



COMMON  
GROUND,  
HOLY GROUND,  
COMMON GOOD

20th Anniversary  
of the Waterloo Declaration  
Commemoration Resources

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## INTRODUCTION

The Waterloo Declaration between the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada was signed on July 6, 2001. A Eucharistic Celebration of the Waterloo Declaration was held July 8, 2001, a Joint day was held in 2007, and a 10th anniversary celebration was held, along with the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in July 2011.

Elements from each of those services are included in this Toolbox, along with additional suggestions and ideas. We sincerely thank all of the people who so graciously submitted prayers, affirmations and other writings. You will find their names throughout this document.

## GUIDELINES

**Toolbox:** For each element of the ordo, Gather, Word, Meal, Send, different options will be presented, which are appropriate to the theme of the 20th Anniversary of the Waterloo Declaration.

You may choose to pick one of the suggested options, or choose something that is more appropriate to your own context. You may choose to use these at a service specifically commemorating the Waterloo Declaration, or at another service. You may choose to use one or more of these options at different services throughout the year. Some options are especially suited for small group gatherings, Bible study groups or a retreat setting.

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## DEFINITIONS

ACC	Anglican Church of Canada
ACS	All Creation Sings
BAS	Book of Alternative Services
CP	Common Praise
ELCIC	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
ELW	Evangelical Lutheran Worship
JALC	Joint Anglican Lutheran Commission
WOV	With One Voice

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# GATHERING

## GATHERING AND ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE

Follow link: [anglicanlutheran.ca/waterloo](http://anglicanlutheran.ca/waterloo)

## CALL TO WORSHIP/OPENING DIALOGUE

### I

Priest: In the name of God: Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life.

**People: Amen.**

Priest: Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, the love at our beginning and without end, in our midst and with us.

**People: God is with us; here we find new life.**

Priest: Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

**All: Jesus Christ is good news for the poor, release for the captives, recovery of sight for the blind, and liberty for those who are oppressed.**

*Developed by the Ven. Travis Enright in community with the Indigenous ministry team of the diocese of Edmonton. Used with permission.*

### II *This may also be used at the time of Intercessory Prayer*

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.**

*Adapted from Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (2001), as quoted in Liturgies for Christian Unity: The First Hundred Years (1908-2008). Edited by the Faith and Witness Commission of the Canadian Council of Churches. Ottawa: Novalis-St. Paul, 2008, p. 155. Used with permission of the Canadian Council of Churches and World Council of Churches.*



## BAPTISMAL AFFIRMATION / THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

I Any version, from *ELW* (pp. 70-71) or *All Creation Sings* (pp. 10-11, 59-60).

### II *Used on Joint Day in 2007*

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.*

Voice: 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.*

Voice: 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.*

Voice: 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.*

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.*

**III**

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, O God of plenteous grace,  
for the waters you provide for the earth:  
for snow and dew, for oceans and wells,

for the rain that nourishes plants and trees,  
for the streams that enliven the animals, great and small,  
for the [Insert major rivers or lakes near you]  
We praise you, O God, for water.  
**We praise you, O God, for water.**

Blessing and glory be to you, O God of abundant mercy,  
for your word that flows with life-giving waters:  
for the story of the fountain that gushed from the rock,  
for the memory of the Jordan that immersed your Son in our  
sorrows, for the living rivers that flow from the cross,  
for the reconciling waters of baptism around which we gather.  
We bless you, O God, for water and the word.  
**We bless you, O God, for water and the word.**

At this font we pray:  
Pour upon us yet again the Spirit of our baptism.  
Our roots are dry: shower us with divine blessing.  
Our fruits need moisture: renew us for vibrant growth. Wash  
away the sin within us,  
and drown the evil around us.  
We beg you, O God, for water and the Spirit.  
**We beg you, O God, for water and the Spirit.**

You, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
you are the Water we crave;  
you, O God, are Rain and River and Fountain, life for us all,  
now and forever.  
**Amen**

*Use evergreen or palm branches to sprinkle congregation during  
the opening hymn as a way to Remember and Affirm our  
baptism.*

*Baptismal Affirmation written by Rev. Dr. Thomas Johnson, as a prayer suitable for  
commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Waterloo Declaration.*

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT / PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

A territorial acknowledgement seeks to acknowledge:

1. *the Indigenous peoples with historical ties to a particular locality*
2. *the treaty relationships between settler and Indigenous peoples that were entered into in respect of that land*

*As Christians, we also offer our gratitude for the opportunity to share the land with Indigenous peoples as members of a Church that has a conflicted history with Indigenous peoples, and we commit ourselves to the ongoing process of reconciliation. You can express this idea by concluding the acknowledgement with something like:*

*We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.*

*There's no "perfect" form of words for a territorial acknowledgement. What's important is to express, in a meaningful way, your commitment to reconciliation and right relationship with Indigenous peoples.*

*From the Anglican Diocese of Toronto: <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/social-justice-advocacy/indigenous-justice/territorial-acknowledgements/?lang=en>*

### ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND:

[Do you know whose land you're on?](#) *Anglican Journal*, June 2018

See <https://native-land.ca/resources/territory-acknowledgement/> and <https://native-land.ca> for access to maps

For an explanation of how to integrate land acknowledgement into the liturgy, see: <https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/diocesan-ministries/indigenous-justice/pages/acknowledging-traditional-territory-in-the-liturgy>

Territory acknowledgements are one small part of disrupting and dismantling colonial structures. Please consider getting in touch with local Indigenous nations or organizations to build relationships and support their work.

**I**

Dear friends, we gather this night on the traditional territory of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation(s).

**May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

**II**

In this time and place

We gather on the ancestral territories of \_\_\_\_\_ people(s).

**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

### *I Prayer of the Day used July 8, 2001*

Loving Source of all creation, in Jesus Christ you have united heaven and earth. Grant that we who share in the first fruits of that union may work for its fulfillment in the power of the Holy Spirit. We ask this in the name of the Incarnate Word, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **II**

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)*

### III

Holy One, whose fingers sculpted sun and moon;  
Holy Spirit, who brooded over the waters of creation;  
Holy Word, who lives in us;  
may we share in your grace, love and communion,  
so that we may live in your likeness;  
for you live in unity and diversity,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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### IV

God of all people,  
from every tribe and language;  
you called true witnesses  
who sang your praise,  
lived your grace and worked for peace.  
May we share their faith  
and live by their example,  
so that we might be a blessing  
to the hunger of your world;  
through Jesus Christ, whose body we are. **Amen.**

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## WORD

### READINGS

#### I Readings used July 8, 2001

Genesis 12:1-9	<i>The call of Abram</i>
Psalm 133	<i>The Blessedness of Unity</i>
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16	<i>Unity in the Body of Christ</i>
John 17:1-6, 11, 17-28	<i>Jesus Prays for His Disciples</i>

#### II Other readings that are appropriate for the day

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12	<i>The Value of a Friend</i>
Isaiah 2:2-4	<i>The Future House of God</i>
Romans 8:22-27	<i>Creation Groaning</i>
Revelation 22:1-5	<i>The River of Life</i> (used during the 2007 Joint Day Liturgy)
Matthew 28:16-20	<i>The Commissioning of the Disciples</i>
Mark 4:35-41	<i>Jesus Stills a Storm</i>

### SERMON

*Archbishop Linda Nicholls and National Bishop Susan Johnson have prepared a video introduction to the service, reflecting on the significance of full communion to both our churches. Local worship leaders are encouraged to offer sermons/homilies/reflections, as they wish and deem appropriate, in the course of the service.*



## DECLARATION AND CREED

*Siblings/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.

*A statement about the local expression of full communion may be shared here*

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

- P – 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 *[names of local communities/ministries]* 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.**

*Representatives of communities may sign a declaration, exchange meaningful symbols, commit to common expressions of unity and service appropriate to the context.*

**We declare our renewed commitment to the life and mission of *[names of local communities/ministries]*, 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.

*Response I or II:*

**I**

God of love,  
**hear our prayer.**

**II**

Loving God, we look to you.  
**Receive 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. *Response*

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. *Response*

We ask for your guidance as indigenous and non-indigenous 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. *Response*

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. *Response*

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 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 and unity of Christ be with you all  
**And also with you.**

## MEAL

*When there is no Communion, the service may continue with a Ritual Action that recognizes and symbolizes our unity as children of God. Suggestions of Ritual Actions can be found in the Additional Resources Section. Following the Ritual Action, the service may continue with the Lord's Prayer and the Sending.*

### OFFERING PRAYER / THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

#### I

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.

