



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

*The judgment is...*  
 May 3, 2026

**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*

**Sunday Singing:** Join Zoé on Sundays at 9:50 to share in the music

**Prayer Groups:**

**Women's Prayer Group:** Tuesday afternoon

**Zoom:** Wednesday at 6:30 am

**Bible Study:** normally Wednesday 7-8 pm - *not this week*

**Friday Friendly Food & Film Series:** 6:30 pizza, followed movie

**May 8:** ---- (not this week)

**May 15:** Mama Mia 2

**Drop Box:** We collect food for the pantries at St. Monica's and *Women on the Rise*. We also collect children's items (especially diapers) for *Head and Hands*.

**Joseph's graduation** ceremony on May 12 at 10 pm our time - Live online and available after: [vst.edu/convocation](http://vst.edu/convocation)

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



woman caught in adultery - Kim Ki-chang

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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<sup>2</sup>

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

We desire to live in God's house  
and to seek God in his holy temple.

**We have come with shouts of joy,  
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths  
in this hour of worship and always.**

♪ Hymn: God of mercy, God of grace.....pg 11 (39)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=60gxtlo2-i4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=60gxtlo2-i4)



Good Samaritan - Annie Vallotton

2 Worship Sourcebook 1.2.5 based on Psalm 27; John 4:23



### Prayer of Approach<sup>3</sup>

Loving God, we have gathered to meet you.

We have come to listen to you,  
to seek you, to worship you.

You are the beginning of all things,

the life of all things; you knew us before we were born.

In you we become;

in you we live.

Loving God, you are here and everywhere,

around us and within us;

you know our innermost thoughts.

In you we hope;

in you we live.

You are the source of serenity,

giving peace that is beyond our understanding.

In you we are still;

in you we live.

Loving God, we live in you;

we worship you.

Loving God, you live in us;

we worship you.

Amen.



## Listening to God

3 Worship Sourcebook 1.4.16

## ✦ Children's Time

Our next hymn is called: *We come to ask your forgiveness*. It's about how sometimes we hurt others on purpose, or by accident. Let's take a look at the words.

*Chorus:*

We come to ask your forgiveness, O Lord,  
and we seek forgiveness from each other.  
Sometimes we build up walls instead of bridges to peace,  
and we ask your forgiveness, O Lord.

1. Sometimes we hurt by what we do to others.  
Sometimes we hurt with words that are untrue.  
Sometimes we cause others pain by what we fail to do,  
and we ask your forgiveness, O Lord.

*(Chorus)*

2. For the times when we've been rude and selfish,  
for the times when we have been unkind,  
and for the times we refused to help our friends in need,  
we ask your forgiveness, O Lord.

*(Chorus)*

As our prayer, let's sing it...

♪ Hymn: We Come to Ask Your Forgiveness.....pg 12 (201)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xj4sQkaRYzg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xj4sQkaRYzg)

## 🧘 Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds  
through the power of your Holy Spirit,  
help us live out your justice.

Amen.

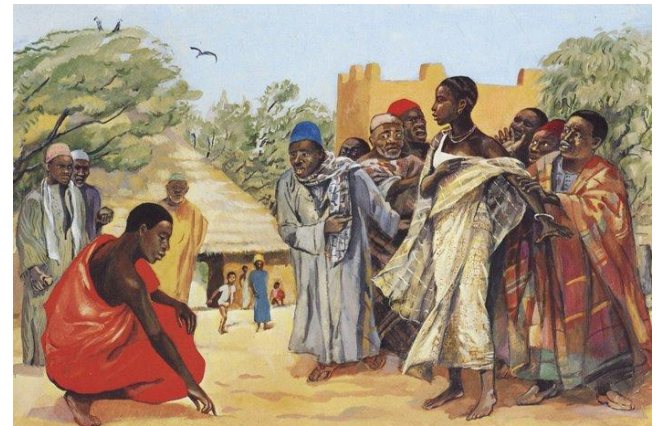
## ✦ Intro to the readings

As you probably gathered from the children's time, today's theme has to do with sin... and judgment. Our psalm will be a longer section of psalm 51 than we did a couple of months ago. It expresses what it can feel like to be aware of your sins, and what you might pray to God.


