



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

The chase is on

July 5, 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.¹ 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: resuming in the fall

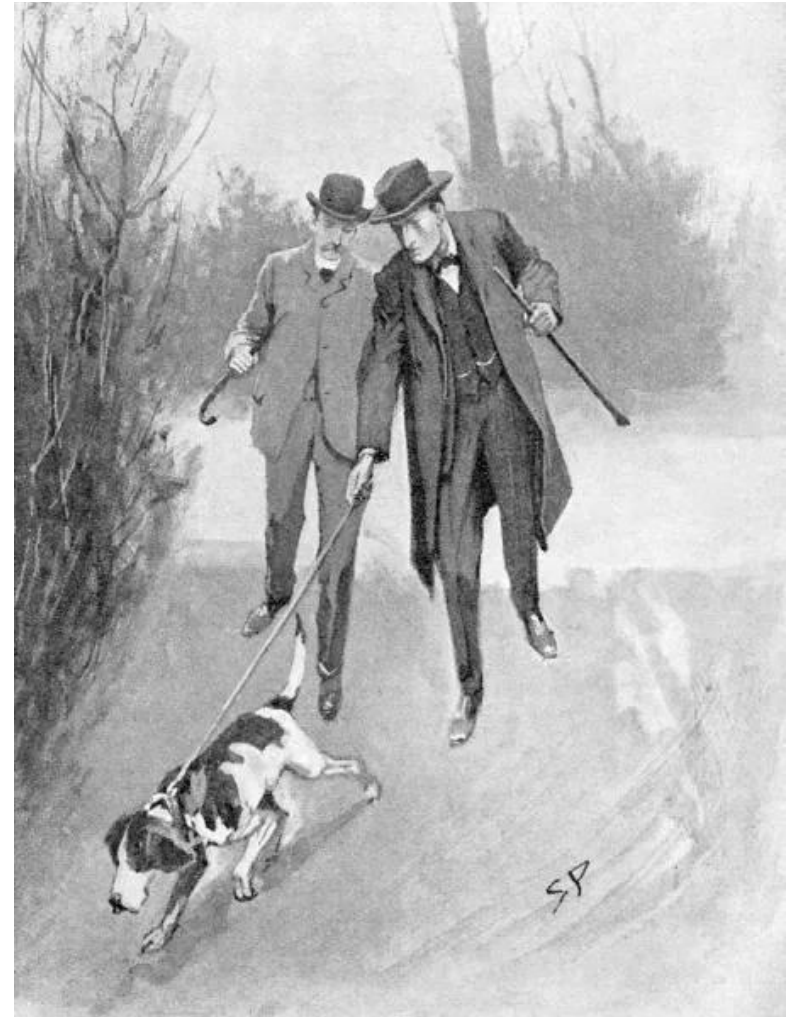
Zoom: Wednesday at 6:30 am

Bible Study: Wednesday 7-8 pm

Join us in the minister's office and over zoom
as we discuss the upcoming week's main scripture passage.

Friday Friendly Food & Film Series: returning in the fall

¹ note: that the footnotes are not as thorough as an academic paper.



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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 worship²

Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away.
Here you have called your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Gather us in and hold us for ever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in - all peoples together,
free of love in our flesh and our bone.

♪ Hymn: Gather us in.....pg 13
www.youtube.com/watch?v=IbNXqjwh8is



2 from *Gather us in* by Marty Haugen

ev. Peter Rombeek
for Kensington Presbyterian Church



Prayer of Approach³

This prayer comes from St. Isaac of Syria (7th century)

Holy Spirit,
dwell in us,
that we may become prayer.
Whether we sleep or wake,
eat or drink,
labour or rest,
may the fragrance of prayer
rise, without effort, in our hearts.
Purify our souls and never leave us,
so that the movements of our hearts and minds
may, with voices full of sweetness,
sing glory to our God.
Amen.



Listening to God



Children's Time

A simple question by John Bell and Graham Maule

Peter: Eh ... Jesus ... ?

Jesus: Yes, Peter ... ?

Peter: Eh ... can I ask you a simple question?

Jesus: As long as you don't expect a simple answer.

Peter: Eh ... well, it's about a certain statement you made the other day, much to the displeasure of certain people.

Jesus: Would these 'certain people' wander about the Galilean countryside with only a stick and one set of clothing?

3 *Worship Sourcebook* 1.4.16

Peter: Eh ... perhaps ...

Jesus: So, I've upset the disciples again ... eh?

Peter: Well ... I'm not one for gossip.

Jesus: All right, what did I say?

Peter: You said we've to become like children!

Jesus: You were listening, Peter ...

Peter: More than that, you said we wouldn't get to live in the Kingdom unless we became like little children.

