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* Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ 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 Pentecost 05 November 2023

** denotes standing if able*

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND

CALL TO WORSHIP *

People of God, let us gather together in the presence of God.

In the midst of all that is happening, we turn to God.

Come, let us worship God!

INTROIT (# 8 in More Voices) *

And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide.

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Open wide! Open wide! Open wide! The gates are open wide.

So enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide.

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PRAYER OF APPROACH and the LORD'S PRAYER *

God of the past, the present and the future,

You call us to follow You on paths unknown.

Send your Spirit to inspire us, encourage us, and guide us.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who taught us to pray to You, saying,

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

Onze Vader... Vater unser... Padre nuestro... Baba Yetu...

主の祈り 主禱文 اَبَانَا Isä meidän Πάτερ ἡμῶν

HYMN # 149 (MV) PEACE FOR THE CHILDREN * Page 2

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of infinite love,

You have sent your Servant and Son, Jesus Christ, into the world
to be our Mentor and Master, that through Him

we may become your Servants in this world.

Show us what we are not doing correctly

and then show us how to live in response to Your Guidance.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING *Singing ~ with tune at hymn # 95 MV.*

How deep the peace, the confidence,

of those whose wrongs are forgiven.

How deep the peace, the confidence

of those whose hearts are healed.

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.

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

First Testaments: Joshua 3: 7 -17

Psalms 107

To the One who calms the storms of life,

let us give all our praise.

With the One who brings us peace in life,

let us live all our days.

Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

the love of God endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—

those people whom God has gathered

from east and west, from north and south,

those who wandered in desert wastelands,

those who found no city in which to settle.

The hungry and thirsty, whose lives were ebbing away
They cried out to the LORD,
and God delivered them from their distress.

*To the One who calms the storms of life,
let us give all our praise.
With the One who brings us peace in life,
let us live all our days.*

God made for them a pathway,

God brought them to a city where they could settle.
They know God and give thanks to the LORD for unfailing love
and wonderful deeds

**They know that God satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.**

Then they cried out to the LORD,
and God delivered them from their distress.

*To the One who calms the storms of life,
let us give all our praise.
With the One who brings us peace in life,
let us live all our days.*

Some went out on the sea in ships;

they were merchants on the mighty waters.

They saw the works of the LORD,
they saw wonderful deeds on the mighty waters.
When the tempest arose, when the storm grew fierce,
when the winds lifted high the waves.

**When the waves mounted up to the heavens
and then went down to the depths;
the courage of the strong melted away.**

They stumbled and staggered like drunks;

they were at their wits' end.

Then they cried out to the LORD,
and God delivered them from their distress.

God stilled the storm to a whisper;

the waves of the sea were hushed.

The mighty were humbled, they were glad when it grew calm,
God was with them and guided them to a safe harbour.

*To the One who calms the storms of life,
let us give all our praise.
With the One who brings us peace in life,
let us live all our days.*

Let all of us give thanks to the LORD for unfailing love,
for all the wonderful deeds God has done for humanity.
Let us speak with praise in the assembly of the people.

Let us praise God in the council of the elders.

For God turns the deserts into oasis of hope,
and the parched ground into flowing springs;

**God lifts the needy out of affliction
and increases the scope of what we call “family.”**

Let the one who is wise heed these things
and ponder the loving deeds of the LORD.

*To the One who calms the storms of life,
let us give all our praise.
With the One who brings us peace in life,
let us live all our days.*

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.**

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 23: 1 – 12 *

REFLECTION

OFFERTORY HYMN ~ WE WAIT FOR GOD *

This is on the insert in your bulletin and from the new Sampler.

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN # 169 (MV) WHEN HANDS REACH OUT *

COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION *

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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