Before that we'll hear a story from John that was skipped by the lectionary. It's found back at the beginning of chapter 8 when Jesus was teaching in the temple.

A good practice with any story, including Biblical ones, is to imagine yourself in the story. In this case there are four distinct groups or people. There's the 'scribes and Pharisees', who are very earnest about living a life worthy of God, and concerned about not making the Roman's angry. They see Jesus as a threat to both. There is the crowd, who are curious about Jesus and have gathered to hear what he has to say - and maybe to see a spectacle. There's a woman, who lives in a society where honour and shame dictated status, and women had little power (don't judge though, it was less than 100 years ago that women were legally persons in Canada<sup>4</sup>). ...and there's Jesus. As you listen, remember the different perspectives on what is going on.

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in adultery  
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4 for more information:  
[www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality/commemorations-celebrations/womens-history-month/persons-day.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality/commemorations-celebrations/womens-history-month/persons-day.html)

 Reading: Please look up the passages in your own Bible,<sup>5</sup> or click on the name to be taken to an online version.

[John 8](#)

[Psalm 51](#)

 Sermon: Judgment...

*Dear Lord, please bless the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts.<sup>6</sup> Amen.*

Was the Gospel story familiar to you? It has a lot of elements that make it a good story. It's exciting and tense, horrifying for us watching what's going on, and has an unexpected twist... though maybe not, as Jesus often creates the unexpected. There's also a famous line, "*Let anyone among you who is without sin throw the first stone.*"

Still, it's surprising that it's so well known, because this story is not in the Lectionary<sup>7</sup> - either the three year Revised Common Lectionary that is used by many many churches, or the four year Narrative Lectionary we've been using. Which leads to another question. If it's such a good story, why isn't it in the lectionaries?

In the oldest and most trustworthy copies of the Gospels - the story simply isn't there. When it starts to show up it is usually where we found it this morning, but sometimes it's a little earlier (after 7:36), or tacked onto the end of John (after 21:25)... or even in the Gospel According to Luke (after 21:38). Most Bibles show this by putting it into brackets or italics.

But if the story isn't in our oldest most trusted sources, why is it even in the Bible? I wasn't there when they decided, but this

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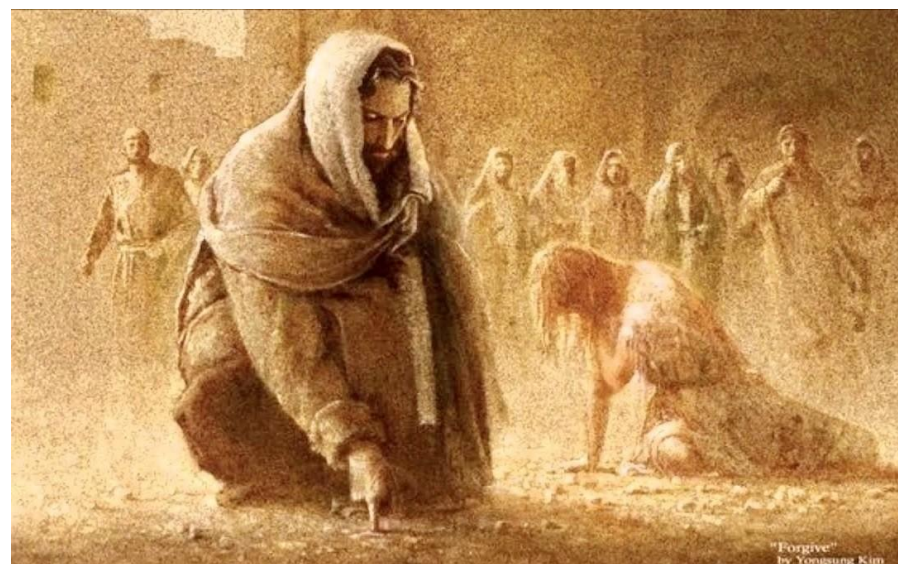
5 If you'd like a new Bible with helpful notes, I recommend the 'Life with God Bible' NRSV from Renovaré. ISBN 0061834963

