

BULLETIN – March 14, 2021, Communion 4th Sunday of Lent

Lighting of the Candle

Swagatam, Tansi, Welcome:

Acknowledgement of Land:

We acknowledge that we are gathered on ancestral lands, on Treaty One Territory. These lands are the heartland of the Métis people. We acknowledge that our water is sourced from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

We acknowledge BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Colour) Lives Matter.

Call to Worship:

One: God is good; God's steadfast love lasts forever.

All: We know it, we believe it, we proclaim it!

One: God is good; God's steadfast love last forever.

All: Those who thirst for new life are satisfied; those who hunger for the living Word are filled!

One: God is good; God's steadfast love lasts forever.

All: The imprisoned ones know freedom; sinners know pardon!

One: God is good; God's steadfast love lasts forever.

All: The powerful are humbled; the needy are raised up from their distress!

One: God is good!

All: God's steadfast love lasts forever!

Gathering Together in Singing

MV4 All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,

Come to the fountain, Dip your heart in the stream of life.

Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away in the waves of his mercy

As deep cries out to deep.

We sing, Come Lord Jesus come. Come, Lord Jesus come. Come, Lord Jesus come.

VU559 Come O Fount

Come O Fount of every blessing

Tune my heart to sing your grace

Streams of mercy, never ceasing

Call for songs of endless praise

Teach me some melodious sonnet

Sing by flaming tongues above

Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it,

Mount of God's unfailing love.

Here I pause in my sojourning

Giving thanks for having come

Come to trust, at every turning

God will guide me safely home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger

Wandering from the fold of God

Came to rescue me from danger

precious presence, precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to you
Prone to wander, I can feel it
wander from the love I've know
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for your very own.

Welcome and Community News

Singing: MV18 Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you

Opening Prayer

One: You are with us as we go with Jesus towards Jerusalem, most gracious God, and we are thankful.

All: You stay with us in the tough moments of reflection and confession.

One: You are with us, reminding us of all that sustains us as a faith community,

All: our common life of faith, our encouragement of one another.

One: You are with us as we make clear your realm of love and justice beyond this church.

All: You are our inspiration for mission; you are at the heart of our service to others.

One: You are with us as we walk beside the cross-carrying Jesus.

All: You remind us of the demanding call to discipleship, of our need to confront the dark, self-serving powers.

One: Most gracious God,

All: stay with us! Amen.

Sharing of Peace

Singing: MV140 Na Nzela Na Lola

1. As long as we follow in the way that God is leading,
We know God's reign will surely come. x2
We know this, we know this, Yes, God's reign will surely come. x2
2. Lingala
Na nzela na lola toko tambola malembe
malembe tokotambola x2
Malembe, malembe, Malembe, tokotambola x2
3. As long as we hope
There is a future for
Creation, a future for the universe.
Malembe, malembe...
4. As long as we sing...
Malembe, malembe...
5. As long as we pray...
Malembe, malembe...

Children's Time: Robbie the Dragon Returns: What's Love Got To Do With It?

Lord's Prayer (all languages welcome and spoken)

English

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.)

Nepali

हे हाम्रा पिता, जो स्वर्गमा हुनुहुन्छ,
तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र होस्।
तपाईंको राज्य आओस्।
तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा जस्तो छ,
त्यस्तै यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।
हामीलाई आज हाम्रो दैनिक भोजन दिनुहोस्।
हाम्रा अपराधहरू क्षमा गर्नुहोस्,
जसरी हामीले आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं।
हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,
तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस्
किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा
सदासर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन्, आमेन।'

Singing: VU629 Eternal Light

1. Eternal light, shine in my heart;
eternal hope, lift up my eyes;
eternal power, be my support;
eternal wisdom, make me wise.
2. Eternal life, raise me from death;
eternal brightness, make me see;
eternal Spirit, give me breath;
eternal Saviour, come to me,
3. until by your most costly grace,
invited by your holy word,
as last I come before your face
to know you, my ternal God.

Scripture Reading: John 3: 14-21

Reflection – Honking is the New Applause

Offering:

The ministry and mission of Knox continues, even when the building is closed. God's love and concern for those who are struggling is shared. You make it possible to carry this message to everyone. If you normally give when you are in worship, we encourage you to continue your regular donations through Canada Helps. The link is here: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/107576134RR0001-knox-united-church/> All donations made will be forwarded to Knox Winnipeg. Or, if you have envelopes, you could put your offering in an envelope each Sunday and bring them with you when we get back to in person worship. Thank you for your generosity in these times of trouble.

Prayer of Dedication / Offering**Singing: MV16 Confitemini Domino**

Come and fill our hearts with your peace
You alone, O Lord, are holy
Come and fill our hearts with your peace
Alleluia

Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus.
Confitemini Domino, Alleluia!

Communion Liturgy

One: Here at this table and in this sanctuary, let the Divine Spark enter our lives.

Many: Let the Holy Light aid us in seeing the Christ in our midst.

One: The Brightness of Jesus the Christ will illuminate our way.

Many: The Radiance of the Christ will warm our hearts.

One: God is shining upon you!

Many: And God's light streams upon you!

One: Open your hearts.

Many: We open them to the brilliance of God.

One: Let us give thanks for the light and love of God.

Many: We praise our Creator with joy and thanksgiving.

One: We enter this space eager to experience the presence of the Christ...

Later that same evening, Jesus took the cup. He blessed it and invited his friends to taste from the cup of grace. "Do this, as often as you drink of this, for the remembrance of me."

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do here,

That we and these gifts, touched by your Spirit,

May be signs of life and love to one another,

And to the world.

Make this broken bread whole in our taking.

Make this full cup overflow in our sharing.

AMEN

Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Cup

The body of Christ,

the bread of life.

The lifeblood of Christ,

the cup of blessing.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Sharing the Meal

Music Ministry: Will There Be Any Stars? - Paul Hagerman and Alex Milevic

Community Prayer

Singing: VU400 Lord Listen

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Blessing