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* *Εν αρχη ην ο 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* 9 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 THE LAND

CALL TO WORSHIP *

Come angel and come visitor, come now and be our guest,
Come Jesus from your dwelling place, stay here & take your rest.

**Surround these walls with faith and love,
that through the nights and days,
When human tongues, from speaking cease,
These walls may echo praise.**

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

Eternal God, by the actions of the Holy Spirit, join us now with all your people on earth and in heaven. May we dwell in perfect union with all the company of the redeemed who glorify You around the world this day. Pour into our spirits all that we need to accomplish your Will. Into your hands we yield ourselves for your Glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray before You 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 # 156 (MV) DANCE WITH THE SPIRIT *

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, when we keep company with You,
our load is lighter, and our path is brighter.
Untie the fetters that fasten us to yesterday's failures
and free us from the muddy mire of past mistakes.
Lift the burdens that the world has placed upon us
and give us peace.

This we ask in your Name, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN # 641 (VU) LORD JESUS YOU SHALL BE MY SONG *

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

First Testament: Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Gospel: Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30 *

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 # 575 (VU) I'M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME *

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURES

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN # 424 (VU) MAY THE GOD OF HOPE *

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, *Page 3*

**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

Thank you to the Band for leading us in our Musical Worship today!