

**Sunday, March 12, 2023**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

The entire worship service will be streamed live starting at 9:30am at <http://www.firsthamilton.ca/live>

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**WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 am**

\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

*Prelude: Hymnal #142 We Are People On A Journey*

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**GOD GATHERS US**

Welcome

Call to Worship: *The Worship Sourcebook, 2nd Edition J.1.2.2 p. 559*

Leader: Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

**All: We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!**

Leader: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

**All: Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**All: Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!**

—based on John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

**Song: Hymnal #521 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

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Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

**Song: Hymnal #157 Meekness and Majesty**

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**GOD RENEWS US**

Call to Confession: *Psalms 51:17, NRSVA*

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**Song: Hymnal #166 Were You There**

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Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon (and Call to Holy Living): *Romans 5:8-9, NIV*

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

Children Enter Sunday School & Children and Worship

Children: Jesus came to give us life!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – George Van Kampen

### **GOD SPEAKS WITH US**

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-5; 14-17 (pew Bible pg. 1645)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Message: Meaning For Life*

Prayer

**Song: Hymnal #908 Christ, Be Our Light**

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### **GOD NOURISHES US**

#### **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**All: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

Pastor: With joy we praise you, gracious Father,  
for you have created heaven and earth,  
made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—  
even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
and for the pouring forth of your Holy Spirit,  
who equips us for service and leads us into your truth.

Therefore we join our voices  
with all the saints and angels and the whole creation  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

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

#### **The Institution**

Pastor: We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until he comes again. At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me."

**All: For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

#### **The Prayer of Consecration**

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

*Communion Song: Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me*

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**The Communion**

Take, eat! Remember and believe that the body of Christ is the bread of heaven for us.

Take, drink! Remember and believe that the blood of Christ is the cup of our salvation.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Eternal God, heavenly Father,

you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ,

and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you

with gladness and singleness of heart.

Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

**GOD RECEIVES OUR OFFERINGS**

Offering: First Cause: Ministry and Resource Plan

Second Cause: A Rocha Canada

Offertory Prayer

*Offertory Song*

**GOD SENDS US**

Announcements

Benediction

***Song: Hymnal #938 My Friends, May You Grow In Grace***

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*Postlude: Yet Not I, But Through Chris In Me*

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# We Are People on a Journey

A E A E E/D#

1 We are peo - ple on a jour - ney, fol - lowing  
 2 We are peo - ple on a jour - ney, tak - ing  
 3 We are peo - ple on a jour - ney, to the  
 4 We are peo - ple on a jour - ney, ris - ing

C#m7 A2 E A

where the Mas - ter walks. We are peo - ple on a  
 up the cross of Christ. We are peo - ple on a  
 ta - ble of the Lord. We are peo - ple on a  
 up in life re - born. We are peo - ple on a

E F#m7 E A E

jour - ney in the sha - dow of the cross.  
 jour - ney, mov - ing on from death to life.  
 jour - ney, fed by wa - ter and the Word.  
 jour - ney, speak - ing peace, ac - cept - ing scorn.

A2 E

What com - pels? The face of Je - sus!  
 We re - lease the sin that tan - gles.  
 We re - mem - ber, we re - mem - ber  
 We are walk - ing toward a home - land,

A2 D A

Who pro - tects? Our faith - ful guide:  
 We re - lin - quish all ac - claim.  
 how you wash dis - ci - ples' feet;  
 to a mys - tery yet un - known;

E A E

he who treads the road of ser - vice,  
 We re - ceive the suf - fer - ing Sav - ior,  
 we re - mem - ber on the last night  
 to a king - dom com - ing quick - ly,

C#m7 A E

Christ the Lord, the cru - ci - fied.  
 he our glo - ry, wealth, and fame.  
 gifts of wine and bread to eat.  
 to the light of God's own throne.

C#m7 Bm7 E A2 To stanzas E Final ending

# 521 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

A7 D A D G A7 D

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my \*Eb-en - e - zer; hith-er by thy help I've come;  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

A7 D A D G A7 D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 Let that grace now like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee:

A7 D G D A7 D G D

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan-dering from the fold of God;  
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

A7 D A D G A7 D

Praise the mount—I'm fixed up - on it—mount of God's un-chang-ing love.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre - cious blood.  
 here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

\* "Then Samuel took a stone . . . called its name Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far the Lord has helped us'" (1 Sam. 7:12)

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt., P.D.

Music (NETTLETON 8.7.8.7 D): J. Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813, P.D.

## Meekness and Majesty

C Am Em Am7

1 Meek - ness and maj - es - ty, man - hood and De - i - ty  
 2 Fa - ther's pure ra - di - ance, per - fect in in - no - cence,  
 3 Wis - dom un - search - a - ble, God the in - vis - i - ble,

C Am D7 Dm/G G7

in per - fect har - mo - ny, the Man who is God.  
 yet learns o - be - di - ence to death on a cross,  
 Love in - de - struct - i - ble in frail - ty ap - pears.

