

# Welcome to The Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephens



Every Child Matters

Honouring Children  
of Residential  
Schools

Eucharist #2

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2023**

# We Are The Church



ST. STEPHEN'S  
MEMORIAL  
ALL  
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Chorus

**I am the church!**  
**You are the church**  
**We are the church together!**  
**All who follow Jesus.**  
**All around the world!**  
**Yes we're the church together!**

Verse 1

**The church is not a building,  
The church is not a steeple,  
The church is not a resting place.  
We're many kinds of people,  
with many kinds of faces.  
All members of the human race.**

Chorus

**I am the church!**  
**You are the church**  
**We are the church together!**  
**All who follow Jesus.**  
**All around the world!**  
**Yes we're the church together!**

Verse 2

**Sometimes the church is laughing  
Sometimes it could be crying  
Sometimes it could be really sad.  
But when the people gather  
There's singing and there's praying  
There's strengthening which makes  
us glad!**

Chorus

**I am the church!**  
**You are the church**  
**We are the church together!**  
**All who follow Jesus.**  
**All around the world!**  
**Yes we're the church together!**

Verse 3

**So come and join our worship  
Receive the Holy Spirit  
and let the Gospel Word unfurl.  
No matter if you're ninety,  
Or nine or just a baby;  
let's spread the love throughout the  
world.**



Chorus

**I am the church!**  
**You are the church**  
**We are the church together!**  
**All who follow Jesus.**  
**All a-round the world!**  
**Yes we're the church together!**

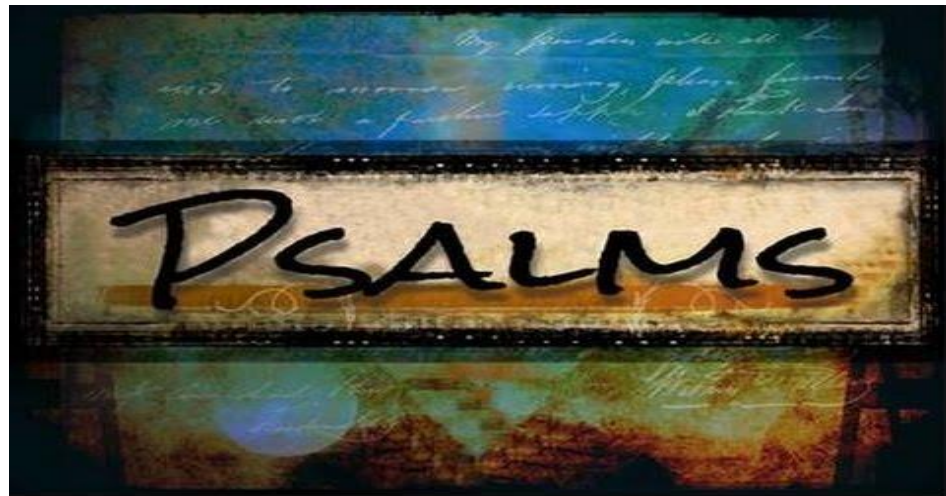




**Greetings and Announcements:  
Rev. Rob Henderson**

# Choir practice !!





Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 (All Seasons)

**Refrain:**

***“Open your ears, O faithful people;  
Open your ears and hear God’s Word!”***

*Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless*

**Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless**

**Your chosen pilgrim flock**

**With manna in the wilderness,**

**With water from the rock.**





Psalm 34:1

I will bless the Lord  
at all times:  
His praise shall continually  
be in my mouth

*Praise To The Holiest In The Height*  
*Book of Common Praise 372*

Verse 1

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise:  
In all His words most wonderful;  
Most sure in all His ways.**

Verse 2

**O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
A second Adam to the fight  
And to the rescue came.**



Verse 3

**O generous love!  
That flesh and blood  
Which did in Adam fail,  
Should strive afresh against the foe,  
Should strive and should prevail.**

