



Kensington Presbyterian Church  
Growing in Faith and sharing God's Love  
since 1786

*The essence of God is...*

*August 3, 2025*

**WELCOME**, we come to you from the un-ceded lands of the Kanien'kehá:ka Nation.

We're glad this PDF has come to you.<sup>1</sup> If you're using a device, clicking on or tapping blue text will take you to a web-site. We are also welcoming people to worship in person on Sundays at 10:30, over Zoom, and on YouTube. Know that you are not alone.

If you have any prayer requests, ideas, or just want to talk, please reach out to your elder or Rev. Peter (Peter@Kensingtonchurch.ca)



### *Announcements*

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#### **Prayer Groups:**

**Zoom:** Wednesday 6:30 am

**Woman's Prayer Group:** summer meetings through *What's App*

**Drop Box:** Food donations are welcome for the Food Pantry at *Women on the Rise*, and items for children (ex. diapers) for young mothers through Head & Hands.

**Lillian Campbell Brown:** funeral will be August 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:30  
at the National Field of Honour  
703 Donegani, Point-Claire - in the back corner

<sup>1</sup> note: that the footnotes are not as thorough as an academic paper.



Trinity Window - Avondale PA

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## Approaching God



### Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jésus Christ est la lumière du monde.  
Jesus Christ is the light of the world.



### Call to worship

Today our Call to Worship comes from Paul's letter to the  
Philippians (4:4), and you're invited to sing it.....421  
***"Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice"***

♪ Hymn: King of Kings.....pg 12  
[www.worshipstogether.com/songs/king-of-kings-hillsong-worship](http://www.worshipstogether.com/songs/king-of-kings-hillsong-worship)



Christ washing feet - Butler



### Prayer of Approach

Lord Jesus,  
one being with God,  
yet truly human  
In the fullness of your power, most gentle,  
and at your greatest, most humble,  
May your Spirit teach us and lead us  
to be of the same mind and heart as you  
our Lord or all.

**Amen.**



## Listening to God



### Children's Time

Today's passage is about God. Yes, most passages are in some way, but today is one perspective of what is most important. What do you think is important to remember about God? (and Jesus!) . . .

### Prayer

*Dear Jesus. help us to know you better,  
and to become good at sharing what is important about you.*

**Amen.**

♪ Hymn: I danced in the morning.....pg 13 (250)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=PEAIJV6CmtA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PEAIJV6CmtA)



### Prayer for Illumination

Dear Lord,  
Make us to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach us your paths.  
So that we may see your good work  
and share your glory.

**Amen.**



## ✧ Intro to the readings

Last week we heard the start of Paul's letter to the Philippians - who lived in a context surprisingly similar to our own. In it we find out that Paul's locked up and might be executed... and that this isn't a big concern for him.

He starts by sharing how grateful he is for the church in Philippi and their support in this. Paul recognizes that they are feeling challenged by the culture around them and their own faults, but shares his confidence that God is working through them, and others, to complete the good work.

That said, the big focus and source of confidence for Paul is Christ. Despite his present situation, Paul is overflowing with joy that more and more people are hearing about the grace and peace that can be found through Jesus.

But what is it about Christ that's so wonderful? That's in today's passage.

Commentators through the millennia believe this passage was a hymn of the early church, possibly also a creed or part of their Sunday morning responses. Because it uses words not found elsewhere in the Bible it is likely that this was a hymn wasn't written by Paul, but was already in use by the church... which means it goes back to the first 20 or so years after Jesus' death.<sup>2</sup>

Jennifer is going to read that passage from two different versions. The first will be from the New Revised Standard Version (updated edition), which tries to preserve the poetic language. The other is from The Message by Eugene Peterson, and is more like a letter, and perhaps easier to understand. As you listen, consider why Paul included this hymn. What's the point the hymn is trying to make about Christ and God?

<sup>2</sup> Remember that Paul's letters were written before the gospels - and this hymn was before this letter. Commentators figure it was written sometime between 52 and 65 CE.



