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* Εν αρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος * In the beginning was the Word * Au commencement était la Parole * An toiseach bhia am Focal * Al principio, c'era colui che è "la Parola" *

Season of Pentecost * *denotes standing* **25 June 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.**

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME / BIENVENUE / FAILTE / PJILA'DIK

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CALL TO WORSHIP *

Beloved People of God, let us gather to worship God.

Together, let us gather in God's Presence.

Kindred of Christ, God calls us into deeper relationships.

Together, let us listen for God.

As a Family of Faith, God invites us home.

Together, let us come before God.

Let us worship God!

INTROIT (#37 in *Voices United*) *

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF APPROACH and the LORD'S PRAYER

God of Light, come and be our Light.

Walk with us through the shadows,

showing us the pathway home.

Stand before us as a beacon in the night,

showing us the pathway home.

Send your Spirit to surround us,

showing us the pathway home.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who taught us to pray, saying,

Our Father... Notre Père... Ar n-Athair....

HYMN # 326 (VU) O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING *

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of infinite love, understanding, and compassion
hear the prayers of your people.

Where we are in error, correct us.

Where we are wandering, direct us.

Where we are lost, save us.

In all things, be with us. Pardon us, forgive us and renew us.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is infinitely merciful.

**God has pardoned us, not through our own works,
but through the work of Christ
and the actions of the Holy Spirit.**

To God be all praise, now and forever, Amen.

HYMN # 79 (MV) SPIRIT, OPEN MY HEART *

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

First Lesson: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Psalm 69 (*italic text is a choral refrain*)

Let heaven and earth praise God!

Who rescues and saves us all!

Save me, O God,

for the waters of the world have come up to my neck.

I sink in their miry depths, where there is no solid ground.

I sink in the deep waters; the overwhelming tides engulf me.

I am worn out from calling for help in this world!

So I cried out to You, O LORD,

in your great love, O God, You answered me.

Answer me, again, O LORD,

out of the goodness of your love;

in your great mercy turn to me.

Do not hide your face from your servant;

answer me quickly, for I am in trouble.

***Let heaven and earth praise God!
Who rescues and saves us all!***

Come near and rescue me;
deliver me from all of my foes.
I will praise Your Name in song,
I will glorify You with words of thanksgiving.
The poor will see what God has done,
The meek will be glad and rejoice.
The LORD hears the needy,
God does not reject or despise the captives.

***Let heaven and earth praise God!
Who rescues and saves us all!***

Let heaven and earth praise God,
Let the seas and all that move in them, praise God!
For God will save Zion! God will rebuild the cities of Judah.
**The people of God will settle in the City of God
the children of the servants of God will inherit it,
and those who love the LORD, our God,
will dwell in the City of God forever.**

***Let heaven and earth praise God!
Who rescues and saves us all!***

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: Romans 5: 12-15

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10: 26-33

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.

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURES

OFFERING HYMN # 191 (MV) WHAT CAN I DO? *

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN # 10 (MV) COME & SEEK THE WAYS OF WISDOM *

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 *

CHORAL PARTING PRAYER # 212 (in More Voices) *

Sent out in Jesus' Name Our hands are ready now
To make the world the place In which the Kingdom comes.
Sent out in Jesus' Name Our hands are ready now
To make the world the place In which the Kingdom comes.
The Angels cannot change A world of hurt and pain
Into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
The task is ours to do To set it really free
O, help us to obey And carry out your will.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

MUSICAL POSTLUDE