Verse 4

**And that a higher gift of grace  
Should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence, and His very self  
And essence all-divine.**

Verse 5

**Who in the garden secretly,  
And on the Cross on high,  
Should teach His followers, and  
inspire  
To suffer and to die.**

Verse 6

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise:  
In all His words most wonderful;  
Most sure in all His ways.**



# ***THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY***

***Celebrant:***

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
And the love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with you all.**

***People:* And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* **Almighty God,**

*People:* **to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Glory to  
God on  
High*

*Book of  
Common  
Praise*

*365*



Verse 1

**Glory to God on high,  
And peace to all on earth.  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
Our heavenly King.  
We give you praise,  
Almighty God and Father  
Blessed in glory bright.**



Verse 2

**Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,**

**The Father's only Son,**

**The sacrificial Lamb,**

**Who saves the world from sin,**

**Have mercy Lord.**

**Beside the Father's hand enthroned,**

**Now hear our prayer.**

Verse 3

**You only are the Lord.  
You only are most high.  
You only are the holy one,  
Lord Jesus Christ.  
And now you reign  
With Father and with Spirit  
One in glorious light.**

*We say together the Collect for today:*

**Creator God, from you every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness.**

**Mercifully grant that your people,  
journeying together in partnership,  
may be strengthened and guided to  
help one another to grow into the  
full stature of Christ,  
who is our light and our life.  
Amen**



# THE READINGS

REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY  
ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

# *The Proclamation of the Word*

The Peace of God

PHILIPPIANS

THE GREATEST JOY IS KNOWING JESUS

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul  
to the Philippians (2:1-13)**

*Philippians 2:1-13*

**If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.**

**Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God,**



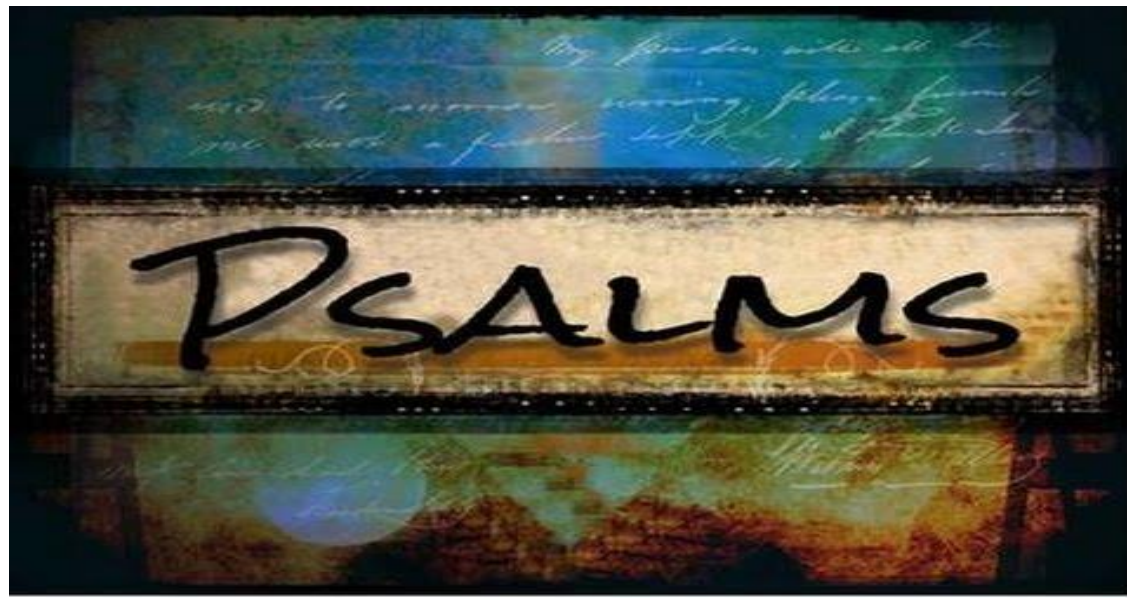
**did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

**Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.**

*Reader:* **The word of the Lord.**

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 (All Seasons)

**Refrain:**

***“Open your ears, O faithful people;  
Open your ears and hear God’s Word!”***

Verse 1-4

**Hear my teaching, O my people;  
incline your ear to the words of my  
mouth.**

**I will open my mouth in a parable; I  
will declare the mysteries of ancient  
times.**

**That which we have heard and  
known, and what our forbears have  
told us,  
We will not hide from their children.  
We will recount to generations to  
come the praiseworthy deeds  
and the power of the Lord, and the  
wonderful works God has done.**

***Open your ears, O faithful people;  
Open your ears and hear God's Word!"***

Verse 12-16

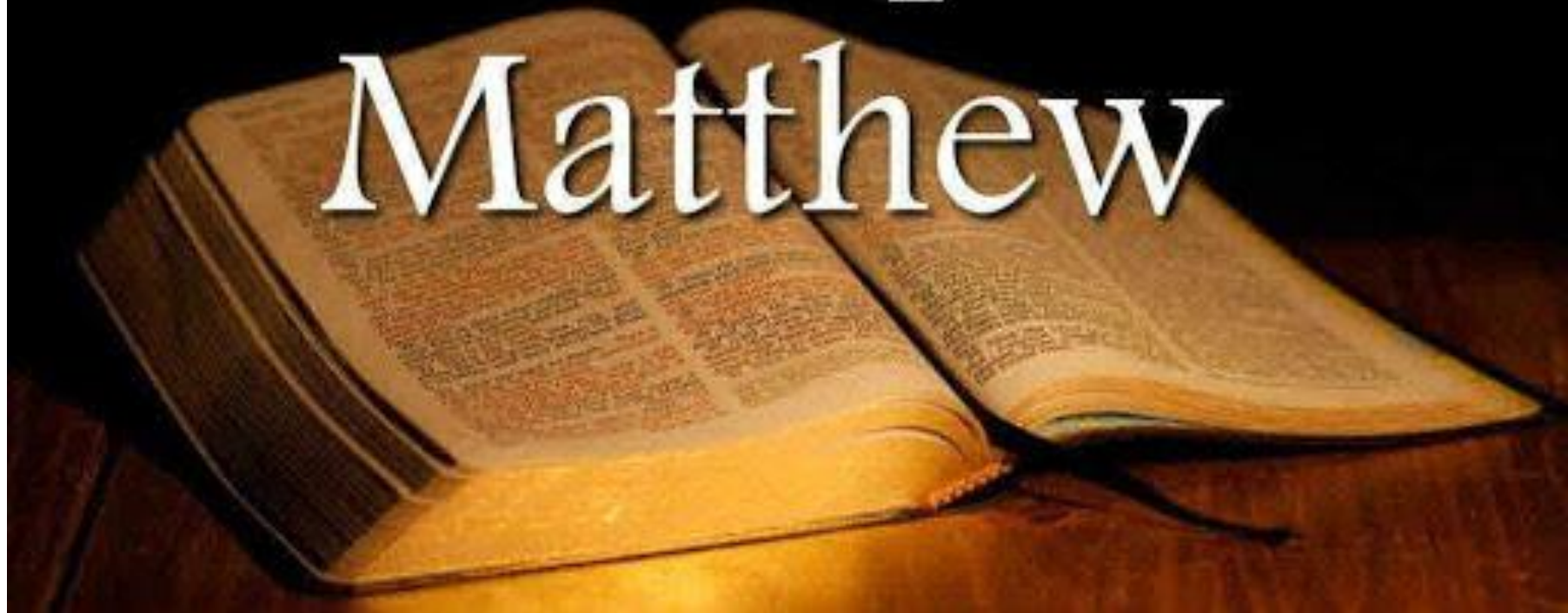
**God worked marvels in the sight of  
their ancestors, in the land of Egypt  
In the field of Zoan;  
Splitting open the sea and letting  
them pass through;  
Making the waters stand up like  
walls;**