or for the more academically inclined, The New Oxford Study Bible NRSV

6 Psalm 19:14

7 A lectionary is a schedule of Bible passages arranged through the year.

story is a very typical Jesus story. The Jewish leaders are trying to catch Jesus denying the law so they can charge him with something, and Jesus finds an unexpected way out. All the reasons I said earlier about why it's a good story were also true back then. And it challenges the listener in good ways. All these are good reasons for this story to have been shared among the early Christians, despite not being in the early editions of the Gospels that were incorporated into the Bible - like how many of us know the story despite it not showing up on Sunday mornings.



Woman caught in adultery

The turning point in the story is when Jesus says the famous line, "*Let anyone among you who is without sin throw the first stone*" - and 'sin' is the key word here.

A quick review of what sin is, because sin impacts more than just church time. Sin is something that hurts a relationship. The Bible contains lists of sins, and so sometimes people think of sins as breaking a rule. But if you look at the rules, they are about relationships.

- ‘You shall have no other gods before me’ - will you be loyal to your relationship with God?
- ‘Don’t make an idol’ - will you allow your relationship with God to be as expansive as God is... or tie God to your limited experience and imagination.
- ‘Keep the Sabbath holy’ - all relationships take time; will you spend time on your relationship with God - and allow this into your other relationships?
- ‘Do not covet, or steal, or lie, or kill someone, ...or commit adultery’ These are all actions which hurt relationships, though they can be seen as a list of rules.
- The Gospels get away from the list by summarizing them as ‘Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength - and your neighbour as yourself.’ Again, relationship.  
John’s gospel makes it even more explicit, ‘love as I love you’ describing love through our relationship with Jesus.

Loving is the goal, hurting relationships is sin.

In today’s passage some scribes and Pharisees have found a woman in the act of adultery - an action which hurts the marriage relationship (hers, his, or both of them). Adultery is against Jewish law, the law of Moses, and the punishment is having stones thrown at you until you’re dead. Jesus doesn’t deny this, he just does something that is a theme in the Gospel According to John. He gives space for people to reflect about their relationships - and sins. We don’t know what the people thought about. It might have been how they had hurt relationships in their own lives.<sup>8</sup> They could also have been reflecting on how they had arrived at this moment, and what relationships were hurt - what sins had brought them there.

<sup>8</sup> Later versions of the story suggest this is what Jesus was writing in the dirt

Those that were not a part of the mob bringing her also thought about what Jesus said - about sins - and decided they didn’t want to be a part of this.



Epilogue - T Denis Anderson

As for those that had caught her - were they being honest about their motives? Did they really care about justice, or was this about nailing Jesus? The law says that both parties are guilty, but where is the man? The law says there should be a trial... was there? It sounds like she was dragged from the bed while ‘in the act’ and brought straight before Jesus and “*all the people*”. How is it that they were there to see her in the act? Did they know ahead of time? Were they following due process? or had they adapted the rules to break the relationships people had with Jesus... and been willing to sacrifice her to do it? ... That’s a lot of potential

relationship breaking / sin.

*“Let anyone among you who is without sin throw the first stone”*

What does this mean for us?

Should do away with the justice system and judges because everyone sins? I don't think society's ready for that. An important difference is that Jesus is facing a crowd that isn't following the system,<sup>9</sup> and is using the case for their own goals. A justice system and judge is about being honest about roles, actions, and consequences. There's room for our system to improve, but Jesus is addressing something quite different.

There's the more personal challenge for us to honestly consider our own actions and judgments. When we have an accusatory thought, what are our motivations? What are we bringing to the situation? to the relationship?