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#### II

Gracious God, lover of all,  
in this sacrament  
we are one family in Christ your Son,  
one in the sharing of his body and blood  
and one in the communion of his Spirit:  
help us to grow in love for one another  
and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ.  
We make our prayer through your Son our Saviour.

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### III

Gracious and generous God,  
in the common ground of these your bountiful gifts,  
You make all that we are and have holy.  
Through them, transform us into makers of common good,  
reflecting your glory, through your Son, the ground of our  
hope,  
Jesus Christ our Saviour and our friend.

*Prepared by The Very Rev. Peter Wall*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Four suggestions are provided. Adapt the language and imagery that is most suitable to your local context.*

### I

Eucharistic Prayer 2, BAS, p, 196 - 197

### II

Thanksgiving at the Table VI - ELW, p.66

*See Preface options below*

### III

Thanksgiving at the Table VII - ELW, p. 67

*See Preface options below*

### IV

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 1 (S1)

<https://www.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/Eucharist.pdf>

The Lord be with you. (*or* May God be with you.)

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord. (*or* We lift them up to God.)**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (*or* Let us give thanks to God our Creator.)

**It is right to give our thanks and praise. (*or* It is right to offer thanks and praise.)**

Holy God, Lover of creation,

we give you thanks and praise

for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place  
the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not

abandon us.

Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe  
we proclaim your glory saying (singing):

**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.**

Gracious God,  
in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity.  
Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world  
that could not bear the Gospel of life,  
Jesus knew death was near.  
His head anointed for burial  
by an unknown woman,  
Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread,  
gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends,  
saying, "Take and eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks,  
and said "Drink this all of you,  
this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you

and for many. Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”  
And now we gather at this table  
in response to his commandment,  
to share the bread and cup of Christ’s undying love, and to  
proclaim our faith.

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

Breathe your Holy Spirit,  
the wisdom of the universe,  
upon these gifts that we bring to you:  
this bread, this cup,  
ourselves, our souls and bodies,  
that we may be signs of your love for all the world and  
ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, Creator of all,  
and we bless your holy name for ever.  
**Amen.**

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## PREFACE

### I - Sundays

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of  
everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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### II - Weekdays

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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### III - Pentecost

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,  
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,  
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses  
of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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## LORD'S PRAYER

**I** In the language or version that is most applicable to the local context

**II** A Litany with petitions shaped by Our Lord's Prayer for unity among the believers, found in John 17

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**

*Prepared by The Most Reverend Archbishop Fred Hiltz*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### I

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, so that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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### II

Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us  
with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope,  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### III

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.

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# SENDING

## CLOSING PRAYER

### I - *Closing Prayer used July 8, 2001*

All your works praise you, God,  
**and your faithful servants bless you.**

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your son, Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, share his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### II

God of love and grace, we give you thanks for having gathered, nourished and refreshed us here on common ground - on holy ground - as a visible expression of the unity of our churches. Equip us to be workers with you in whatever tasks of mission serve the Gospel and the common good. Lead us always to give you glory for the gift of unity already ours in Christ, and to pray without ceasing for the fuller realization of this gift in your entire church. All this we ask in your name, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier. Amen.

*Adapted from the text of the Waterloo Declaration by The Rev. Susan Climo*

### III

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

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

*I - Benediction used July 8, 2001*

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, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (*Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier*) be among you and remain with you now and for ever. Amen.

## COMMITMENT TO ACTION AS WE GO FORTH

I - 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.

*Lighting candles from one large (paschal) candle, the leaders then distribute the flame to others. In online worship, households may be invited to have one candle burning throughout the service, and, at the end of the service, to light additional candles and set them on windowsills or at a front door or porch.*

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.