**Leading them with a cloud by day  
and all the night with a glow of fire.  
Splitting the rocks in the wilderness  
and giving them drink as from the  
deep.  
Bringing streams out of a rock.**

***Open your ears, O faithful people;  
Open your ears and hear God's Word!"***

# The Gospel of Matthew





*Lord, Your Word Shall Guide Us*

*Book of Common Praise 561*

Verse 1

**Lord, your word shall guide us  
And with truth provide us  
Teach us to receive it  
And with joy believe it**

Verse 3

**When the storms distress us  
And dark clouds oppress us  
Then your word protects us  
And its light directs us.**

*All stand for the Gospel*

*Reader:* **The Lord be with you.**

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Reader:* **The Holy Gospel  
of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to Matthew.**

*People:* **Glory to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Matthew 21:23-32*

**When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer,**

**then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd;**



**for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.'**

**He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first."  
Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you,**

**the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.**

*Reader:* **The Gospel of Christ.**

*People:* **Praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ.**

Verse 1

**Lord, your word shall guide us  
And with truth provide us  
Teach us to receive it  
And with joy believe it**

Verse 3

**When the storms distress us  
And dark clouds oppress us  
Then your word protects us  
And its light directs us.**

**ACTION**

**speaks louder**

**than WORDS**

*Homily by  
Rev Rob  
Henderson*



*Prayers of the People*



*Season of Pentecost – Year A*

**Let us pray together a Litany  
for the Healing and Restoration  
of our Church.**

**Holy Creator, in whom all things in  
heaven and earth have their being.**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Risen Christ, through whom the  
whole creation is reconciled to God.**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Life-giving Spirit, whose love and truth fills the world and searches the depths of our lives.**

**Have mercy on us.**

**From our failure to recognize and respect the revelation of your truth and love in the First Peoples of this land;**

**Saviour, forgive and heal us.**

**From our participation in the  
systematic oppression of indigenous  
sovereignty, language, culture and  
spirituality;**

**Saviour, forgive and heal us.**

**From our role in the Indian Residential Schools designed to eliminate the unique society, wisdom and beauty of the indigenous peoples of this land,**

**Saviour, forgive and heal us.**

**From our complicit tolerance of  
the decimation of Indigenous  
family structures leaving children  
vulnerable to abuses of every kind,**

**Saviour, forgive and heal us.**

**O God, we pray for the gifts of your grace and your love which never gives up on us and is forever faithful. Inspire our minds with a vision of the reconciliation of your kingdom in this time and place.**

**Hear us, O Christ.**

**Touch our eyes, that we may see the sacredness in all creation.**

**Hear us, O Christ.**

**Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth of every peoples the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.**

**Hear us, O Christ.**



**Touch our lips, that we may speak of  
the beauty of every tongue and  
dialect proclaiming the wonderful  
works of God.**

**Hear us, O Christ.**

**Touch our hearts, that we may discern your mission in which you call us to be immersed, particularly in partnership with the First Peoples of this land.**

**Hear us, O Christ.**

**Touch our hands, that we may forever  
shun violence and embrace the work  
you give us to do.**

**Hear us, O Christ.**

**We pray for healing. We pray for those who have asked this community of faith to pray for them and their loved ones. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, especially today:**

***Kathryn H., Kathy G., Jennifer A., Bea, Luke, Lucy, and Edith.***

**Hear us, O Christ.**

**Draw your Church together, O Lord,  
into one great company of disciples,  
together following our Lord Jesus  
Christ into every walk of life.  
Together serving you in your mission  
in the world,**

**and together witnessing to your love  
on every continent and island of your  
creation.**

**We ask this in the name of  
the Risen Christ  
in whom we are one.**

**Amen**

# *Confession and Absolution*

*Celebrant:* **Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love  
and infinite in mercy;  
God welcomes sinners  
and invites them to this table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.**