The Hand of God - Yongsung Kim



Reading: Please look up the passages in your own Bible,<sup>3</sup> or click on the name to be taken to an online version.

[Philippians 2: 5-11 \(NRSV\)](#)

[Philippians 2: 5-11 \(The Message\)](#)

[Psalm 25: 1-9](#)

<sup>3</sup> If you'd like a new Bible with helpful notes, I recommend the 'Life with God Bible' NRSV from Renovaré. ISBN 0061834963  
or for the more academically inclined, The New Oxford Study Bible NRSV

## ✧ Sermon: Describing God

*Dear Lord, please bless these words  
and the meditations of our hearts.<sup>4</sup> Amen.*

So, what is the point of the hymn? and why did Paul include it in his letter?

We heard about Christ being humble - emptying himself to completely reveal God. And that as Jesus reveals God's glory, God made Jesus the Lord of all.

One way this passage is interpreted is as a lesson in ethics. These words tell us how we should live - humble like Jesus. However, if that's all it is, then shouldn't all humble people also be lifted up by God so that every tongue will confess them as lord? That doesn't make sense. We can only have one Lord of all, and that's Jesus. There's got to be more going on.

The starting point for this passage is to describe Jesus the Christ, not us. It's a very brief biography. If you were to write a biography of Jesus, what would you put in? Although a closer analogy to this would be an 'elevator conversation' - a summary in a minute. What would you say? What's necessary?

Here they leave out almost all the details. They include that Christ Jesus and God were one since the beginning. That Christ emptied himself into a human form and lived completely in line with God's will until he was humiliated and killed - after which God lifted Jesus up to become Lord of



all... shows the glory of God. It doesn't include details about his life, nor is it a theological debate. This is the facts, just the facts, about Jesus.

Why include it in the letter? and before that, in early Christian worship? It answers the prayer in today's psalm: "*Make me know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.*" Christians saying statements like this when they come together reminds them of who Jesus was and is, and to remember God's glory. This is important because it is amazing, and impacts all our relationships.

As the church continued to develop, they used this passage as a reminder... but over time they decided they needed other statements to help make things clearer. A danger to this is that if we define God too much we can also limit how we see God. However having a more detailed definition can correct misunderstandings we have. How do we know the difference? Through a lot of group talking, and time.

The PCUSA, the largest Presbyterian denomination in the U.S., has a book of these sorts of descriptions gathered through the ages.<sup>5</sup> There are many more, but these ones they consider important guidance. It includes the Scots Confession of 1560, the Westminster Confession of 1647, various Catechisms, and some more recent statements in response to Nazi Germany and Apartheid South Africa. All of them were Trinity - Shin Maeng

4 Psalm 19:14

5 Explore the book here: <https://pcusa.org/resource/book-confessions> Each section has an introduction



written in context, and usually in response to significant debate (crisis). An exception to this is the one our denomination wrote in the 1980s called *Living Faith*. We just wrote it out of a love for God. These statements that have been widely accepted as providing a way to check that our beliefs about God are on the right track, while remembering the statements are not the Bible and were written in a historical context.<sup>6</sup> It's interesting to look back on what they said and how they saw God working... and noticing how this is still important to daily lives.

The PCC has various statements we have accepted throughout our history.<sup>7</sup> The most recent was a catechism adopted in 2004, but also *Living Faith*, the Declaration of Faith Concerning Church and Nation, the Westminster Confession of Faith with its catechisms, and two early creeds.<sup>8</sup>

What's a creed? It's a brief statement of beliefs... like our passage. The word creed comes from Latin and means "I believe". As I've said, many have been written. While the PCC doesn't necessarily have anything against other creeds, we tend towards a more minimal approach. The one you are likely most familiar with: The Apostle's Creed. When we gather as a community for communion at Kensington, we traditionally use this one. The earliest version dates back to around 180 CE<sup>9</sup> (yes, well after the original apostles had all died). It



continued to develop into the one we use today into the late 7<sup>th</sup> century.