When there's an issue, what is the context? This isn't about a checklist of rules, it's about relationships. Why was the relationship hurt or broken? If we think about the environment, one reason has been ignorance of the damage we were doing. There's also been arrogance that we're more important. There's also been desperation and a willingness to sacrifice the environment for a more immediate need. ...all of those reasons and more can also be applied to relationships with people.

How is it best to address a wrong? Is it like in the story: somehow being there when the person does wrong and publicly shaming them? or is it better to follow the advice given in Matthew 18. Talk to them in private. If the person doesn't stop, then talk to them with a couple of others. And if that doesn't

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<sup>9</sup> I wonder how close they were to a lynch mob that Jesus able to deflate, or are the leaders calculating plotters (though they may have generated a lynch mob).

work, bring in more help.

Thinking of how our society deals with sin or crimes, in many instances the sentencing judge has some flexibility. This now includes approaches that look less like punishment for rule breaking and more like healing to the community relationships. Healing or Sentencing Circles are now an option if the different parties are willing to participate. This process of justice has brought healing to the victims, the perpetrator, and the community.<sup>10</sup> Unfortunately there is a lot of pressure to process the many many cases in the system and healing circles take time.



[blogs.ubc.ca/mrpletsch/2018/09/11/touching-spirit-bear-circle-justice](https://blogs.ubc.ca/mrpletsch/2018/09/11/touching-spirit-bear-circle-justice)

Another important part of the story is the end. All the people leave - except the woman and Jesus. He doesn't condemn her for her actions, but tells her to 'go on your way, and sin no more.' Jesus' idea of justice shows mercy. When we are hurt does our justice demand retribution, or healing and mercy? ...and when we reflect on how we have hurt relationships, can we offer ourselves

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<sup>10</sup> for more information

Gov of Canada: [www.justice.gc.ca/eng/csj-sjc/ccs-ajc/04.html](http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/csj-sjc/ccs-ajc/04.html)

Éducaloi: [educaloi.qc.ca/en/capsules/what-is-restorative-justice](http://educaloi.qc.ca/en/capsules/what-is-restorative-justice)

NFB documentary: [www.nfb.ca/film/circles](http://www.nfb.ca/film/circles)

Canadian Legal Information Institute: Search for "Sentencing Circles" and look for ones with community in the title. [www.canlii.org](http://www.canlii.org)

mercy?

An interesting way this was coming into the teaching, when I was still teaching, was that the final mark was not a mathematical calculation of all the students marks. It was based on their most recent and most consistent demonstrations. If they had a bad assignment we looked at that, but didn't let it drag the mark down. We also didn't let a bad start to the course impact the final mark.<sup>11</sup> This shows mercy because it doesn't let the negatives of their past condemn them. Can we do this in our relationships as well? Can we let go and look at 'most recent, most consistent'?

As we live out Jesus' command, "that you love one another as I have loved you," we will fail - we will sin - and so will everyone we meet. Let us also not pick up stones, but offer mercy and healing.

To God be all the glory  
Amen.



### Responding to God

♪ Hymn: I heard the voice of Jesus say.....pg 13 (671)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2JTffaxyTc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2JTffaxyTc)

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

Reflecting: Retell today's gospel story from the perspectives of the different characters/groups.

<sup>11</sup> Yes, this could go both ways. One really good assignment didn't drag the mark up. And if they steadily got worse during the course, that would show more than the good beginning.

Reflecting: Share a way that you have been hurt. Can you share the context from different perspectives?  
Consider what might bring healing.

Reflecting: Reflect on ways that you have hurt relationships with creation, or other people, or God. Pick something and work through why you did (or didn't do) what caused the hurt.

Visions: What do you think of our justice system?  
What would your ideal be?

Prayer: Create your own version of Psalm 51 or hymn 201 'We come to ask your forgiveness', and offer it in prayer.