*Celebrant:* **Most merciful God,**

*People:* **we confess**

**that we have sinned**

**against you in thought, word,  
and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you  
with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved**

**our neighbours as ourselves.**



**We are truly sorry  
and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
Have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

*Celebrant:*     **Almighty God**  
                  **have mercy upon you,**  
**pardon and deliver you**  
**from all your sins,**  
**confirm and strengthen you**  
**in all goodness,**  
**and keep you in eternal life;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*People:*           **Amen.**

PEACE  
BE WITH  
YOU



*Celebrant:* **The peace of the Lord  
be always with you.**

*People:* **And also with you.**



*Alleluia #1*  
*Book of Common Praise 405*

Verse 1

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Give praise to His name.**

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth;**

**He is the king of creation.**

Verse 2

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Give praise to His name.**

**Spread the good news o'er all the  
earth:**

**Jesus has died and is risen.**

Verse 3

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Give praise to His name.**

**We have been crucified with Christ:**

**Now we shall live forever.**

Verse 4

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Give praise to His name.**

**Come, let us praise the living God,**

**Joyfully sing to our Saviour.**



Verse 4

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Give praise to His name.**



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**Receiving the  
gifts of money  
and other gifts  
for the needs  
and  
responsibilities  
of the Church.**

**TITHES  
AND  
Offering**



# Altar Flowers

The flowers for the Altar today  
are given to the Glory of God by  
Agnes Comeau in memory of her parents,  
Thomas and Bessie Rideout,  
**AND** Given by Genevieve Acham in memory  
of her husband, Cartwright Acham.

*Prayer Over The Gifts*

**Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



*Eucharistic*  
*Prayer*  
*#2*

*Celebrant:* **The Lord be with you.**

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* **Lift up your hearts.**

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* **Let us give thanks  
to the Lord our God.**

*People:* **It is right to give our  
thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant :*

**We give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God,  
through your beloved Son,  
Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Redeemer.  
He is your living Word,  
through whom  
you have created all things.**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary  
and shared our human nature.  
He lived and died as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.**



**In fulfilment of your will  
he stretched out his hands  
in suffering,  
to bring release to those  
who place their hope in you;  
and so  
he won for you a holy people.**

**He chose to bear  
our griefs and sorrows,  
and to give up his life on the cross,  
that he might shatter  
the chains of evil and death,  
and banish the darkness  
of sin and despair.**

**By his resurrection  
he brings us  
into the light of your presence.**

**Now with all creation  
we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.**

*Hymn 722 Holy Holy Holy (Eucharist)*

**Holy, Holy Holy,  
Lord God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full,  
full of your glory  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna,  
Hosanna in the highest,  
Blessed is the One who comes  
in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Holy and gracious God,  
accept our praise,  
through your Son our Saviour  
Jesus Christ;  
who on the night  
he was handed over  
to suffering and death,**

**took bread and  
gave you thanks, saying,  
“Take, and eat:  
this is my body  
which is broken for you.”**

**In the same way he took the cup,  
saying,**

**“This is my blood  
which is shed for you.**

**When you do this,  
you do it in memory of me.”**

**Remembering, therefore,  
his death and resurrection,  
we offer you this bread and this cup,  
giving thanks that you have made us  
worthy to stand in your presence  
and serve you.**


**We ask you to send your Holy Spirit  
upon the offering of your holy  
Church.**



**Gather into one  
all who share  
in these sacred mysteries,  
filling them with the Holy Spirit  
and confirming their faith in the truth,  
that together we may praise you  
and give you glory  
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.**

**All glory and honour are yours,  
Father and Son,  
with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church,  
now and for ever.**

*People:* **Amen.**

A wooden cross stands in a field of green grass and blue flowers. The cross is made of two weathered wooden beams. The background is a soft-focus field of green grass and blue flowers. The lighting is warm and golden, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is peaceful and spiritual.