The other creed officially accepted by the PCC reached its final version in 381 CE, and is even more widely accepted by the different branches of Christianity. The Orthodox Churches object to the Apostle's Creed... because they find the title misleading. As you'll see, the content is very similar (see page 11).

The opening is almost exactly the same, with just a reminder that we don't know everything God does.

The Jesus section emphasizes the connections between Jesus and God. They are distinct and one being - one since before creation. Before talking about Jesus on earth, the purpose is given: "*For us and for our salvation.*" Jesus came to heal/fix/save us. The Nicene Creed also reminds us that Jesus was human, not a great powerful god... though one with God. That all that happened was consistent with scriptures. This is a continuation of God's good work leading to the glorious kingdom under Christ.

While the section with the Holy Spirit doesn't include much, it is at least more than the Apostle's Creed and reminding us that this is how God speaks through people.

The last bit is pretty similar. It emphasizes living into "*Thy Kingdom Come*", rather than "*life everlasting*". The line about one baptism picks up on the theme of one community - and seen in the first words: "*We believe*".

Lakota Trinity - Father John Giuliani

6 One infamous line in the Westminster Confession calls the Pope the antichrist. The PCC partners well with the Roman Catholic Church, now, and leaves that language and attitude in the past.

7 <https://presbyterian.ca/resources/resources-od/>

8 PCC statements on what we believe, including the creeds [presbyterian.ca/about/more/](https://presbyterian.ca/about/more/)

9 In response to Marion who wanted to remove any Jewishness from the Bible and Christianity.

This is more than academic, or just for Communion Sunday. They are good reminders for our relationship with God and each other. Nothing is greater than God - no person, or thing, or relationship, or idea. While we think of God as three persons (Father, Son & Holy Spirit) they are all one - and have been since before the beginning. God, through Jesus, is trying to bring healing/salvation - in a way that is sadly strange to us. The Holy Spirit is working through us... and it is all leading to the glorious kingdom to come.

Or to put it another way: You are not alone. You are part of a community of Christians. You are loved by the Creator who will do what it takes to lead us into glory... which includes God working through people in ways “*seen and unseen*”. When you are joyful or struggling, remember this community. Remember God is at work. Remember that we are a part of it.

And getting back to the creed in Philippians... be humble about it. Don't be a pushover, this is great news, but it's not because we're great. The ethics bit does come into it - and the confidence and joy that Paul felt knowing “*that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.*”

To God be all the glory  
Amen.



## Responding to God

♪ Hymn: What wondrous love is this.....pg 15 (242)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=TtPdb\\_UKy2U](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TtPdb_UKy2U)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=oVNktRGU3As](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oVNktRGU3As)



**FaithTalk:** These are some questions for you to discuss with somebody... or many somebodies. Do what you feel safe (and practice stretching a little).

**Values:** How would you express the essence of God?

**Actions:** Try it. You can speak, sing, write a poem or story, draw, paint, dance or cook...

**Wonder:** If you are wondering about other statements, I suggest checking out the Barmen and Belhar statements,<sup>10</sup> or our own *Living Faith*.<sup>11</sup>

**Prayer:** ...that the Holy Spirit will help us to know God's ways - seen and unseen.



## Spirit Sighting

Bhawna, an eight-year-old girl, dreamed of attending school so that one day she could become a doctor. But in her village in Pakistan, there was no school for her to attend. Everything changed when a local partner opened a girls' school with PWS&D's support. Bhawna's mother, Soorma, shares how eager her daughter was to attend, her excitement visible in how she carefully carried her new books to class. Through the program, Bhawna and the other children receive lunch daily and educational materials, toys and support from dedicated teachers. “The opening of the girls' school has not only fulfilled Bhawna's dream but has also shifted the mindset of our entire community. Education is no longer considered a privilege reserved for boys,” shares Soorma.



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<sup>11</sup> <https://presbyterian.ca/resources/resources-od/>



## Offering

Financially, we have set up a donation option on our **website**. Just click the '**Donate Now**' button, and then the pretty button. It gives you various options that are easy to follow. You can now donate through **interac e-transfer**. Our name is Kensington Presbyterian Church and the e-mail address is [info@kensingtonchurch.ca](mailto:info@kensingtonchurch.ca).

