

COMMON
GROUND,
HOLY GROUND,
COMMON GOOD

20th Anniversary
Of the Waterloo Declaration
Commemoration Service
May 1st, 2022, Whitehorse, Yukon

Christ Church Cathedral
Church of the Northern Apostles
Trinity Lutheran Church

Officiants: The Rt. Rev. Lesley Wheeler-Dame
The Very Rev. Bert Chestnut
The Venerable Sarah Usher
The Rev. Dn. Deb Bartlette
Server: Jeanie Roches

Musicians: Blanche Buckle - piano, Ben Johnston-Urey - organ
Mary Ann Krockner – percussion, Alex Petriw - violin
Doug Petriw - guitar, Jan Tulloch - guitar

GATHERING/CALL TO WORSHIP

Your steadfast love, O God, reaches to the heavens.

With you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

We come before you, longing to form a community of reconciliation between young and old, persons of all gender orientations, cultures, languages, and places of origin. We come to you from different parts of your one Christian family, to celebrate the first fruits of full communion.

With you is the fountain of life

When we lose courage in the journey towards wholeness, when the unity we seek seems an elusive dream, when our divisions make the way of our journey dark, help us to turn to your love and see your hopeful dream.

In your light we see light.

When we are the very barriers we have built through our own suspicions and lack of trust, send us the strength to remove walls that divide us from our siblings, and courage to listen to the fears and concerns others have about us. Help us to reach out to each other in love.

With you is the fountain of life.

We pray for all Christians who seek life together for the sake of the healing of the world. Awaken in all of us a spirit of discernment, harmony, and confidence, and make of us a full community of love gathered at your great feast of grace.

In your light we see light.

It is God who has called us together, not we ourselves, and our life together must be for the healing of the world. May we be your light, burning with love that is stronger because of our communion in Christ.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

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BAPTISMAL AFFIRMATION / THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Amen.

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 is brought from the four directions to be poured into the font.

Water is brought from the East.

Water Bearer: I am the water that stands in the east: the water of newness, the water of life. Just as the morning light dispels the darkness, so also I dispel death and destruction. Where drought, flood, quake, tsunami or frost destroy, I bring new life. Green appears, hope arises, community forms. I seek your care and protection.

Water is brought from the South.

Water Bearer: I am the water that stands in the south: the waters of healing. Where sickness prevails, I heal. Yes, I carry disease, but it is not mine by nature. By my nature and my call I bring healing. My instructions are to carry nutrients and goodness for healing, but I am forced to carry contaminants, pollutants and disease. I seek your care and protection.

Water is brought from the West.

Water Bearer: I am the water that stands in the west: the water of transformation. From the beginning I have used my power to transform, shaping land and shore, rock, and mountain. My power brings life and death. Whether I come as vapour, mist, liquid, ice, or snow, I transform. But others have sought to control and use my power for their profit. I seek your care and protection.

Water is brought from the North.

Water Bearer: I am the water that stands in the north: the water of wholeness. Like the blanket of snow in the north that brings all together as one, or the ocean that becomes one with the horizon, I call all to know the oneness of life, the kinship of all creation. In the wintry cold, I am the promise of new life. I am given for the wholeness of creation, for the life of all creation. Yet there are some who take possession of me as though I belong to them alone. I seek your care and protection.

People: We remember. Water is a sacred gift that connects all life. It is a shared legacy, a public trust and a collective responsibility. We do care. We will respond. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *From Joint Day, 2007, by Sr. Priscilla Soloman, CSJ; printed in KAIROS, Water: a Sacred Gift (2005), pp 4-5.*

Evergreen branches will be used to sprinkle the congregation during the opening hymn as a way to Remember and Affirm our baptism.

Opening Hymn: Blest Be The Tie That Binds (CP 507)

**Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Jesus' love;
the fellowship of Christian minds
is like to that above.**

**Before God's gracious throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.**

**We share each other's woes,
each other's burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.**

**When for a while we part,
This thought will soothe our pain,
that we shall still be joined in heart,
and one day meet again.**

**One glorious hope revives
our courage by the way:**

**While each in expectation lives
And longs to see the day.**

**When from all toil and pain
And sin we shall be free
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity**

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In this time and place we gather on the traditional territories of 14 Yukon First Nations and the First Nations of Northern BC peoples.

From many places and peoples we come to this house in prayer.

In this time and place we are not alone for we meet in the presence of the living God.

For we meet in the presence of the living God.

In this time and place we are not alone for the Risen Jesus stands in our midst
The Risen Jesus stands in our midst.

In this time and place we are not alone for the wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.
The wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.

In this time and place we are not alone for we gather with the whole company of heaven, In this time and in this space heaven and earth are one.
In this time and place heaven and earth are one.