THE  
LORD'S  
PRAYER

# Lord's Prayer

*(Songs of a Gospel People)*

**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 them,  
that 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**

## Breaking of The Bread #1

*Celebrant:* **“I am the bread of life,”  
says the Lord.**

**“Whoever comes to me  
will never be hungry;  
whoever believes in me  
will never thirst.”**



*People:* **Taste and see that the  
Lord is good; happy are they  
who trust in him!**



**The gifts of God  
for the  
People of God.  
*People: Thanks be to God.***

*Lamb of  
God  
(JMT)*





Verse 1

*Cantor:* **Lamb of God,  
you take away  
the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

*All:* **Lamb of God,  
you take away  
the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

Verse 2

*Cantor:* **Lamb of God,  
you take away  
the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

*All:* **Lamb of God,  
you take away  
the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

Verse 3

*Cantor:* **Lamb of God,  
you take away  
the sin of the world  
grant us grant us peace.**

*All:* **Lamb of God,  
you take away  
the sin of the world,  
grant us grant us peace.**





Come  
to  
the  
Table

**ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE,  
IT IS JESUS WHO INVITES YOU.**

**Please allow personal distance when  
approaching to receive the sacrament.**

**If you do not wish to receive the wafer,  
please cross your arms in front of your  
chest to receive God's blessing.**

**Gluten free wafers are available.**

# *Communion Hymn*



*Shepherd of  
Souls,  
Refresh and  
Bless*

*Book of Common  
Praise 85*



Verse 1

**Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless  
Your chosen pilgrim flock  
With manna in the wilderness,  
With water from the rock.**



Verse 2

**We would not live by bread alone,  
But by your word of grace,  
In strength of which we travel on  
To our abiding place.**

Verse 3

**Be known to us in breaking bread,  
But do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us,  
And spread your table in our heart.**

Verse 4

**Lord, sup with us in love divine;  
Your body and your blood,  
That living bread, that heavenly wine,  
Be our immortal food.**



*We Say Together the Prayer After Communion:*

**Father in heaven, strengthen the  
unity of your Church, so that we who  
have been fed with holy things may  
fulfil your will in the world.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus  
Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

# *The Doxology*

*Celebrant:* **Glory to God,**

*People:* **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.**



**THE  
BLESSING**



*Glorious Things of Thee  
Are Spoken*

*Book of Common Praise 388*

Art by Carlos S. [heavenstruth.blogspot.com](http://heavenstruth.blogspot.com)

Verse 1

**Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken  
Formed thee for his own abode.  
On the rock of ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou mayest smile at all thy foes.**



Verse 2

**See! The streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters  
And all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, when such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.**

Verse 4

**Saviour, if of Zion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name  
Fading is the world's best pleasure,  
All its boasted pomp and show:  
Solid joys and lasting treasure  
None but Zion's children know.**

# *The Dismissal*

*Blessed are you who hunger now,  
For you shall be filled.*

LUKE 6:21





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Verse 1

**Standing on the promises  
Of Christ my King  
Through eternal ages  
let His praises ring  
Glory in the highest  
I will shout and sing.**

**Standing on the promises of God.**

Chorus

**Standing, Standing, Standing**  
**On the promises of God my Saviour**  
**Standing, Standing,**  
**I'm standing on the promises of God!**

Verse 2

**Standing on the promises  
that cannot fail**

**When the howling storms  
Of doubt and fears assail  
By the living Word of God  
I Shall prevail**

**Standing on the promises of God.**

Chorus

**Standing, Standing, Standing**  
**On the promises of God my Saviour**  
**Standing, Standing,**  
**I'm standing on the promises of God!**



Verse 3

**Standing on the promises I now can see  
Perfect, present cleansing  
In the blood for me;  
Standing in the liberty  
Where Christ makes free.  
Standing on the promises of God.**

Chorus

**Standing, Standing, Standing**  
**On the promises of God my Saviour**  
**Standing, Standing,**  
**I'm standing on the promises of God!**