Mailing a cheque or signing up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (**PAR**) are also good options.

All donations are gratefully received and support God's work in our local and extended community.



## Communion

♪ Hymn: Here, O my Lord, I see thee #1-3.....pg 14 (543)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=sj0XLg-fq8I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sj0XLg-fq8I)



## Invitation to the table

Maintenant, c'est le temps  
 de se rassembler autour de la Table de notre Seigneur.  
 God knows you,  
 and what is going on inside you  
 and has lead you to this time  
 to join the community at the table of our Lord.  
 Everyone who wants to know God better is welcome.  
 C'est la volonté de Dieu  
 que tous ceux qui veulent connaître Jésus  
 partagent ce repas.



The Hand of God - Yongsung Kim

As a part of coming together as a community I'm going to invite you to join in a communal statement of faith that goes back to about 381 and is accepted by more Christians than any other: the Nicene Creed.



## Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

For you are the Almighty maker of heaven and earth:  
of bubbling brooks and mighty waterfalls,  
of hummingbirds and eagles,  
of people - with minds to understand and hearts to feel.  
Lord of Lords,  
you are the Almighty, with power over everything and everyone  
We appreciate all that see we of your glory  
...teach us to appreciate what we don't not seen.  
Because your grace is beyond our imaging  
And so we join with the whole creation  
to lift our hearts in joyful praise.

**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.**

To you, O Lord,  
we lift up our souls.  
Because you humbled yourself,  
becoming truly human



to provide a way for us to relate to you  
to show us what it is to live your way,  
even when it means death to the old ways,  
and the old body.

We admit that we continue to struggle with being of the same  
mind as you - with humbly putting others before ourselves.  
Please save us from ourselves  
and help us to focus on you  
so we may also know Paul's confidence and joy.

Through your life, death, & resurrection  
you reveal the glory  
that defies the mind, but satisfies the hungry heart.

So together, we proclaim the mystery of the faith.

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

We believe that your Holy Spirit  
is continually working to complete the good work begun in us.  
Teach us your path  
so that we may share your goodness with those around us.

Lord, we pray that your presence will be felt everywhere,  
but there are situations which are dear to our hearts.

We pray for...

- those who can't live in peace  
who live with conflict  
or fear for their income  
or basic needs.

- those who are struggling with their health: physical,  
mental, spiritual.
- those who don't feel supported by a community.
- those whose loved ones have left this world.

We give thanks for ways the community helps, from social  
workers, to Women on the Rise and Head and Hands, to  
Presbyterians Sharing,  
and for ways that your Spirit is unseen.

And we thank you for the guides you have left to remind us of  
your love and glory - such as the Creeds and the Lord's Prayer.  
Let us say together the Lord's Prayer



Lord's Prayer (feel free to use another version/translation)

**Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done,**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those**  
**who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial**  
**and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours**  
**now and forever.**

As we gather at your table  
we are reminded that your Spirit  
can turn the ordinary into the holy.

so that we can recognize you in bread and juice.  
 May your Holy Spirit make this time come alive  
 in ways that bring us closer to you.  
 Amen.



The Last Supper - Ivan Guaderrama



### Words of Institution

On the night before he met with death, Jesus took bread, and  
 after giving thanks to God  
 he broke the bread and shared it, saying  
 “This is my body; it is broken for you.”  
 “Ceci est mon corps, qui est rompu pour vous”  
 [take and eat]

In the same way, he took the cup of wine after dinner and said,  
 “This is the new relationship with God, sealed in my blood  
 Take this, all of you, in remembrance of me.”  
 “Cette coupe est la nouvelle alliance en mon sang;  
 faites ceci en mémoire de moi”  
 Take and drink. ]



### Prayer after Communion

Loving God,  
 you graciously feed us  
 now and through your Spirit.  
*Jésus, il n'y a rien qui puisse te séparer de nous.*  
 and we thank you for bringing us together  
 through your Word and your table.  
 Through you, we are saved.  
*Vous êtes ici maintenant avec espoir et amour*  
*- et aussi dans le monde.*  
 Help us to share your love with all the world.