*Adapted from Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (2002), as quoted in Liturgies for Christian Unity: The First Hundred Years (1908-2008). Edited by the Faith and Witness Commission of the Canadian Council of Churches. Ottawa: Novalis-St. Paul, 2008, pp. 155-156. Used with permission of the Canadian Council of Churches and World Council of Churches.*

## II

We go forth from this common ground - this holy ground,  
**rejoicing that we have given witness to our churches'  
harmony and strong bonds through this gathering.**

We recommit ourselves to this enlivening and faith-affirming  
relationship  
**giving thanks for all that has been, and looking forward to  
new ways we can learn and grow together.**

Lead us, Creator God,  
**lead us to be workers with you in whatever tasks of mission  
serve your Gospel and the common good. We are ready!**

Hear us give you glory  
**as we claim with gratitude the gift of unity already ours in  
Christ.**

Holy Spirit, breathe your power into us;  
**inspire and equip us to take part in building greater unity  
in your entire church.**

We go out in peace  
**to love and serve God and neighbour, together.**

*Adapted from the conclusion of the Waterloo Declaration by Rev. Susan Climo*



## DISMISSAL

### **I**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **II**

Go in peace. Live in the unity of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

# HYMNS

## GATHERING HYMN

I Gathering Hymn used July 8, 2001

Lord of this moment,  
Guardian of our memories,  
offering a future yet to be:  
to you we bring our hope and our dreaming,  
and ask for grace, your path to see.

Named and baptised as  
children of your family,  
we learn from you love's boundless reach:  
making, forgiving, dying, and living –  
and still you have new truth to teach.

Bread that was broken,  
scattered and divided,  
Christ's body given for all the earth,  
calls us to serve and honour each other,  
that we may learn our soul's true worth.

Gather the fragments,  
gather in God's people:  
let us be one before our Lord:  
one in our purpose, one in our mission;  
one in the praise our lives afford.

Words: The Rev. Dr. Iain Luke  
Tune: SCHONSTER HERR JESU, ELW #838

II All Are Welcome ELW #641 (Used in 2011 Anniversary)

### HYMN OF THE DAY

I Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service ELW #712, CP #585  
II We All Are One in Mission ELW #576

### OFFERING HYMN

I In Jesus' Name, We Pause to Pray CP #664

### COMMUNION HYMNS

I O Christ the Same ELW #760  
II Draw the Circle Wide CP #418  
III Healer of our every ill ELW #612, CP #612  
IV For Everyone Born  
Hosanna! Ecumenical Songs for Justice and Peace #71  
*- see Appendix for additional information*

### SENDING SONG

I Rise Up, O Saints of God ELW #669, CP #586 (*different melodies*)  
II Go to the World CP #598  
III Listen, God is Calling ELW #513

### ADDITIONAL SONG/REFRAIN SUGGESTIONS

I Commonwealth is God's Commandment ACS #1036 -  
*This hymn's refrain includes words meaning peace from other religious traditions. See Appendix for additional information.*

**II** Miigwetch, Merci, Thank you, God

*- see Appendix for a copy of this song and for additional information  
This song may be sung in its entirety, or the refrain (Miigwetch, Merci,  
Thank you, God) may be suitable as a prayer or another liturgical  
response.*

**III** Sing a New World into Being

Songs for the Holy Other

Resource: The Hymn Society

*See Appendix for additional information.*

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### RITUAL ACTIONS

#### I

Have different representatives of the congregation(s) bring forward both common and worship items that represent their ministry with each other and the community. Share a brief sentence or prayer over each item. This may also be done in an online platform.

#### Example

Pitcher of Water: Let this Water be a symbol of our baptismal journey

Candle: Let this Light be a symbol of the light of Christ

Bible: Let this Bible, God's Word, guide us

Cup and Saucer: Let this Cup and Saucer be used in fellowship with others

Child's Item: Let this Child's Item remind us to care for the vulnerable

Musical Instrument:

Let this Musical Instrument be used to praise and glorify God

Food Items: Let these Food Items encourage us to feed the hungry

*Other items that are applicable to the local context*

#### II

*See the Ritual Actions under Resources for Different Settings*

### CHILDREN'S RESOURCES

There are three Elephant books, dealing with working and living together with others that are different from us.

#### I

“Elephant In The Middle Of The Room” is in video form read by the author, Bishop Telmor Sartison. It can be found on the CLWR

web page under Worship Resources for children. Theme: Elephant and his friends learn about welcoming others who are different from themselves.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tEpygDCfpAE>

## II

*Elephant In The Donut Shop* - about living together with those different from us and finding our “sameness.”

## III

*Elephant In The Christmas Pageant* - Elephant is baby Jesus, the “visitor from outside the farm.”

