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* Ἐν ἀρχῇ 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* 2 July 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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND

CALL TO WORSHIP *

Beloved of God – the time has come,

let us gather to worship God!

From our worries and our work,

let us gather to worship God!

With this family of faith, both seen and unseen,

let us gather to worship God!

Amen. 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 the Universe, like the air around us, You are always present,

You give us the Breath of Life and take our breath away

with the beauty with which You surround us.

Send forth the Breath of your Spirit,

that our words may be filled with your Word, Jesus Christ our Lord,

who taught us to pray, 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

أبانا Isä meidän Πάτερ ἡμῶν Baba yetu

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Imaginative God, Creator and re-Creator,

You are Light in a world of shadows,

You are Hope in a world of despair,

and You are Joy in a world of monotony.

Lift us into your Presence.

Help us to be honest with You, ourselves, and each other.

Pardon what is past and set us free from the fetters of failure,

Lift the burdens that are constantly pressing on us,

and let us experience that peace of being in your Presence.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN # 59 (MV) ALLELUIA, PRAISE TO GOD *

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

First Lesson: *Genesis 22: 1-14*

Psalm 13 (*italic text is a choral refrain*)

I know from my past You are faithful!

You keep the promises You have made.

Assure me that You are with me now,

Give me courage to sing of your Love!

How long, O God? How long will you forget me?

Will You forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I wrestle with my worries?

Day after day, I am saddened by sorrow in my heart.

How long will my enemy triumph over me?

I know from my past You are faithful!

You keep the promises You have made.

Assure me that You are with me now,

Give me courage to sing of your Love!

Look to me! Answer me! You are the LORD, my God!

Give light to my eyes, give me an answer or I will die!

If I were to die, my enemies will say,

“We have overcome, we have won!”

My foes will rejoice when I fall.

*I know from my past You are faithful!
You keep the promises You have made.
Assure me that You are with me now,
Give me courage to sing of your Love!*

But I trust in your unfailing love, O God,
my heart rejoices in your salvation.

**I will sing of your glory, I will sing the praises of God.
For You have been good to me.**

*I know from my past You are faithful!
You keep the promises You have made.
Assure me that You are with me now,
Give me courage to sing of your Love!*

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 6: 12 – 23

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10: 40 – 42

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 # 361 (VU) SMALL THINGS COUNT *

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURES

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN # 288 (VU) GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS *

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