.**

God has breathed unto our bodies the breath of life

**And we have become the living Children of God, filled with God's Spirit.**

Let us worship God. Source of Creation, Creator of the Universe and Giver of Life.

**Amen! Let us worship God.**

#### GATHERING MUSIC *(tune at # 291 in Voices United)*

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,**

**All things wise and wonderful, the LORD God made them all!**

The changing of the seasons, the changing length of days,

The changing leaves of autumn God's wondrous work displays.

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,**

**All things wise and wonderful, the LORD God made them all!**

The church in all these changes is held in God's own hand,

Remolded and reformed each time to meet the needs at hand.

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,**

**All things wise and wonderful, the LORD God made them all!**

## PRAYER OF APPROACH and the LORD'S PRAYER

Holy God,

Unfathomable Energy present in the universe,  
shown to us in Jesus Christ

and present to us through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit,

We open our selves to You.

Move among us, move within us, and move each of us  
into a closer relationship with You, each other and ourselves.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray before You saying,

**Our Father..... Notre Père..... Ar n-Athair.... 주님의 기도 Fader vår....**

**Ons Vader.... Onze Vader... Vater unser... Padre Nostro... Padre nuestro...**

**主の祈り 主禱文 أَبَانَا Isä meidän Πάτερ ἡμῶν Baba yetu**

## HYMN # 27 (MV) CREATOR GOD YOU GAVE US LIFE

Creator God you gave us life, your image formed within our souls,  
yet through the mist of time and space, we search for that which makes us whole.

**Through hands that paint majestic skies, and voices chanting melody,  
with words that reach beyond the page, we comprehend your mystery.**

In ev'ry flow'r and ev'ry tree, we see your great diversity,  
yet greater still we see your love, expressed in our humanity.

**Through hands that paint majestic skies, and voices chanting melody,  
with words that reach beyond the page, we comprehend your mystery.**

When with our hearts, our hands our minds, we share our gifts with all the world,  
our spirits soar beyond the veil, to touch the very face of God.

**Through hands that paint majestic skies, and voices chanting melody,  
with words that reach beyond the page, we comprehend your mystery.**

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## Scripture Lessons

**First Testament: Genesis 2 : 15 – 23**

### Psalm 8

O LORD, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth!

Your glory dwells in the spiritual realms and breaks through to us gathered here.

The children and infants perceive You, their eyes are unclouded,  
their hearts unencumbered.

In them, You have established a stronghold against your enemies,  
in their hearts of wonder, You silence the foe and the avenger.

**Holy, Holy, Holy LORD by all creatures you're adored,**

**On behalf of everything, we your children loudly sing,**

**Holy, Holy, Holy LORD by all creatures you're adored.**

3 When we consider your works of creation,  
 the moon and the stars which you have set in place,  
 4 what are we that you are mindful of us,  
 mere human beings that you should care for us?  
 5 You have made us a little lower than the angels  
 who behold your face day and night  
 yet You have crowned us, and not them, with glory and honor.

**Holy, Holy, Holy LORD by all creatures you're adored,  
 On behalf of everything, we your children loudly sing,  
 Holy, Holy, Holy LORD by all creatures you're adored.**

6 You made us stewards over the works of your hands;  
 you put everything in creation under our guardianship.  
 7 all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,  
 8 the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.  
 You have entrusted us as caretakers of creation.  
 9 O LORD, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth!

**Holy, Holy, Holy LORD by all creatures you're adored,  
 On behalf of everything, we your children loudly sing,  
 Holy, Holy, Holy LORD by all creatures you're adored.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, amen.**

**Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14: 13 - 21**

**A TEACHING TIME** *(a time of learning for younger folk)*

**TEACHING PRAYER**

In peace, dear God, I come to You through Jesus Christ who makes me new  
 And while I run or play or rest, be with those whom I love best,  
 Guide me in your Holy Way, as You walk with me each day, AMEN.

**HYMN # 185 (MV) EV'RY DAY IS A DAY OF THANKSGIVING**

Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving. God you've been so good to me.  
 Ev'ry day you're blessing me. Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.  
 I will glorify you, O my Lord, today!

You keep blessing me, blessing me, blessing me.  
 You opened the door that I might see, you're blessing me.  
 And you keep blessing me, blessing me, blessing me.  
 I will glorify you, O my Lord, today!

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## REFLECTION

### ANTHEM – LORD, I STRETCH MY HANDS

#### STATEMENT OF FAITH

We are not alone. We live in God's world.

We believe in God:

Who has created and is creating,

Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

To reconcile and make new;

Who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church;

To celebrate God's Presence,

To live with respect in creation,

To love and serve others,

To seek justice and resist evil,

To proclaim Jesus,

Crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

#### HYMN ~ WORK FOR THE NIGHT IS COMING *(old Hymnary # 390)*

Work, for the night is coming: Work through the morning hours;

Work while the dew is sparkling: Work mid springing flowers;

Work while the day grows brighter under the glowing sun;

Work, for the night is coming, When man's work is done.

Work, for the night is coming! Work through the sunny noon;

Fill brightest hours with labour: Rest comes sure and soon.

Give to each flying minute Something to keep in store;

Work, for the night is coming, When man works no more.

Work, for the night is coming! Under the sunset skies;

While their bright tints are glowing, Work, for daylight flies.

Work till the last beam fadeth, Fadeth to shine no more;

Work, while the night is darkening, When man's work is o'er.

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Almighty and ever-present God,

receive the gifts we offer, both visible and invisible,

and use them and us

for Your Glory and the good of all people.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### HYMN # 145 *(MV)* DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE

**Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song: no one stands alone. Standing side by side,  
draw the circle wide ...**

God the still-point of the circle Round you all creation turns  
Nothing lost but held forever in God's gracious arms  
**Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song: no one stands alone. Standing side by side,  
draw the circle wide ...**

Let our hearts touch far horizons So encompass great and small  
Let our loving know no borders Faithful to God's call!  
**Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song: no one stands alone. Standing side by side,  
draw the circle wide ...**

Let the dreams we dream be larger Than we've ever dreamed before  
Let the dream of Christ be in us Open every door!  
**Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song: no one stands alone. Standing side by side,  
draw the circle wide ...**

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### PARTING PRAYER *(in unison)*

**Bless to us, O God, this day,  
The doors we open,  
The thresholds we cross,  
And all the roads that lie before us.  
Go with us always as we go and,  
at the close of our day, welcome us home.**

### EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLE

*We are reminded that the Light of Christ is not in candles nor institutions  
but within each of us. We are the Light of the World*

**BENEDICTION**

May the blessing of the Maker be yours,

**Encircling us, above us and within us.**

May the blessing of the Son be yours,

**The Wine and the water, the Bread and the stories,  
to feed us and remind us.**

May the blessing of the Spirit be yours,

**The wind and the fire, the still small voice of calm,  
to comfort us and disturb us.**

May the blessing of God, Three-in-One and One-in-Three,  
be yours, this day and every day,

**To protect us, defend us, encourage us and strengthen us.**

And may we bless each other,

**A blessing rooted in our common pilgrimage, the blessing of a friend.**

**EXCHANGING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*Mention someone's name and hold them in your heart.*

**CHORAL PRAYER** *(Singing - Tune is at # 298 in Voices United) (Canada)*

**When you walk from here,**

**When you walk from here,**

**Walk with Justice, walk with Mercy,**

**And with God's Humble Care.** *Linnea Good 1991*

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