In this time and place together, one people in Jesus Christ.
In the name of God, Creator, Saviour and Holy Spirit. Amen.

From the Anglican Diocese of Islands and Inlets

PRAYER OF THE DAY/ COLLECT

Creator God, the fount from whom every beautiful expression of unity among your people flows, we rejoice in the deep friendship our Churches enjoy in full communion. We give thanks for all who have given of their time, passion and energy to enable its flourishing over twenty years. As we renew our commitment to be co-workers in the service of the gospel, we pray for your grace and guidance. Refresh in us a holy desire to labour with others for the full realization of that holy communion for which your dear Son prayed that “they may be completely one, as we are one”. To him, to you, and the Holy Spirit, be glory, now and ever. **Amen.**

Prepared by The Most Reverend Archbishop Fred Hiltz (A collect reflective of some texts from the Conclusion of the Waterloo Declaration)

READINGS

A reading from Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

⁹ Two are better than one,
because they have a good return for their labor:
¹⁰ If either of them falls down,
one can help the other up.
But pity anyone who falls
and has no one to help them up.
¹¹ Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.
But how can one keep warm alone?
¹² Though one may be overpowered,
two can defend themselves.
A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

Creator of the universe, from whom all things come, to whom all things return, give your people such unity of heart and mind, that all the world may grow in the life of your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A reading from Ephesians 4:1-7.11-16

4 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. **2** Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. **3** Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. **4** There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; **5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism; **6** one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, **12** to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up **13** until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. **15** Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. **16** From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: Lord, Whose Love, in Humble Service

(CP 585)

**Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
By your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.**

The Lord Be With You
And also with you

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 28:16-20
Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

SERMON The Very Rev. Bert (Harold) Chestnut

DECLARATION AND CREED

Friends in Christ, in 2001 the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada and the National Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada approved the Waterloo Declaration authorizing full communion between our two churches.

We acknowledge each other as churches sharing in the apostolic faith. We confess that faith as we say: Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

As we acknowledge 20 years of full communion, will you renew the commitment: To continue together in the apostles' teaching and communion, in making new disciples by water and the Holy Spirit, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers. **We will, with God's help.**

Acknowledging each other as communities in which the Gospel is proclaimed and the sacraments shared, will you as people of Christ Church Cathedral; Trinity Lutheran Church; and Northern Apostles in full communion seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself, striving for justice and peace, respecting the dignity of every human being, and caring for all creation?
We will, with God's help.

Bridge: Bishop Lesley will bring in the symbol of the Chalice and Paten used at the Original 2001 Service and place it on the Altar

We declare our renewed commitment to the life and mission of Christ Church Cathedral; Trinity Lutheran Church; and Northern Apostles, and to the continued full communion relationship of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and the Anglican Church of Canada. May God who has given us the will to make this Declaration give us the grace and power to live it. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious God, We give you thanks for the 20 years of full communion of our churches and for the good fruit this has produced: the joyful proclamation of the gospel and the work of justice. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

You, who heals our brokenness, have called us into communion with each other and with you. Thank you for leading us into relationships that teach us new ways to bear witness to your love in our world. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Forgive us for our sin. For going our own way. For thinking of only our own needs and fears, and ignoring the cares of others. Forgive us for our acceptance of power that causes others to suffer. Change our hearts. Don't let us ignore the pain that our silence as well as our careless words have caused others. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We ask for your guidance as people in relationship with you and one another. Guide us as we continue to follow your way and look to the future together. Give us the courage to go where you lead. Teach us how to love your world, to be people of truth and justice and mercy. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Open our hearts to see where your spirit is already at work and teach us to be people who join in with that work with joy and gratitude. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Form us as good stewards of this earth, always recognizing the great gift of creation. May we be people who work and rest with the land, acting for the good of the earth. Response Give us courage to live together more fully in your service, recognizing our differences and gifts as strengths, knowing that we are grounded together in the faith and hope of Jesus Christ, your son. **Amen**

Prepared by The Very Rev. Alexandra Meek

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: Alleluia! Sing To Jesus (CP 374)

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation, Hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Hear the sinful flee to thee from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! King eternal, You the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary, Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
Thou within the veil, hast entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
Thou on earth both priest and victim In the Eucharistic feast!**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation, Hath redeemed us by his blood.**

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER / THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* © 2006 *Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Used with permission. (p. 64)*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore. You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb; through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Remembering how our Lord prayed to the Father before his precious death, mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, we now pray, saying,

Lord, hear and draw near.

Lord, as you consecrated all your days to the will of the Father, so may we consecrate all our days to the praise of God's holy name and the accomplishing of God's will on earth as in heaven.

Lord, hear and draw near.

Lord, as you prayed that your disciples be sanctified in the truth, so may we be sanctified through your Holy Word and Sacraments.

