

# A Service of Prayer for Peace and Unity

April 3, 2022 at 4:30pm

### Welcome to St. James Cathedral

This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations - the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishnaabe, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of New Credit. We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami/Lake Ontario. This territory is governed by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Treaty, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnaabe Confederacy to peaceably share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes. In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.

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The Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches is a forum of Christians of various traditions and diverse backgrounds that come together to promote the unity willed by Christ for the Church in prayer, dialogue, and common witness.

Welcome! Thank you for joining us this afternoon. Please ensure that cell phones are turned off and refrain from taking photographs during the liturgy. **Masks must be worn at all times.** 

### ORDER OF SERVICE

**Prelude** Schmücke Dich, O liebe Seele BWV 654

J.S. Bach

**Introit** Litany for Ukraine

Jeff Enns

Choir

For a world drowned in darkness, let me be the light.

For a world lost in hatred, let me show love. *Kyrie eleison*.

For a world steeped in suffering, let me offer comfort. For a world that is lonely, let me be a friend. *Kyrie eleison*.

For a world that craves warfare, let me be the dove of peace.

For a world that is weeping, let me wipe away the tears. *Kyrie eleison*.

For a world trapped in sadness, let me bring joy.

For a world in constant doubting, let me sow the seeds of faith. Kyrie eleison.

### **Procession**

**Hymn** Tune: Jerusalem

O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.

May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release, till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small; as beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all.

Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord; the hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

### Greeting

Bishop Asbil welcomes those gathered and then says:

Bishop Let us worship the Triune God.

God, our Creator, your will is for peace and unity.

People we come to worship you.

Bishop Lord Christ, you gave us your peace and prayed for our unity,

People we come to worship you.

Bishop Holy Spirit, you empower us in our pursuit of peace and unity,

People we come to worship you.

Bishop May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People And also with you.

Bishop As members of the Church, diverse yet one, we gather in this holy place to pray for peace and unity in Ukraine. As we pray together, we are reminded that our calling as members of the body of Christ is to seek peace

and to be one as Christ and the Father are one.

Hymn Tune: Servant Song

May the grace of Christ our Saviour, and the Father's boundless love, with the Holy Spirit's favour, rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union with each other and the Lord, and possess, in sweet communion, joys which earth cannot afford.

Text: John Newton; Music: Melody Richard Gillard; arr. Betty Carr Pulkingham.

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### **Preces and Responses**

Ferial

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;

People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us; **People** O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without

end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord;

**People** The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalm 133 Please be seated.

Choir

Behold how good and pleasant it is to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious oil upon the head,

running down upon the beard,

Even on Aaron's beard,

running down upon the collar of his clothing.

It is like the dew of Hermon

running down upon the hills of Zion.

For there the Lord has promised his blessing: even life for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

First Lesson Please be seated. Isaiah 2: 2-4

Reader

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Magnificat

Please stand, as you are able.

'Short' Service by Orlando Gibbons

Choir

My soul doth magnify the Lord,

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm;

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat,

and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things;
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

**Second Lesson** *Please be seated. John 17: 1-21* 

world without end. Amen.

Reader

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.

They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.'

**Nunc Dimittis** Please stand, as you are able.

'Short' Service by Orlando Gibbons

Choir

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,

according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen.

### Apostles' Creed

Officiant I believe in God

the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

and in Issue Christ his only Son our I and

and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church;

the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins;

the Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Please kneel, as you are able.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.People Christ, have mercy upon us.Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

### The Lord's Prayer

Officiant Our Father

All 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. Amen.

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the Queen;

People And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

People And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people;

**People** And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;
People And evermore mightily defend us.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

### The Collects

Officiant We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that

by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both

in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Officiant

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

People Amen.

Officiant

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

People Amen.

**Anthem** O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

Herbert Howells

Tune: St. Cecilia

Choir

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within they walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

### Homily

An offering will now be taken. Donations received will be directed to PWRDF's emergency response in support of those displaced by the invasion of Ukraine.

Please stand, as you are able.

### Hymn for the Offering

Thy kingdom come, O God, thy rule, O Christ, begin; break with thine iron rod the tyrannies of sin.

Where is thy reign of peace and purity and love? When shall all hatred cease, as in the realms above?

When comes the promised time that war shall be no more, and lust, oppression, crime shall flee thy face before?

We pray thee, Lord, arise, and come in thy great might; revive our longing eyes, which languish for thy sight.

Men scorn thy sacred name, and wolves devour thy fold; by many deeds of shame we learn that love grows cold.

O'er lands both near and far thick darkness broodeth yet: arise, O Morning Star, arise, and never set!

Text: Lewis Hensley; Music: Leighton George Hayne.