Jesus: So?

Peter: So ... what did you mean?

Jesus: Well, Peter, how would you describe children?

Peter: (Slowly)
Naive ...
innocent ...
harmless, I suppose ...
oh, and a bit foolish sometimes!

Jesus: . . . innocent, harmless, foolish...
Peter, how many kids do you have?

Peter: Jesus, thanks to you
I've hardly seen my wife for three years.
But at the last count, we didn't have any.

Jesus: Then the quicker you have some, the better.
You'll soon find out that they're not innocent, naive or harmless. Anyone who thinks differently has never been in a nursery.

Peter: So, what are they like?

Jesus: Use your memory, Peter,
Think of the children we've met.

Peter: We haven't met any.

Jesus: What about the ones in the temple...?

Peter: Jesus, they sounded like the cats' choir

and you sounded ridiculous saying
they were 'perfecting God's praise'.

Jesus: Peter,
our musical tastes may differ,
but I don't think you can deny that they were really
enthusiastic.

Peter: Not like the Pharisees - eh, Jesus?

Jesus: Not like a lot of adults
who think that God's only pleased when you like an
undertaker's dummy.

Peter: So... we're to be enthusiastic.
Anything else?

Jesus: Think of a girl, Peter... Jairus' daughter.
What do you remember of her?

Peter: Well, when we met her she was ready for the undertaker...

Jesus: That's right.
But she trusted me.
I said 'get up' and she got up.

How many adults take me at my word...
including a certain company
of ex-civil servants and fishermen?

Peter: So, we're to be enthusiastic and trustful.
Is that it to being like a child?

Jesus: There's more, Peter.
Remember a field...
over five thousand people...
all needing to eat...?

Peter: Oh, you mean the little kid with his lunch?

Jesus: Yes. And what did he show?

Peter: ??

Jesus: ...beginning with 'g'...

Peter: erhh... generosity.

Jesus: Peter, you should try crosswords.

Peter: So to be like children
we should be enthusiastic, trustful and generous.

Jesus: There's something else.

Peter: There always is!

Jesus: Do you remember the crowd of men who surrounded me,
wanting to ask me very cultured questions ...
do you remember who came through the crowd?

Peter: You don't mean the little girl with jam on her face?

Jesus: I most certainly do.

Peter: Do we have to get jam on our face to get to live in the
Kingdom of Heaven?

Jesus: No.
But think of what her mother said when she came to take her
back. She was all apologetic. She said, 'I'm sorry, mister, she's
awful curious.'

Peter: So, is curiosity one of the things
we should learn from children?

Jesus: Yes ...
and in that department, Peter,
you get ten out of ten.

Prayer:
Dear Jesus,
help us to be enthusiastic, trusting, generous, and curious.
Amen.

♪ Hymn: Down to the river to pray.....pg 12
www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSif77IVQdY

🧘 Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds
through the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may be open to your conversations.

Amen.



Intro to the readings

Last week we heard about the expanding leadership in the early church. Despite what the apostles thought would happen, this led to expanding those who were sharing the Good News - and to the killing of Stephen. This led to increased persecution of those believing in Jesus, and so many left Jerusalem. This might have reminded the apostles of the last words Jesus said before ascending to Heaven. "*and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*" They had been witnesses in Jerusalem, and were now expanding out.

Phillip ended up in Samaria, and they were very receptive to the Good News revealed in Jesus. Then the Holy Spirit tells him to meet someone from Ethiopia - which was everywhere beyond Egypt - or, to put it another way, from the ends of the earth.

And this person is beyond so many categories. They are foreign

and exotic... but not 'one of us'. Except, he was in Jerusalem to worship God, and he somehow got ahold of a scroll of Isaiah, and was reading it!⁴ So, is he in or out? But he's not even a 'he'. They are a Eunuch. In the societies of the day this made them less than a man, but not a woman. They are something... uncomfortable and between categories. Eunuchs were often people who were the spoils of war. They had lost honour and were now slaves... but this one was in charge - of the Candace's treasury. The Candace basically ruled the kingdom south of Egypt (technically her son was the king, but his responsibilities were mostly religious). So... is this person a slave without honour, of one of the most powerful people in the kingdom?

For the early church, this inclusion of this person would have been very confusing. Listen for how it is dealt with in the text.