*These children’s books are written by retired National Bishop Telmor Sartison. They can be ordered directly from Bishop Sartison:*  
[telsar@telus.net](mailto:telsar@telus.net)

## RESOURCES FOR DIFFERENT SETTINGS (DEVOTIONAL GROUPS, RETREATS, SMALL GROUPS)

### I

Blessing of Intentional Relationships and Mutuality  
(10 -15 minutes)

#### *Invocation*

Let us affirm and celebrate the life-giving power of our relationships in Christ.

Loving God, thank-you for the blessing of life, but even more for those who make life worth living, the gift of family, friends, colleagues, and fellow members of the body of Christ. Give us what we need to remain ever faithful to you and to the covenant we will make, that our lives may be enriched with mutual growth through Christ. Amen.

***Scripture reading***

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.

*Philippians 2:1-2, NRSV*

***Possible Hymn***

*They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love* OR

*Bind Us Together*

WOV #748

***Ritual Action***

At this time please come forward and help write a covenant for affirming and building relationships between us. (i.e., youth and adults, or between church bodies, whatever groups are being represented). Please keep your statements focused on what you are willing to do to help foster our sense of partnership in Christ. Some possible examples include making a commitment to listen to one another, to pray for each other, to be compassionate and patient, to be an advocate for each other, etc.

*(Could do this during the singing of the hymn above)*

*After the song concludes and/or everyone is given time to write something down, ask each person come forward to sign the covenant, light a candle and affirm their baptism, by making the sign of the cross with water from the baptismal bowl, saying to themselves:*

May God empower me to keep the covenant we have made through God's baptismal grace.

*(As people do this you may sing "Here I am Lord", ELW #574, WOV #752)*

*Closing Prayer:*

May God's love for us be reflected in our commitment to each other.  
May we fulfill our promises with actions of love, empowered by God's steadfast grace and peace.

*Conclude with the Passing of God's Peace*

*Blessing of Intentional Relationships and Mutuality prepared by Rev.*

*Dr. Thomas Johnson*

**II**

**Mutual Commitment to Ministry**

*Welcome*

Welcome to this time for celebrating the life-giving power of mutual commitment to doing God's work together. By baptism we are made one body, as we serve one Lord, empowered by one spirit.

*Opening prayer*

**Gracious God, thank you for blessing our lives with the gift of each other. Give us what we need to be faithful to you as we continue in the covenant that we have made. May our lives and ministry be enriched with mutual growth through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Scripture Reading*

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, and sharing in the spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete; be in 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. That each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

*Philippians 2:1-4, NRSV*



**Reflection**

*(individually or in small groups)*

What does this covenant mean for you both individually and as a community?

How will it impact your understanding of baptism and empower your ministry?

What are some of your expectations and hopes?

What are some of your concerns and challenges?

How can this be a witness to the rest of the world?

**Ritual action**

*Using a seashell gently sprinkle those you are with and yourself using the words:*

In the name of the triune God and the mutual relationship between Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, and by the waters of baptism may you be united in your commitment to be responsible and compassionate toward each other, upholding each other's ministry by bearing witness to our mutual ministry.

*If there is a specific covenant to be agreed-upon or signed hold it up and say:*

May God bless us and the covenant we have made.

May God's love for us be reflected in our commitment to each other now and forever. **Amen.**

*The Mutual Commitment to Ministry prepared by Rev. Dr. Thomas Johnson*

## RESOURCES FOR SPECIFIC DATES

There are many times in the liturgical calendar that might be appropriate for local celebration of 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Full Communion, July 2021 to July 2022, Years B-C

This celebration can go on *all year!*

*Consider dates of significant local events and anniversaries that are appropriate to your local Anglican, Lutheran, and ecumenical communities, such as the anniversary of a decision to form a merged congregation, or to partner with your full communion neighbouring church to support young people going to CLAY. For these times you may use the resources suggested by the JALC, or the Revised Common Lectionary appointed readings for these days, along with the Prayers of the Day and Collects of the Day from each church's official liturgies may be more appropriate to your local context. Many of the prayers officially appointed for these days contain themes that are amenable to a liturgical celebration of full communion, our oneness in Christ, and our call to enjoin God's mission for the sake of the world.*

July 6, 2021  
 Sunday, July 4, 2021  
 Sunday, July 11, 2021

The date of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of The Waterloo Declaration of Full Communion between the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Sunday, July 4 or Sunday July 11 might be considered as times to hold local celebrations.

