

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Canon Susan Wells
Assisting Minister:	Jean Heimpel
Reader:	Bev Stewart
Preacher:	Pastor Colin Cameron
Intercessor:	Nancy Wood
Musician:	Janet Kilpatrick
Moderator:	Ross Noble
Tech Team:	Natalie Rosenberger & Ben Cameron
Ushers:	Linda Banks & Rick Mt. Pleasant

Land Acknowledgement (Rev. Susan) *Camera 1*

From the lands of the Anishinaabe to the Attawandaron, the Haudenosaunee and the Métis, the lands surrounding the Great Lakes are steeped with Indigenous history. We acknowledge and thank the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for being stewards of this territory.

We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the Indigenous peoples with whom the Upper Canada Treaties were signed and the territory wherein our church resides, and our responsibility as Treaty members. We also honour the heritage and gifts of Métis people. May our actions be guided by our commitment to reconciliation.

Pause for 30 seconds

Please Stand

Opening Song (Janet) *Camera 4*

Title: CP#465/ELW#532 Here in This Place New Light (v. 1-3)

Here in this place new light is streaming;

Now is the darkness vanished away.

See in this space our fears and our dreamings,

Brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in the lost and forsaken;

Gather us in - the blind and the lame;

Call to us now, and we shall awaken;

We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young - our lives are a mystery;
We are the old - who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in - the rich and the haughty;
Gather us in - the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly;
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Greeting (Rev. Susan, Jean) *Camera 2*

I think this is best spoken as Holy Cross' musicians haven't had time to prepare the musical version.

Alleluia Christ is risen,
the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.

May His grace and peace be with you,
may He fill our hearts with joy

Thanksgiving for Baptism (Rev. Susan) *Camera 2*

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.
Amen.

Altar Missal ~ May 1st ~ Season of Easter, 2022

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, for Roseland Creek, Tuck Creek, Shoreacres Creek, Appleby Creek, Lake Ontario, and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honour and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Peace (Rev. Susan, Jean) *Camera 2*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Kyrie ~ ELW 151 (shortened) (Janet) *Camera 4*

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison. Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Prayer of the Day (Jean) *Camera 3*

God who calls us, You took Saul and turned him in a completely new direction. You challenged Paul to become what he hated, and to help others to know a loving God through a risen Christ. Shape us so that we might be molded to your will. **Amen.**

Please be seated

Psalm (Rev. Susan) *Camera 3*

Matthew 6:24

‘No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

Reading (Bev) *Camera 3*

Acts 9:1-19a

The Conversion of Saul

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’

He asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ The reply came, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.’ The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, ‘Ananias.’ He answered, ‘Here I am, Lord.’ The Lord said to him, ‘Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.’

But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.'

So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Sermon (Pastor Colin) *Camera 5*

Please stand

Hymn of the Day (Janet) *Camera 4*

Title: CP#531/ELW#787 You Who Dwell in the Shelter

Text

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain:

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
Under his wings your refuge,
his faithfulness your shield. (*Refrain*)

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. (*Refrain*)

For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone. (*Refrain*)

Affirmation of Faith (Rev. Susan) *Camera 7*

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

We believe that God created all things on earth and in heaven.

**We believe in Jesus Christ, who is God's only Son.
Jesus took on human form and was born as Mary's baby.
Jesus taught us how to live and how we should treat others.
Jesus' way of living wasn't like the people around him.
He believed that everyone was equal
and taught that God loves each and every one.
The people in charge were afraid of his teaching so,
they arrested him and put him to death.
After he died, He rose to heaven and is now with God.
He promised to be with us always**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
sent by God to live in our hearts
to help us to remember the words of Jesus
and to know right from wrong.
That Jesus died for our mistakes so that we will live with God forever. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession (Nancy) *Camera 7*

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

In our cycles of prayer, we pray for:

St. Andrew's, Grimsby, and Faith Lutheran Church, St. Catharines
in the Diocese of Niagara, and the Eastern Synod.

For all members of St. Elizabeth's, and Holy Cross,
Anne Mely, Joyce Milburn, Margaret & George Mladen, Hal Mowat,
Krista, Hanna & Makaela; Linda & Bill; Alice; and Hedda
for Canon Susan, and Pastor Colin,
for Bishop Susan Bell, and Bishop Michael Pryse.

For the Episcopal Church in the Philippines
and the Lutheran Church in the Philippines

Your persecutor, Saul, suffered a great shock on the way to becoming your
servant, Paul. Awaken us where we have fallen asleep, and shake us out of
harmful habits and destructive attitudes. Show us how to fully employ our
best gifts to your glory.