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

[Acts 8](#)

[Psalm 107](#)



Sermon: The chase is on

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

Did you notice how the text dealt with somebody so difficult to categorize? It's not an issue. It seems that poverty or wealth, dishonour or power, gender or skin colour doesn't get in the way of God reaching out to someone. Which makes this a pretty

4 Julius Caesar was considered unusual because he read silentReading out loud was normal in the ancient near east.ly

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

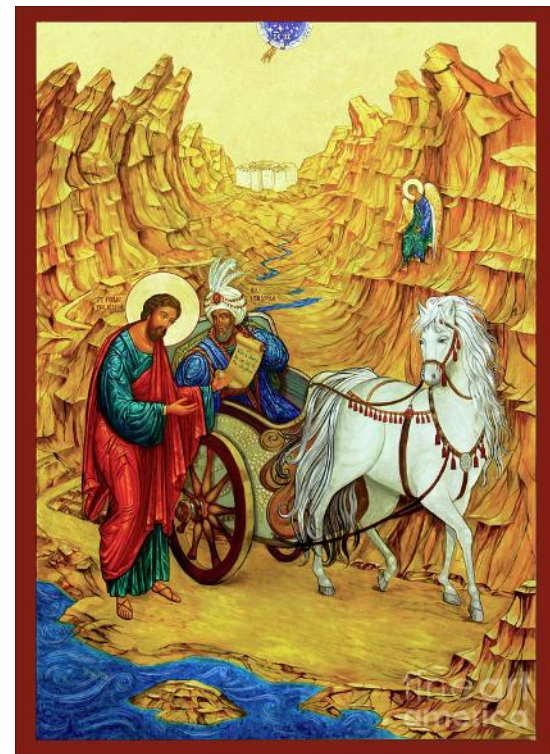
6 Psalm 19:14

powerful testimony
about what is
important.

What is important?
That the person is
willing to listen; that
they are open to God.

In this case, despite
their prestigious
position, they will listen
to some guy they just
came across - and they
come to know God
better.

It starts with a
conversation at what
they are focused on - the
passage from Isaiah.⁷ It's
about somebody who experiences injustice and is looked down
on... perhaps feelings the Eunuch has had, or the foreigner
experienced in a foreign land. Even if Jewish (and there are
records of Jews south of the Sahara), how far were they allowed
into the Temple? Philip starts with this passage and their
questions and tells how it relates to more than just the context in
Isaiah, but how it relates to them now... and flows to Jesus. We
don't know the details, but the Good News crosses any divide.
They recognize hope found in Christ is for them as well. "Why
can't I be baptized?" and they are. Interestingly there was a period
when copyists inserted a verse where Philip insists they have to
acknowledge Christ as his saviour, but the older copies don't have



7 [Isaiah 53](#): 7-8

any required courses or statements - he feels the call, has the desire, and is baptized.

In this case, they are open to Christ through their curiosity. That's not the only way. Elijah's story of giving up in the wilderness is an example of being open because you have nothing left - you are empty and desperate. The disciples respond to an invitation. All of them grow as they continue down their road.

So, one piece of good news in this passage is that there's nothing about your identity that will stop God from reaching out to you. You just need to be open to the conversation.

Which reminds me of an interesting quote I found linked to this passage. Author Brian McLaren said that 'The work of the church is more about conversation than conversion.' He notices that there is no threat of hell here, no list of rules, no categories of who is in and how is not. There is a conversation. There is a conversation with listening and talking and more listening and action. There is space for the Holy Spirit to flow and grow the open hearts and minds. It's a good model for us to remember (and you can practice with the FaithTalk questions.)

Another piece of good news in this passage is that God doesn't wait around for this person to figure it all out. God actually chases them and creates the opportunity for the meeting.



I think we make this harder for God with our schedules and more limited interactions with people. I remember back when people read on the bus, and the person who sat beside me asked me about the book I was reading. It wasn't the Bible, and he wasn't Philip, but it did allow for a conversation about life.⁸ Is there space in your life where an unanticipated conversation might happen? How would you respond? or could you be like Philip and ask a stranger how they are?

But the really good news isn't that God works through us (which gives me confidence), but that God chases after people - and this includes everybody. To further drive the point home, in the next two chapters of Acts God will chase after Saul, who has been arresting and tormenting Jesus followers, and Cornelius, a Roman Centurion.

So, we can learn with the Eunuch that categories don't matter - openness to God does. We can learn with Philip to be willing to listen and to share. And with this, God knows what will happen.

(In this case, there are churches in Africa that trace their roots to the Ethiopian Eunuch. What might the Spirit do with our conversations?)

*To God be all the glory
Amen.*



Responding to God

♪ Hymn: Amazing Gracepg 14 (670)
www.youtube.com/watch?v=7n145-J8eig just voices
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tv16E9N7AQw with guitar
www.youtube.com/watch?v=5p2CbHG9O0s with everything

⁸ I was reading *The Day of the Triffids* by John Wyndham.

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

Memories: When was the last time you had an unexpected conversation that went beyond expected niceties?

Reflecting: Is there space in your life where an unanticipated conversation might happen? How would you respond?