C C/B $\flat$  F Dm7

Lord of e - ter - ni - ty dwells in hu - man - i - ty,  
 suf - fering to give us life, con - quering through sac - ri - fice,  
 Lord of in - fin - i - ty, stoop - ing so ten - der - ly,

Em Am Dm G7 C C7

kneels in hu - mil - i - ty, and wash - es our feet.  
 and, as they cru - ci - fy, prays, "Fa - ther, for - give."  
 lifts our hu - man - i - ty to the heights of his throne.

Refrain F G/F E7 E7/A Am F

Oh, what a mys-ter-y— meek-ness and maj-es-ty;

F#07 C/G Am Dm7 G7

bow down and wor-ship, for this is your

1, 2 A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> C/G G

God.

3 A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> C

God.

*Optional prayer*

God of glory,  
 in a world drawn  
 to so many lesser visions of glory,  
 teach us the greater glory of Jesus,  
 who did not grasp power,  
 who was obedient to death,  
 who did not despise the lowly,  
 who stooped to wash his disciples' feet,

*[Add other phrases as appropriate].*

Then help us to be formed  
 into the likeness of Jesus.

Help us

to do nothing out of selfish ambition,  
 to seek the interests of others,  
 to love our enemies,  
 to be servants of your peace,

*[Add other phrases as appropriate].*

We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



Were You There

E<sup>b</sup> Fm7 B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? *Were you there?*  
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 3 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine? *Were you there?*

B<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? *Were you there?*  
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine? *Were you there?*

E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> G7 Cm A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>

Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

Cm Fm E<sup>b</sup>/B<sup>b</sup> Fm7 B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? *Were you there?*  
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine? *Were you there?*

Optional Easter Stanza

Were you there when God raised him from the tomb? . . .

Words: African American spiritual, P.D.

Music (WERE YOU THERE 10.10.14.10): African American spiritual; harm. C. Winfred Douglas, 1940, P.D.

## Christ, Be Our Light

Em Am7 D Esus Em

1 Long - ing for light, — we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, — our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, — ma - ny are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, ma - ny are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Ma - ny the gifts, — ma - ny the peo - ple, ma - ny the

Am7 Bm7 Esus Em7/D Am7

truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —  
 hope, — man - y de - spair. Your Word a - lone —  
 > wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —  
 warmth, — ma - ny are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

D G C Am Dsus D

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 > bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain G C G Em Bm

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Em Am7 D G Dsus D Em

Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!

Em7/D C Am7 D G Am7 1-4 G 5 G

Shine in your church gath-ered to - day.

*Optional prayer litany*

Let us pray in spoken and sung word.

Light of the World . . . *Sing stanzas 1-2*

We pray for all peacemakers . . . *Sing stanza 3*

We pray for all who provide food and water . . . *Sing stanza 4*

We pray for all who provide shelter . . . *Sing stanza 5*

Lord Jesus Christ, sun of righteousness,  
in a world that so often seems cold and heartless,  
your grace breaks in with warmth and light.

**How grateful we are for the privilege of your call  
to us to reflect this warmth and light as mirrors of your grace.  
May we reflect this light so that many will see it  
and bring praise to you, the true light of the world. Amen.**

## My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

2 PETER 3:18

D A Bm

My friends, may you grow in grace and in the

G A D A

knowl - edge of our Lord and Sav - ior. My

D A Bm

friends, may you grow in grace and in the

G A D A

knowl - edge of Je - sus Christ. To

D A Bm7 A

God be the glo - ry, now and for - ev - er,

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a hymn in 4/4 time, key of D major. It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowl-edge of our Lord and Sav-ior. My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowl-edge of Je-sus Christ. To God be the glo-ry, now and for-ever,'. Chord progressions are indicated above the vocal line: D, A, Bm, G, A, D, A, D, A, Bm7, A. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some chords held for longer durations.

G2 A D A

now and for-ev - er, a - men. To

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The treble staff has a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 2/4 time signature. It features a melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, and a final G4. Chords G2, A, D, and A are indicated above the staff. The bass staff provides a simple accompaniment with notes G2, A2, B2, C3, and D3.

D A Bm7 A

God be the glo - ry, now and for - ev - er,

Detailed description: This system contains the second two staves of music. The treble staff continues the melody with notes D4, E4, F#4, G4, and A4. Chords D, A, Bm7, and A are indicated above the staff. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with notes E2, F#2, G2, A2, B2, and C3.

G A D

now and for - ev - er, a - men.

Detailed description: This system contains the final two staves of music. The treble staff concludes the melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, and a final G4. Chords G, A, and D are indicated above the staff. The bass staff concludes the accompaniment with notes G2, A2, B2, C3, and D3.