

# Port Wallis United Church

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\* Εν 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**

**21 November 2021**

**Port Wallis United Church  
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**

People of God, the hour has come  
**Heaven and earth stand before the Creator.**  
Disciples of Christ, Jesus is calling us  
**Heaven and earth stand before the Saviour.**  
Vessels for the Spirit, come and be filled  
**Heaven and earth stand ready God.**  
Let us worship God.

**GATHERING MUSIC** *(tune at # 345 in Voices United)*

Come Christians join and sing, Hallelujah!  
Praise to our God and King, Hallelujah!  
Let all with heart and voice,  
Children of Grace – God's choice!  
Here in this place rejoice! Hallelujah!

## PRAYER OF APPROACH

God of diversity,  
 constantly surprising us with outbursts of beauty,  
 constantly inspiring us to dream of a new heaven and a new earth,  
 and constantly raising us above trail and turmoil to grant us peace,  
 come to us now.

Surprise us, inspire us, lift us up,  
 show us the wonders You have prepared for us.  
 This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## HYMN # 766 (VU) AS THE DEER PANTS

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you;  
 you alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.  
 You alone are my strength, my shield to you alone may my spirit yield;  
 you alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy;  
 you alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye.  
 You alone are my strength, my shield to you alone may my spirit yield;  
 you alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

You're my friend and you are my brother, even though you are a king;  
 I love you more than any other, so much more than anything!  
 You alone are my strength, my shield to you alone may my spirit yield;  
 you alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

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## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**First Testament: 2 Samuel 23: 1 – 4**

**Responsive Lesson ~ Psalm 132**

Reader,    Congregation,    *Choir (and Congregation)*

LORD, remember David and all his self-denial.

**<sup>2</sup> He swore an oath to You, he made a vow to the Mighty One, to the God of Jacob:**

*Let our prayers arise to the Ruler of earth and skies  
 To the Might One, whose dwelling place is among us.*

**<sup>3</sup> “I will not enter my house or go to my bed,**

**<sup>4</sup> I will not allow sleep to come to my eyes  
 nor slumber to drag down my eyelids,**

**<sup>5</sup> till I find a place for the LORD,  
 a dwelling for the Mighty One, the God of Jacob.”**

*Let our prayers arise to the Ruler of earth and skies  
To the Might One, whose dwelling place is among us.*

<sup>6</sup> We heard it proclaimed throughout the lands as far away as Ephrathah,  
we heard it shouted in the fields of distant Jaar.

<sup>7</sup> Together we said, “Let us go to God’s dwelling place, to the House of the Mighty One, to the God of Jacob! Let us worship at God’s footstool!”

*Let our prayers arise to the Ruler of earth and skies  
To the Might One, whose dwelling place is among us.*

<sup>8</sup> This was our prayer:

“Arise, LORD, and come to your resting place,  
You and the Ark of your mighty Light.

<sup>9</sup> May your priests be clothed with your righteousness;  
may your faithful people sing for joy.”

<sup>10</sup> Because of your love for your servant David, You did not reject your anointed one.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD swore an oath to David, an eternal oath that God will not revoke:

“One of your own descendants I will place on your throne.

<sup>12</sup> If your children keep my covenant and the statutes I teach them,  
then their descendants will sit on your throne for ever and ever.”

*Let our prayers arise to the Ruler of earth and skies  
To the Might One, whose dwelling place is among us.*

<sup>13</sup> For the LORD has chosen Zion, and has desired it for a dwelling, saying,

<sup>14</sup> “This is my resting place for ever and ever; here I will sit enthroned,  
for I have desired it.

<sup>15</sup> I will bless Zion with abundant provisions;

The poor I will satisfy with food for body and soul

<sup>16</sup> I will clothe the priests of my House with salvation,  
and the faithful of Zion will ever sing for joy.

<sup>17</sup> “Here, in my House, I will establish the Mercy Seat,  
a reminder of the Mercy I showed to David.

Here I will set up a lamp, a light for all people,  
a reminder of the Light I showed to David.

<sup>18</sup> I will clothe the enemies of salvation with shame,  
but the head of the righteous will be adorned with a radiant crown.”

*Let our prayers arise to the Ruler of earth and skies  
To the Might One, whose dwelling place is among us.*

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.

**Epistle Lesson: Revelation 1: 4b – 8**

**Gospel Lesson: John 18: 33 – 37**

**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 # 670 (VU) PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND**

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone,  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears, and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

**REFLECTION**

**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.

## ANTHEM ~ Precious Name, O How Sweet

### 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

### SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The LORD is with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the LORD.**

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Blessed are You, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth.  
 We praise You for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 for His continued life with You in Glory  
 and for his being the host of this meal with us in the Church.  
 He has taken away the sins of the world and brought us into unity with You.  
 Therefore, we join our voices with the angels and archangels  
 and all the company of the redeemed to sing your praises.

*(singing)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy LORD, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your Light,**

**Glory to You our God!**

**Blessed is HE, blessed are we, blessed are all who come.**

**Hosannas ring, Archangels sing, Blessed are all who come.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy LORD, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your Light,**

**Glory to You our God!**

On the Night of the Passover, our Lord sat at table with his friends as He sits at Table with us now. He took bread, gave You thanks, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying, *"This is my body broken for you, do this in remembrance of me."*

Almighty God, we have broken open the Body of Your Word,  
 heard your voice in scripture,  
 recounted your story of redemption  
 and, with Christ, are becoming part of your unfolding drama of salvation.

When the meal was finished, Jesus raised his cup. Again he gave You thanks and praise. Then he said to his disciples, *"Drink from this cup all of you."* This is the cup of

Covenant Renewal that binds us together in one Body with the blood of God flowing in us. *“Do this in remembrance of me.”*

Almighty God, we drink from a common cup of memory and in each of us flows the force of your presence. Strengthen us to do your will and to proclaim our faith.

*(Singing)*

**Christ is our life, God’s Incarnated WORD.  
Jesus Christ died and entered into death.  
Christ has arisen, death has lost its sting,  
Christ comes again to meet us in this Feast.**

Loving God,

**pour out your Holy Spirit upon our offerings of bread and wine.**

**Grant that they may be for us the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Loving God,

**pour out your Spirit on all who share this Feast that we may be for the world,  
the Living Presence of Christ, serving and reconciling all people to you.**

Remember your Church scattered on the face of this earth,

**gather her in unity and preserve her in truth.**

Remember our friends who have gone before us into the richness of your Presence, especially ----- and ----- and all those whom we mention in silence.

In communion with them and with all creation, we worship and glorify You always.

**Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your Holy Church,  
all glory and honour is yours, Almighty God, now and forever,**

*(singing)*

**Amen! Amen! Amen!**

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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 أبانا Isä meidän Πάτερ ἡμῶν Baba yetu**

### SHARING THE SACRAMENT

#### HYMN # 635 (VU) ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOUR LEADS ME

All the way my Saviour leads me; what have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt his tender mercy who through life has been my guide?  
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell,  
for I know, whate’er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Saviour leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,  
 gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread.  
 Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul athirst may be,  
 gushing from the Rock before me, lo, a spring of joy I see!

All the way my Saviour leads me; O the fullness of his love!  
 Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above.  
 When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,  
 this my song through endless ages, "Jesus led me all the way."

### **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 & 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*