### ✦ Spirit Sightings

Gerry Kent describes the United Mission to Nepal (UMN) as "an advocate for those who cannot or do not have the opportunity to seek help for themselves." Since September 2025, Gerry has taken on the three-year volunteer position of Funding Manager in Nepal for the UMN. On the PCC's Mission Blog web page he shares the enriching developments facilitated by the UMN in sectors of Nepal. He describes "the hand of God reaching into this area in love, offering healing." With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Gerry carries out his life-long commitment to serving the people of Nepal in the spirit of Jesus Christ.



If you turn to page 16 you can find out about other projects.

## ✦ 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.



Pentecost - Kelly Latimore



## Communion

♪ Hymn: Christians, Let Us Love One Another.....pg 14  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_MD00AZ1Qt4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_MD00AZ1Qt4)

## ✦ Invitation to the table

As we've heard today, Christ does not hold your past against you.  
What matters is whether you want to live into a healthy relationship with God and others.  
It doesn't matter who you are  
or what baggage you bring.  
Put it all down and embrace the risen Christ.

C'est la volonté de Dieu  
que tous ceux qui veulent connaître Jésus  
partager ce repas.

As we come together to share this taste of Lord's Supper,  
let us also join with Christians around the world and through the centuries in speaking the Apostle's Creed.

## 🗨️ Apostle's Creed

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.

### 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.**

Thank you for this time of year.

As we see lawns dotted with purple flowers  
Tulips raising the bright colours to the sky  
and Magnolias bursting with blooms.

As we gaze  
the chorus of birds raising their song  
and lifting our hearts.

and so we join with the  
whole of 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.**

Jesus,  
thank you for making God's love visible to us.  
Thank you for loving us, despite our sins.  
Thank you for showing us where we hurt relationships,  
and for leading us into healthy relationships  
with each other, with creation, and with you.

Thank you that you stick with us,  
even when we turn from your Way... your Truth... your Life.  
even when we try to kill your way.

and so we proclaim the mystery of the faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

As we wait for your return,  
we are thankful that you have sent your Spirit  
to work around us,  
with us,  
and within us.

When we take the time to reflect  
we see there is much that needs healing.

We pray for:

- injustice
  - where people are trapped in a situation
  - where their system of justice is biased or corrupt
- communities that are broken
  - by war...
  - by greed...
  - by fear...
- families that are struggling or broken
- people that are feel isolated and unsupported

Broken relationships can overwhelm us  
taking our empathy, taking our hope,  
taking our connection to life

May your Spirit help us to reconnect  
with you - the source of all life.

and to share The Word of life  
in ways that bring healing to others.

Lord Jesus, teach us to live out the prayer you offered.  
Let us come together and say 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.



Last Supper - Jacopo Bassano



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,  
 Merci pour c'est temps avec toi,  
 uniting us with Christ,  
 and with each other.  
 That through you  
 we are one.  
 May we be filled with joy and confidence  
 to love as you love us  
 Unissons-nous à ton Esprit dans le monde.

♪ Hymn: Shine Jesus Shine.....pg 15 (376)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=9nUOfxqPXQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9nUOfxqPXQ)

**Benediction** (2 Corinthians 13:13)

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

Amen



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**God of mercy, God of grace**

G D/F# G C/E D7/F# G C D/C G/B C

1. God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness  
 2. Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord; be by all that  
 3. Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord; earth shall then its

G/D D G Em Am/C G/B Am 6 Bsus4 - 3

of your face. Shine up - on us, Sav - iour, shine;  
 live a - dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing  
 fruits af - ford. Un - to us your bless - ing give;

Cmaj7 D/C G/B Am7 G/B (/A /G) Dsus4 - 3 G D/F# G

fill your world with light di - vine, and your sav - ing  
 glo - ry to their gra - cious King; at your feet their  
 we to you de - vot - ed live, all be - low and

D/F# D G C D/C G/B C/E G/D D 7 G

health ex - tend un - to earth's re - mot - est end.  
 trib - ute pay, and your ho - ly will o - bey.  
 all a - bove, one in joy and light and love.