### **Prayer Over the Offering**

Officiant Let us pray.

'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' (John 20:21)

Lord Christ, you have shown us your compassion and care for all people. Your love inspires us to imitate you as we live lives of compassion and care in our journey of faith. Accept now our offerings and transform them into action that will aid in our pursuit of peace in your world. In your name we pray.

People Amen.

### Prayers of the People

Please kneel, as you are able.

Officiant Let us offer to the Lord of all Creation the common prayer for the Church and for the World saying

People Lord, hear our prayer, grant us your peace and make us one.

Voice 1 Lord Christ, you are our peace. In your flesh you have made us into one and have broken down the dividing wall, that is the hostility between us. You offer us your peace continually and constantly remind us that peacemakers are blessed, "for they shall be called children of God". Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. We ask you, Lord:

People Hear our prayer, grant us your peace and make us one.

Voice 2 Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward and your voice resound in the hearts of all, as you call us to follow the path of reconciliation and peace, and to be merciful as you are merciful. We ask you, Lord:

People Hear our prayer, grant us your peace and make us one.

Voice 3 God of infinite mercy, we humbly implore you to look down on the nations now engaged in war. Look in mercy on those immediately exposed to peril. Comfort the Ukrainian people and all who are suffering the effects of the current conflict in their anxiety and fear. Relieve the sufferings of the wounded, and show mercy to the dying.

Remove the causes and occasions of this war, and restore peace among the nations. We ask you, Lord:

### People Hear our prayer, grant us your peace and make us one.

Woice 4 Holy God, whose Spirit wrapped the nations into one at Pentecost and in whom all are baptized, grant that people of every race and nation may understand one another, and as one, proclaim your praises. Grant that all may be one as you, Spirit, with the Father and the Son are one God, one Lord. Grant unity to the Body of Christ; grant unity to the human family. Breath of every living thing, may all be one who, in you, live and move and have their being. We ask you, Lord:

### People Hear our prayer, grant us your peace and make us one.

(Prayer provided by Bp. Andriy)

Voice 5 Great God! Almighty God! We, your sinful children, with humility in our hearts come to You and bow down our heads. Father! Forgive us our trespasses and the trespasses of our fathers and forefathers. We beseech you, accept today our sincere prayer and our gratitude for your boundless mercy towards us. Hear our prayers and accept the supplication of our afflicted hearts. Bless our land Ukraine in liberty, and grant it peace, tranquility and good fortune. O Most Merciful Lord, send down your grace upon those who turn to you in prayer.

We implore you, O Merciful God, look with grace upon our soldiers, who are abused and suffer in prisons and captivity. Remember the widows, the orphans, the disabled and helpless, those, who need your mercy and help. Unite us in one great family of Christ, so that all people, as brothers and sisters, may glorify your Magnificent name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

### People Amen.

Voice 6 Lord Jesus Christ, from whose face the light of life and peace radiates, illumine our lives with goodness and truth, and make us one as you and the Father are one. May we, with people from every race and nation, with the Church of all the ages, with prophets, apostles, evangelists, and martyrs join the angels of heaven in their unending song: Holy, Holy, Holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come. Amen.

### People Amen.

Voice 7 O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation. Let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

**Lent Prose** 

Please join in the refrain.

Mode V

Refrain



Hearus, OLord, havemer-cy u-ponus: for we have sin-ned a- gainst\_ thee.

*Cantor* To thee Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:

lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:

listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

Cantor O Thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father:

way of salvation, gate of life celestial:

cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

Cantor God we implore thee, in thy glory seated:

bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:

pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

Cantor Sins oft committed, now we lay before thee:

with true contrition, now no more we veil them:

grant us Redeemer, loving absolution.

Cantor Innocent captive, taken unresisting:

falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced, save us,

we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

**Closing Prayer & Blessing** 

Bishop May God embrace you with love and make kindness flow out from you.

People Amen.

Bishop May God ignite courage within you and transform you into agents of his

justice and peace.

People Amen.

Bishop May God grant you humility and give you perseverance to nurture unity.

People Amen.

Bishops May God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit bless, preserve,

and keep you this day and always.

People Amen.

Please stand, as you are able.

Tune: Ellers

### Hymn

Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise with one accord our parting hymn of praise. We stand to bless thee ere our worship cease, then lowly kneeling, wait thy word of peace.

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way; with thee began, with thee shall end the day. Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, that in this house have called upon thy name.

Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night; turn thou for us its darkness into light. From harm and danger keep thy children free, for dark and light are both alike to thee.

Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life, our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife. Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease, call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.

Text: John Ellerton; Music: Edward John Hopkins.

### Postlude Chorale Prelude BWV 630

J.S. Bach

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