Risen One,

Hear our prayer.

Lights may not blind us nor voices thunder in our ears, but the waters of this
blue planet are steadily rising, and the effects of our abuse and neglect are
unmistakable. Teach us to recognize and heed the warnings while we yet have
a chance to be part of the solution in preserving our cosmic home.

Risen One,

Hear our prayer.

Sometimes the unenviable task falls to us, and you ask us to face what we fear
most. Give us the courage of Ananias, who though he was terrified, obeyed
your command and followed, to the benefit of millions.

Risen One,

Hear our prayer.

Make the scales fall from our eyes and restore us to fullness of vision and
strength by your spirit, O God of hope and healing. Send your mercy especially
to all whom we hold in our hearts...

A brief silence. Please put up slide with names of those for whom we are praying.

Risen One,
Hear our prayer.

Following the trail blazed by the earliest carriers of the Good News, we take our place in the line of redeemed saints whose joy it is to praise your name forever.

Risen One,
Hear our prayer.

Rise up and come to our help, merciful God, for we are in need. Our spirits are weighed down with fear; our bodies feel as fragile as the dust from which we came. Although this moment has come upon Ukraine, you have not forgotten the people who live there.

We do not trust in the power of national leaders or strength of military force, but in your steadfast love in every generation. Show your face in this time of trial, remind the world of your faithfulness, and bring peace to Ukraine for the sake of Jesus the Christ.

Risen One,
Hear our prayer.

Mighty and merciful God, you have provided us with everything we need to carry out the work before us. Accept our prayers and fortify us for the days to come. **Amen.**

Please be seated

Setting of the Altar

Please stand

Offering Song ~ ELW 870 v. 1 (Janet) *Camera 4*

We Praise You, O God

We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

Prayer over the gifts (Jean) *Camera 7*

Holy One, bless our offerings and transform them into healing for the wounded, hope for the disheartened, courage for the frightened, and faith for the embittered. In the name of Jesus Christ, your faithful witness, the first resurrected, and ruler of the sovereigns of the earth. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer (Rev. Susan, Jean) *Camera 8*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

This is the day that you have made, O Lord— the first day of the week, when you created light out of darkness by the power of your Word and Spirit, when you created life out of death, raising Jesus from the grave.

On this first day of the week we await the coming of your new creation, when we will be glad and rejoice forever, singing,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ our Lord.
With thanksgiving, we remember his words: I have eagerly desired to eat this
Passover with you.

We remember how he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he
broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, This is my body, which is given for
you. Do this in remembrance of me.

We remember how he took the cup after supper, saying,
This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.
Whenever you drink it, remember me.

As death came through Adam, resurrection has come through Christ.
Christ our Lord is coming again to reign and to put all enemies under his feet.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

God of grace, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, upon these gifts of bread and
wine, that they become for us the body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ
and that nourished by these gifts we may go forth filled with your Spirit
to share Christ with all we meet. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (sung) (Janet) *Camera 4*

**Our Father in heaven
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done
On earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
Now and forever**

Breaking of the Bread (Rev. Susan, Jean) *Camera 8*

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

Please be seated

Communion Hymns (Janet) *Overlay ~ No camera*

#1 CP#458 Seek Ye First

#2 CP#60/ELW#482 I Come with Joy

Post-Communion Canticle ~ ELW 205 *Camera 4*

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Thankful hearts and voices raise;
tell ev'ryone what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
and bear Christ's holy name.

Send us with your promises, O God,
and lead us forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

Prayer after Communion (Jean) *Camera 7*

We praise you, O God, and give you thanks that you have given us
such joy, such grace, and such hope, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our
Lord. Let our lives be proof of that good news. Let all our words and actions,
our love and service bear witness to your resurrection power; for the sake of
our living Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Children's Message (Rev. Susan) *Camera 7*

Doxology ~ Sung 2x (Janet) *Camera 4*

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Special Occasions ()
Camera o

Please stand

Blessing (Rev. Susan) *Camera o*

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✙ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Closing Song (Janet) *Camera o*

Title: CP#460/ELW#671 Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

Text
Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine;

fill this land with the Father's glory;

blaze, Spirit, blaze:

set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow:

flood the nations with grace and mercy;

send forth your word, Lord,

and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness;
search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
shine on me, shine on me. *(Refrain)*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness;
everchanging from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story,
shine on me, shine on me. *(Refrain)*

Dismissal (Jean, Rev. Susan) *Camera o*

The bread, we will break it.

The pain, we will bear it.

The joy, we will share it.

The Gospel, we will live it.

The love, we will give it.

The light, we will cherish it.

The darkness, God shall perish it!