August 22, 2021	The Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth Gathering is taking place online August 20-22 2021.
September 14, 2021	Holy Cross Day
October 31, 2021	Reformation Day; Saints of the Reformation
November 1, 2021	All Saints
January 8, 2022	Baptism of Our Lord
January 18-25, 2022	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (from Confession of Peter to Conversion of Paul) <i>See <a href="http://www.councilofchurches.ca">www.councilofchurches.ca</a> for the theme, readings and prayers for 2022.</i>
February 27, 2022	Transfiguration Sunday
June 5, 2022	Pentecost

### *Reformers and Renewers of the Church*

Our two Calendars include commemorations and memorials of a number of historical Reformers of the Church, from the time of the early church to the 20<sup>th</sup> century. They are diverse and represent different sorts of renewal in the life of the church. Perhaps the Readings and Prayer for the Renewers of the Church\* from ELW, p. 60, is appropriate for your setting. You may also review the lists of saints in the calendars that speak especially well to your own communities.

*\*You may wish to name communities and leaders who have enlivened your own ecumenical and full communion relationships, or others who have inspired full communion ministries in your local community, including ministries of outreach, service, justice, and reconciliation.*

## APPENDIX

### HYMNS - Additional Information

#### **For Everyone Born**

from *Hosanna! Ecumenical Songs for Justice and Peace*. Edited by Andrew Donaldson. World Council of Churches. Geneva, Switzerland, 2016.

The song can be heard here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akF3oWZoIXE>

and here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmIe0svKuQc>

#### **Commonwealth is God's Creation**

The hymn can viewed and heard here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EZzhXp2UIBw>

#### **Miigwetch, Merci, Thank you, God**

Words and Music: Jane Best, 2020

A copy of the song and the refrain are at the end of the Appendix.

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*The spark for this hymn came from a competition hosted by St. John's Anglican Cathedral in Winnipeg. They were planning to mark their 200 years of service with the theme "celebrating God's faithfulness." What caught my imagination was the hopefulness of that theme. There is deep pain in the history of the church in Canada, as well as much to celebrate. I tried to write a text that is inclusive, forward-looking, and acknowledging our ongoing need for change. The hymn tune is modal rather than straight major or minor to reflect many folk cultures. Due to Covid, the*

*St. John's anthem competition was cancelled but I do have choral anthem music available, as well as the hymn music. jane@bestsongs.ca*

### **Sing a New World into Being**

Downloadable at <https://thehymnsociety.org/resources/songs-for-the-holy-other/>

A version of the hymn can be viewed and heard here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ynXSE86m\\_A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ynXSE86m_A)

### **Children's Resources**

Written and self-published by Bishop Telmor Sartison: [telsar@telus.net](mailto:telsar@telus.net)

# Miigwetch, Merci, Thank You, God

Jane Best

*Miigwetch* is pronounced like **me** gwetch and means "thank you" in the language of First Nations people on Manitoulin Island where I live; *merci* is French. Feel free to substitute local words. Alternatively, you may sing "Here together we say, "thank you, God."

The musical score is written in 3/2 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1.Lamb of God, from our roots and tra - di - tions we bring  
 2.Spi - rit, flow - ing through all our dry pla - ces, in - un -  
 3.Lov - ing God, your have called us your child - ren. Your church  
 4.Faith - ful God, we will trust in your good - ness while your

5  
 truths and i - deals, fears and dreams. You re - deem us and  
 date us with hope as we serve in our work and our  
 gath - ers as one fam - i - ly. Help us love, help us  
 church slow - ly grap - ples with change. As we walk in your

10  
 raise up fresh vi - sions. Mii - gwetch, mer - ci, thank you,  
 art and our prais - es!  
 learn, help us lis - ten!  
 Way, you go with us.

15  
 God. Mii - gwetch, mer - ci, thank you, God.

## ROOTS AND TRADITIONS 10 9 10 7 7

originally written in celebration of the 200th anniversary of St. John's Anglican Cathedral, Winnipeg celebrating God's faithfulness." I initially named this tune after the diocese where the Cathedral is located, but I feel that "roots and traditions" better expresses my intentions when I wrote the song. We are in a time of deep soul searching and change here in Canada.

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# Miigwetch, Merci, Thank You, God (refrain)

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Miigwetch, merci, thank you, God.

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