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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"* *

Easter tide

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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

You, O God, are light shining in the darkness of the universe,
guiding us onward from what was to what can be.
Your Light from heaven shines out to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.
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

Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

Christ is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

The gates to the city of God will never be shut!

For the glory of God is its light!

And the nations of the world will walk in the light of God.

Amen! Let us worship God.

INTROIT # 646 (VU) WE ARE MARCHING

*We are marching in the light of God; We are marching in the light of God;
We are marching in the light of God; We are marching in the light of God;*

*We are marching, marching, we are marching, oooo,
we are marching in the light of (the light of) God.*

*We are marching, marching, we are marching, oooo,
we are marching in the light of (the light of) God.*

Siyahamb' eku khanyen' kwenkhos', Siyahamb' eku khanyen' kwenkhos',
Siyahamb' eku khanyen' kwenkhos', Siyahamb' eku khanyen' kwenkhos'.

Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba, siyahamb' eku khanyen' kwen khos'.
Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba, siyahamb' eku khanyen' kwen khos'.

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of all Time,
send your Holy Spirit into this moment of time and reveal to us your Will
that we may accomplish it for your glory through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

HYMN # 714 (VU) COME, WE THAT LOVE THE LORD

Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known,
join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne,
and thus surround the throne.

**We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King,
but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad,
may speak their joys abroad.

**We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields,
before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets,
or walk the golden streets.

**We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high,
to fairer worlds on high.

**We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, forming and reforming,
forgive the brokenness of your people and remould us into your image.
Forgive what is past, show us the way forward and lead us home to You,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

SILENT PRAYER and ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Epistle Lesson: Revelation 21: 10, 22-27, and 22:1 -5

Gospel Lesson: John 14: 23 - 29

LEARNING TIME

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 # 709 (VU) O HOLY CITY, SEEN OF JOHN

O Holy City, seen of John,
Where Christ, the Lamb, does reign,
Within those four-square walls shall come
No night, nor need, nor pain,
And where the tears are wiped from eyes
That shall not weep again.

O shame to us who rest content
While lust and greed for gain
In street and shop and tenement
Wring gold from human pain,
And bitter lips in blind despair
Cry, "Christ has died in vain."

Give us, O God, the strength to build
The City that has stood
Too long a dream, whose laws are love,
Whose ways, the common good,
And where the shining sun becomes
God's grace for human good.

Already in the mind of God
That City rises fair:
Lo, how its splendor challenges
The souls that greatly dare:
Yea, bids us seize the whole of life
And build its glory there.

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.

OFFERING PRAYER

Ever blessing God, who cares for all creation,
we thank You for the many blessings we have received in life.
Use our offerings for your glory and the good of others.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

HYMN 469 (VU) WE GATHER HERE

We gather here in Jesus' name,
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving son God fashions us as one:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here, - everyone belongs;
finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
the One who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the One we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

We are now a family of which Christ is the head;
though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing;
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

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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

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

HYMN # 710 (VU) SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

**Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.

**Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

**Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

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

EXCHANGING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

CHORAL PARTING PRAYER *(MV # 214)*

May God's sheltering wings, Her gathering wings protect you,
May God's nurturing arms, His cradling arms, sustain you,
And hold you in Their love! And hold you in God's love.

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COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

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