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We come to ask your forgiveness

Refrain

D G6 D

We come to ask your for-give-ness, O Lord, and we

F#m G D /C# Bm /A G A Bm

seek for-give-ness from each oth-er. Some-times we build up walls in-stead of

G D /C# Bm F#m G D Fine

bridg-es to peace, and we ask your for-give-ness, O Lord.

Words: Carey Landry (1944-) Music: Carey Landry (1944-); arrangement, Tom Tilden

Verses

D G/D D /C# Bm

1. Some-times we hurt by what we do to oth - ers. Some-times we

2. For the times when we've been rude and self - ish, for the

F#m G A /C# D G

hurt with words that are un - true. Some-times we cause oth-ers pain by

times when we have been un - kind, and for the times we re-fused to

D Bm D G D D.C.

what we fail to do, and we ask your for-give-ness, O Lord.

help our friends in need, we ask your for-give-ness, O Lord.

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# I heard the voice of Jesus say

KINGSFOLD 8 6 8 6 D C M D

Em (D) C D/C G/B Em D (G/B D7/A) G Am C

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say; "Come un - to me and  
 2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly  
 3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's

Dsus4-3 G/B Csus2-1 (/B) Am7 D G/B A7/E D (/C G/B D7/A)

rest; lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down thy  
 give the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop  
 light; look un - to me, thy morn shall rise, and

G /B C6 Am6 Em Bm Em (D7/F#) G C6 D G

head up - on my breast!" I came to Je - sus as I was,  
 down, and drink and live!" I came to Je - sus, and I drank  
 all thy day be bright." I looked to Je - sus, and I found

G Am G/B C Dsus4-3 G/B Csus2 /B Am

wea - ry and worn and sad; I found in him a  
 of that life - giv - ing stream; my thirst was quenched, my  
 in him my star, my sun, and in that light of

G Em7-6 D (/C G/B D7/A) G /B C6 Am6 Em

rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
 soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
 life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

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# CHRISTIANS, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER

1. Chris-tians, let us love bread and drink life in the vine,  
 2. We who break this bread and drink life in the vine,  
 3. We who eat and drink life in the vine,  
 4. On the path of life in the vine,  
 5. Wheat and grape in the vine,  
 6. Je - sus is the branch of life in the vine.

1. true liv - ing bread. Je - sus is our God and our broth - er;  
 2. cup are all one. Chil-dren of our Fa - ther in heav - en,  
 3. gain with our Lord. Draw-ing from our Rock liv - ing wa - ter,  
 4. lone leaves us weak; Al - ways you in - vite from the al - tar,  
 5. true liv - ing bread. Let us eat with joy and thanks - giv - ing,  
 6. wheat, Christ the bread. Those who eat this bread live for - ev - er.

 5. Trust - ing in the word he has said.  
 6. One with Christ, our Lord and our Head. Ev - 'ry - one who loves is'"/>

1. With his flesh and blood we are fed.  
 2. We are heirs with God's on - ly Son.  
 3. Giv'n to all who thirst for ac - cord.  
 4. "Hum - gry souls their food here must seek."  
 5. Trust - ing in the word he has said.  
 6. One with Christ, our Lord and our Head.

1-6. born \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Je - sus is our life. God is love.

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# 376 Lord, the light of your love is shining

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE 9 9 10 10 6 with refrain (13 9 13 10)

*Intro*

A D/A E/A D/A A D/A E/A D/A

*Unison*

A Asus A E/A A Asus

1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing in the midst of the  
 2. Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the sha - dows in -  
 3. As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fa - ces dis -

A E/A D E/D

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the  
 to your ra - diance; by your blood I may  
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from

C#m F#m D E/D

World, shine up - on us. Set us free by the  
 en - ter your bright - ness. Search me, try me, con -  
 glo - ry to glo - ry: mir - rored here may our

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C#m F#m G Esus E G Esus E

truth you now bring us.  
 sume all my dark-ness. Shine on me; shine on me.  
 lives tell your sto - ry.