Lord, hear and draw near.

Lord, as you prayed for their protection, so may we be protected in your love and in the company of the angels, saints and holy ones of every generation.

Lord, hear and draw near.

Lord, as you sent them into the world, so may we know our sending as the Church in and for the world.

Lord, hear and draw near.

Lord, as you promised that they would be clothed with power from on high, so may we be clothed with the grace of the Holy Spirit for every good work to which you turn our minds and hearts for blessing the world with your mercy and justice. **Lord, hear and draw near.**

Lord, as you prayed for all those who would come to believe through their word, so we pray that by our word and manner of gospel-based living many might be drawn into the fellowship of all who confess you as Saviour and Lord.

Lord, hear and draw near.

Lord, as you prayed that the disciples be one, even as you and the Father are one, so may we be one in your joy and peace.

Lord, hear and draw near.

As you prayed that all whom the Father had given you might be with you and see you in glory, so may we see glimpses of your glory here on earth and then its fullness in heaven above.

Amen

**Communion Hymns: They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love
(We are one in the Spirit) CCLI 26997**

**We are one in the Spirit We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity May one day be restored**

**Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love**

**We will walk with each other We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news That God is in our land
Chorus**

**We will work with each other We will work side by side
We will work with each other We will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity And save each man's pride
Chorus**

**All praise to the Father From whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit Who makes us one
Chorus**

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Servant Song (CP 500)

**Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travellers on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ light for you in the night-time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping. When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through**

**When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together Of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.**

Bind Us Together (CCLI 1228)

Chorus

**Bind us together Lord Bind us together with cords
That cannot be broken Bind us together Lord
Bind us together Lord Bind us together with love**

**There is only one God There is only one King
There is only one body That is why we can sing
Chorus**

**Made for the glory of God Purchased by His precious Son
Born with the right to be clean For Jesus the vict'ry has won
Chorus**

**You are the fam'ly of God You are the promise divine
You are God's chosen desire You are the glorious new wine
Chorus**

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now united on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **Amen.**

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CLOSING PRAYER

Holy One, we thank you that you have woven us together in communion with you and with one another. Now you call us out to continue to praise you together in the 30 world of your making and remaking. Now you call us out to continue to serve you together in the world that is broken and cries out for your healing. Now you call us out to continue to live together in the world that is being transformed by your Spirit into your loving realm. Bless us on our journey, we pray. **Amen.**

Prepared by The Rev. Canon Dr. Alyson Barnett-Cowan

DOXOLOGY

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.

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BENEDICTION

Return now to the places where God has given you responsibility. Remember the peace and love we have celebrated and do not fail to show to all people the new life that is already among us.

Have courage. Hold on to what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen those who fail. Support the weak and honour all life.

And the blessing of God almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier be among you and remain with you now and for ever. Amen.

REFLECTION HYMN: BEAUTY FOR BROKENNESS CCLI #1236690 (God of the Poor)

**Beauty for brokenness Hope for despair
Lord in Your suff'ring world This is our prayer
Bread for the children Justice joy peace
Sunrise to sunset Your kingdom increase**

**Shelter for fragile lives Cures for their ills
Work for the craftsmen Trade for their skills
Land for the dispossessed Rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause Of those who can't speak**

**Chorus: God of the poor Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain Come change our love
From a spark to a flame**

**Refuge from cruel wars Havens from fear
Cities for sanctu'ry Freedoms to share
Peace to the killing fields Scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness His cross for the pain**

**Rest for the ravaged earth Oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned Our future our dreams
Lord end our madness Carelessness greed
Make us content with The things that we need**

**Lighten our darkness Breathe on this flame
Until Your justice Burns brightly again
Until the nations Learn of Your ways
Seek Your salvation And bring You their praise**

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COMMITMENT TO ACTION AS WE GO FORTH

A lay person from each parish with light a large candle from the paschal candle and read the following. These candles will then go to each parish as a reminder of our commitment to one another.

Sending as an exchange of the Peace:

In Christ, we have come to know that God's heart is open to us. Therefore, let us open our hearts to one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

Peace be with you.

Jesus says, "I am the Light of the world." "Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven."

May the light of the new creation, which appeared in Christ, inflame us, and spread its rays through us into the world. We have been enriched with the fullness of God's blessing, and we have been given the task of carrying the light of Christ into the world.

God, who gave us the light of eternal life and love, enlightens us on our way, inflames us with courage and hope, and inspires our thinking and our doing. God has given us a common vocation. Go in peace to love and serve together in Christ's name.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN: Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks (CP 405)

**Chorus: 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.
(Chorus)**

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.
(Chorus)**

**We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live for ever.
(Chorus)**

**Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.
(Chorus)**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.