Verse 4

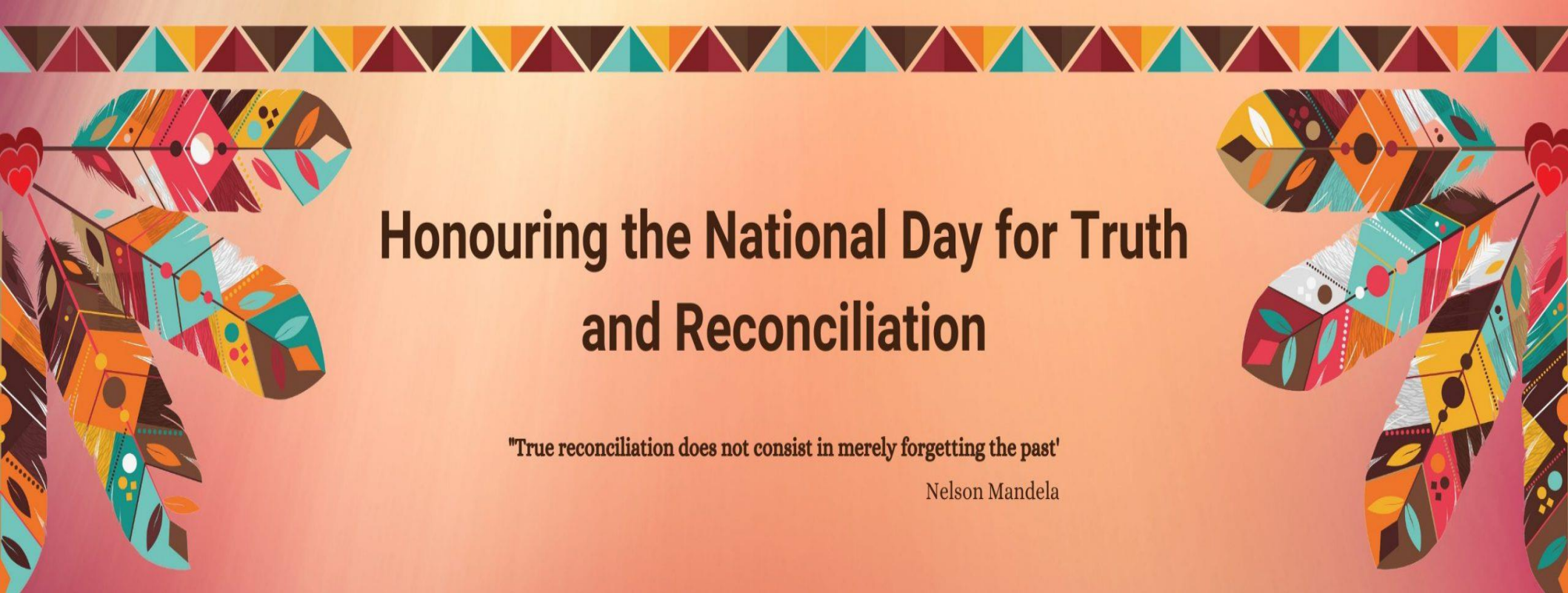
**Standing on the promises  
Of Christ the Lord,  
Bound to him eternally  
By love's strong cord,  
Overcoming daily  
with the Spirit's sword  
Standing on the promises of God**

Chorus

**Standing, Standing, Standing**  
**On the promises of God my Saviour**  
**Standing, Standing,**  
**I'm standing on the promises of God!**



# Thank you for worshipping with us today!

A decorative border at the top of the page features a repeating pattern of colorful triangles in shades of brown, yellow, teal, and maroon. Below this border, the background is a light peach color. On the left and right sides, there are large, stylized feathers with intricate patterns in various colors including red, orange, teal, and brown. Each feather has a small red heart at its base.

## Honouring the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

"True reconciliation does not consist in merely forgetting the past"

Nelson Mandela

# Have a blessed week!

# Go with God!