*Refrain*

A E/A D A Bm Bm/A

Shine, Je - sus shine; fill this land with the  
 Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with

Esus E Esus E A E/A E/D A

Fa - ther's glo - ry; blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our  
 grace and mer - cy; send forth your word, Lord, and

1. Bm Bm/A G Esus E 2. Bm E7 A D/A D.S. A Last time

hearts on fire. let there be light!

## MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, May 3

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Presbytery of Assiniboia's Messy Church meets eight times a year across three congregations: First (Regina), Trinity (Grenfell), and Knox (Weyburn). Coordinated by the synod's Youth Coordinator, the Rev. Devon Pattermore, each session features crafts, a themed story, worship, and a shared meal. Designed to engage families unable to attend Sunday worship, it has revitalized struggling congregations, built confidence, and drawn both church members and local families. In some locations, attendance now surpasses traditional services. Messy Church offers flexible, informal faith formation, strengthens community connections, and provides a creative, welcoming space for intergenerational ministry.



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### DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, May 3** We pray for congregations offering programs like Messy Church that connect with families in fresh and creative way.

**Monday, May 4 (International Firefighters' Day)** We give thanks for career and volunteer firefighters who serve their communities, and for all who labour in tasks of danger and difficulty to protect and preserve life, property, and the environment.

**Tuesday, May 5** We pray for the participants in the PCC's Guidance Conference (May 4 – 8), where students certified for study have an opportunity to discern further their call to ministry.

**Wednesday, May 6** We give thanks for the faithfulness of congregations that participate in the mission of the church with prayers and financial gifts to Presbyterian Sharing.

**Thursday, May 7** We pray for Knox College and those graduating in 2026 as they prepare for the Convocation ceremony and events on May 13. We ask for a joyful celebration of academic inquiry and an affirmation of a call to serve.

**Friday, May 8** We give thanks and pray for interim moderators, who provide vital support and assistance to congregations that do not have a minister.

**Saturday, May 9** We pray for seminary students beginning their placements through the Rural and Remote Ministry summer program, and ask that they are a blessing to the communities they are called to serve.

ev. Peter Rombeek  
for Kensington Presbyterian Church

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## MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, May 10

Laxmi Bhandari is a 31-year-old mother of two from Nepal who once lived in social isolation. She didn't attend group activities because she was too shy. Then she was invited to take part in a project that aims to help women and other excluded groups live dignified lives through social and economic empowerment.



Laxmi's leadership qualities were quickly recognized, and she was selected as the chair of her Village Women's Group. She now confidently facilitates monthly meetings, encouraging other women to participate. After learning about poultry and goat farming, Laxmi had the confidence to begin pursuing a livelihood in animal husbandry. Today, her rearing of goats, chickens and buffalo is creating a more sustainable income for her family. PWS&D's support of the International Nepal Fellowship helped to make this happen.

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### DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, May 10 (Christian Family Sunday)** We give thanks for our families and our circles of friends.

**Monday, May 11** We pray for peace, reconciliation and well-being in Sudan, and for the PWS&D partners delivering food assistance to families facing famine.

**Tuesday, May 12** We pray for the many guests visiting Crieff Hills Retreat and Conference Centre. May God bless them with rest, renewal and transformation.

**Wednesday, May 13** We pray for all graduates of the Presbyterian Colleges across Canada. May they remain true to the calling that has brought them this far.

**Thursday, May 14 (Ascension Day)** Holy God, your ascended Son promised the gift of the Holy Spirit. Send your Spirit of wisdom and truth that we may speak your good news and grace, forgiveness, freedom, hope, joy and salvation and work for justice in the world you love.

**Friday, May 15** Gracious God, we thank you for all who offer hope in this troubled world, shining your light through acts of kindness, courage, and love.

**Saturday, May 16** We pray for M.Div. graduates who follow their call to serve your gospel in the power of the Spirit with the gifts the Spirit provides.

May 3, 2026  
The judgment is...