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\* Εν αρχή 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 Epiphany

19 February 2023

### 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.

WELCOME / BIENVENUE / FAILTE / PJILA'DIK

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LIGHTING OF THE TABLE CANDLES

As light is a spectrum of many colours,  
some visible and some beyond our capacity to see,  
so You, O God, are the source of all light,  
and beyond our capacity to define or contain.

May these Candles remind us  
that You are the Light of the World  
and that You are with us,  
transforming and transfiguring,  
through Christ our Lord, Amen.

INTROIT (tune - Festal Song # 79)

Arise, our Light has come The Spirit's call obey  
Show forth the glory of the LORD which shines on us today!

Arise and sing God's Praise with heaven and earth rejoice  
The unseen God has taken flesh! God has a human voice

CALL TO WORSHIP

From the top of the highest mountains, God is calling!  
**And God's Voice echoes in the deepest valleys of our lives.**

From the pages of ancient scriptures, God is calling.

**And God's Voice speaks through modern media.**

From the people around us, God is calling.

**And God's Voice is whispering from deep within me.**

Amen! Let us worship God!

HYMN # 706 (VU) GIVE THANKS FOR LIFE

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PRAYER OF APPROACH and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Light of the World,  
Be that guiding light that stands among us, to illuminate our path  
way home to God. By the Power of the Holy Spirit,  
join us with all our brothers and sisters around the world  
in the words you taught us to pray.

**Our Father..... Notre Père..... Ar n-Athair.... Πάτερ ἡμῶν  
Onze Vader... Vater unser... Padre nuestro...**

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HYMN # 661 (VU) COME TO MY HEART LORD JESUS

TEACHING TIME and 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.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**First Testaments: Exodus 24: 12 - 18**

**Psalm 2**

*The Chosen One of God, shatters the tyrants rod,  
Oppressors all be warned, God's justice can't be scorned!*

Why are the nations of the world in turmoil?

**Why do the peoples of the world plot in vain?**

The Rulers of the Nations conspire  
they plot and they scheme together, saying,  
**"Against the plans of God we will scheme  
and against God's anointed, we will rebel."**

They stir up the people by saying,  
**"Break free from the chains of God,  
throw off the shackles of religion."**

*The Chosen One of God, shatters the tyrants rod,  
Oppressors all be warned, God's justice can't be scorned!*

The One enthroned in eternity, laughs at their folly;

**The Holy One of Israel scoffs at them.**

God rebukes them in their foolishness.

God causes them to tremble, saying,  
“I have installed my Chosen One in Zion,  
On the holy mountain, the light of my Presence shall shine.”

*The Chosen One of God, shatters the tyrants rod,  
Oppressors all be warned, God’s justice can’t be scorned!*

I will proclaim to the nations  
“You are my son;  
today, before the nations, I have become your father.”

The LORD says to the Chosen One,  
“I will make the nations your inheritance,  
All the ends of the earth shall be your possession.  
You will break their oppressors with a rod of justice  
you will dash their deceivers to pieces  
like pottery falling on the floor.”

O Rulers of the Nations, be wise;  
be warned, you Governments of the earth.

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Serve the LORD with fear and respect  
and learn to celebrate God’s rule with trembling.  
**God is just and seeks justice.**  
Do not provoke God to anger.  
**Blessed are those who commune with God,  
who seek the counsel of God, and who put their trust in God.**

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Oppressors all be warned, God’s justice can’t be scorned!*

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: 2 Peter 1: 16 - 21**

**Gospel Lesson: Matthew 17: 1 - 9**

**ANTHEM ~ BE THOU MY VISION**

**REFLECTION**

**OFFERTORY # 103 (VU) HOW GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION** (as per insert)

**HYMN # 232 (VU) JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE YOU**

**COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION**

**EXTINGUISHING OF THE TABLE CANDLES**

*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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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY**

**Looking forward....**

**Confirmation Classes – March 31 (7:00-9:00)**

**and April 01 (10:00-2:00)** This is for those who wish to join themselves to the Church Community by committing themselves to Christ. Classes will discuss the Trinity, Baptism, Communion, the Bible, Church History, and other topics of interest or curiosity brought up in the group.

**Baptismal Class Feb. 25 from 10:00 – 2:00** This is for all who wish to be baptized or who wish to have their child(ren) baptized. It is also open for those how are curious about the Sacrament of Baptism.

**Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of LENT** a 40-day period excluding Sundays. It is a time to enrich our relationship with Christ by weeding out bad habits (vices) or taking on good habits (charity or spiritual practices).