In Jesus name  
 Amen.

♪ Hymn: Here, O my Lord, I see thee #4, 7.....pg 14 (543)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=sj0XLg-fq8I](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sj0XLg-fq8I)



### Benediction (from Philippians 1:9-11)

May your love overflow more and more  
 with knowledge and insight  
 So that we may share in  
 the righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ  
 for the glory and praise of God.  
 Amen.



## **Apostles' Creed** (Newer Version)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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.

## **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
He came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



## **King of Kings**

by Brooke Ligertwood & Hillsong Worship

### **Verse 1**

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfill the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

### **Chorus**

Praise the Father Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit Three in One  
God of glory, Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings

### **Verse 2**

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake You died

**REPEAT CHORUS**

### **Verse 3**

And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

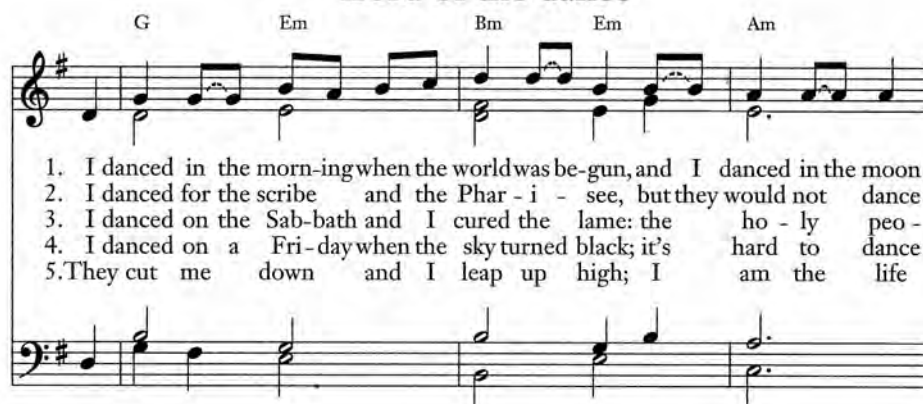
### **Verse 4**

And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me

**REPEAT CHORUS**

# I danced in the morning / Lord of the dance

G Em Bm Em Am



1. I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I danced in the moon  
2. I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but they would not dance  
3. I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame: the ho - ly peo -  
4. I danced on a Fri-day when the sky turned black; it's hard to dance  
5. They cut me down and I leap up high; I am the life

D G Em

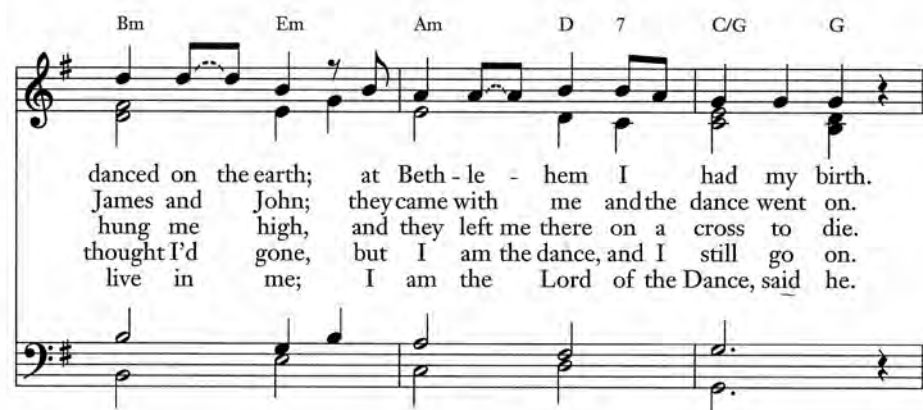


and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heav-en and I  
and they would-n't fol-low me; I danced for the fish-er-men, for  
ple said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they  
with the de - vil on your back. They bur - ied my bo-dy, and they  
that - 'll nev - er, nev - er die; I'll live in you if you'll

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Bm Em Am D 7 C/G G



danced on the earth; at Beth - le - hem I had my birth.  
James and John; they came with me and the dance went on.  
hung me high, and they left me there on a cross to die.  
thought I'd gone, but I am the dance, and I still go on.  
live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Refrain D6 Bm Em G Am7 D /C



Dance, then, wher-ev-er you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll

G/B C G/D D/C G/B Am7 D7 G C G



lead you all, wher-ev-er you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

## Here, O my Lord, I see thee

LANGRAN 10 10 10 10

F /A B $\flat$  F /C C7 F

1. Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;  
 2. Here would we feed up - on the bread of God,  
 3. This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
 4. Too soon we rise; the sym - bols dis - ap - pear.  
 5. We have no help but thine, nor do we need

F G/F C/E F C/E Dm G7 C

here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,  
 here drink with thee the roy - al wine of heaven;  
 this is the heaven - ly ta - ble for us spread;  
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;  
 an - oth - er arm but thine to lean up - on;

F/A B $\flat$  F/A C7/G F B $\flat$ 6 maj7 C

here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,  
 here would we lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
 here let us feast, and, feast - ing, still pro - long  
 the bread and wine re - move, but thou art here,  
 it is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;

F F7/A B $\flat$  B $\flat$ dim F/A Gm F/C C7 F

and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.  
 here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.  
 this fel - low - ship in thee, our liv - ing bread.  
 near - er than ev - er, still our shield and sun.  
 our strength is in thy might, thy might a - lone.

6. Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;  
 mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing blood.  
 Here is my robe, my refuge and my peace,  
 thy blood, thy righteousness, O Lord, my God.

7. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
 yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
 giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
 the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

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## What Wondrous Love Is This

Dupuy's *Selection of Hymns*  
and Mead's *General Selection*, 1811

WONDERFUL LOVE  
12 9 12 12 9

William Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835



1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2. When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when  
 3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this,  
 I was sink-ing down, O my soul! When I was sink-ing down  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing. To God and to the Lamb

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 be - neath God's right-eous frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my  
 who is the great "I AM," while mil-lions join the theme, I will

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul.  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.

## MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, August 3

Khadija Yusuf Ahmed, a mother of six from Dabataag, Somalia, has shown remarkable strength in the face of immense adversity. Her husband died during the recent civil war in Las Anod and her journey has been one of double displacement—first fleeing her home in Mogadishu only to later be forced to escape again when violence reached Las Anod. The challenges of being a single mother and providing for her kids weighed heavily on Khadija. But she found hope in a Canadian Foodgrains Bank project that provided cash assistance for food. "Our meals have become more wholesome, and the fear of going to bed hungry has diminished. I have fulfilled my children's basic needs and addressed their main concerns," she shares. This project is supported by PWS&D and the Government of Canada.



## DAILY PRAYERS

**Sunday, August 3** We pray for the ongoing work of the Committee on Church Doctrine as they guide Presbyterians in responding to Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) and supporting those who have chosen it.

**Monday, August 4** We pray for students of The Presbyterian College of Montreal who are serving in summer placements. May these be rewarding experiences that will further the work of God's kingdom.

**Tuesday, August 5** We pray for staff and students of The Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America in Guatemala as they respond to challenges of their context with transformative pastoral practice.

**Wednesday, August 6 (Anniversary: 1945 Bombing of Hiroshima)** Today we remember the victims of the atomic bombing in Hiroshima from this day in 1945 and we pray for an end to the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

**Thursday, August 7** We pray for faith leaders and organizations around the globe who are actively working to tackle climate challenges.

**Friday, August 8** We pray for those who are worried about the increasing costs of living. May we be the hands of Christ, helping people in need.

**Saturday, August 9 (International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples)** We recognize and honour the diverse identities, cultures, languages, governance systems, traditions and spiritual practices of Indigenous peoples around the world.