Actions: Look for opportunities in places or times of transition so share how the Holy Spirit might be working. Next time you two talk, share what opportunities may have come up.

Actions: Who are the people nearest you that the Spirit is pressing you to get to know, to come to appreciate for who they really are, and ultimately to join?

Values: What do you think a person should know or do before joining the church?

Wonder: What is a Bible passage you have a question about? ...now ask people.

Visions: What is a passage you have had an interesting thought/insight about (or that you have come across)? ...now share with people.

Prayer: ...for the curiosity of the Ethiopian, the courage of Philip, and the way they both listen and share.

✦ Spirit Sightings

Yesterday I heard an interview⁹ that could have picked up on last week's ideas. Jenny Donnavan and her husband felt the need for stronger connections between those who lived around them - their neighbours. So they started organizing *NDG Neighbour*

*Nights*¹⁰ - providing drinks, popsicles, music, and an opportunity for their neighbours to hang out. They recognize this is hard and feels risky, so they include ways to break the ice' (complete with some locally donated prizes). It's led to people who have lived across the street from each other having conversations that are long enough to start to get to know each other. Stronger connections are forming. While she didn't mention God, supportive communities are good - and all good things come from God.

And while it would require change, and perhaps borrowing some of Jenny's ideas, I wonder if churches could do this again? (and not be shy that we do this because God loves us all.)



Kensington picnic 2025

✦ 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

⁹ You can listen to it here:

¹⁰ While I haven't checked, there is apparently a Facebook page for this.

donate through **interac e-transfer**. Our name is Kensington Presbyterian Church and the e-mail address is 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: All who hunger, gather gladly..... 15 (534)
www.youtube.com/watch?v=PXrB8x6-jbU



Liturgical Table - Jan Richardson

✦ Invitation to the table
Today we've been reminded that God chases after people,
creating opportunities for them to get to know Christ better.
This is one of those times.
The Holy Spirit has brought you to this time,
and you are invited to join in the celebration of the Lord's
Supper.

If you look at it with simple logic,
it may not seem like a celebration,
but through the Holy Spirit
this moment can connect us with
both Christians gathered throughout time,
and with our Divine Lord,
lover of all that is.

So come to this table:
you who have much faith,
and you who would like to have more;
you who have been to this sacrament often,
and you who have not been for a long time;
you who follow Jesus,
and you who see when you have failed.
Come.

It is Christ who invites us to meet him here

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.



Lord's Supper - Jesus MAFA

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.

Because your works, O Lord, are wonderful.
Whether in cities or the wilderness,
whether dozing before lunch
or traveling between places
You are there
arranging opportunities for us to meet you
in others
and directly with your creation.
as you bloom all around us
and invite us to accept your steadfast love.

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.**

We call out hosanna to you
because only you can save us
from our ways

our habits
our cultures and traditions
that continue to hurt people
to hurt your creation
and to hurt ourselves.

Please forgive us. . .

And Lord,
help us to feel your Holy Spirit
to know that we are loved
and to allow ourselves to be open to you
and to have faith in your guidance.
So that we may have the courage
to proclaim the mystery of the faith.

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

Because you do,
over and over and over
coming to us
regardless
willing to lead us
into the Heavenly way of living.
so that all creation
may again know your glory.

As we struggle,
we pray for your help

- for those who are suffering from loneliness, or emptiness,
or even suffering from questions

- for those who struggle to open themselves to you
- for those who aren't open to you and don't realize there is more to life
- for those who have been excluded by people representing you
- for those who struggle to share your love, hope & healing

Lord Jesus, as we dream of your world to come,
let us confidently pray the prayer you teach:



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.



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 fearless confidence
to share your love, hope, and healing with those we meet
Unissons-nous à ton Esprit dans le monde.

♪ Hymn: Go, Make of All Disciples.....pg 12
www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLrsq6tRzAI



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



Down to the River to Pray

1 As I went down to the riv - er to

pray, stud-y - in' a - bout that good ole way and who shall wear the

star - ry crown, good Lord, show me the way.

O *broth - er, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

* 2 sister
3 children

WORDS and MUSIC: Traditional spiritual

DOWN TO THE RIVER
Irregular

GO MAKE OF ALL DISCIPLES

1. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples:" We hear the call, O Lord,
2. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples:" Bap - tiz - ing in the name
3. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples:" We at your feet would stay
4. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples:" We wel - come your com - mand;

1. That comes from you, our Fa - ther, In your e - ter - nal Word.
2. Of Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it— From age to age the same.
3. Un - til each life's vo - ca - tion Ac - cents your ho - ly way.
4. "Lo, I am with you al - ways:" We take your guid - ing hand.

1. In - spire our ways of learn - ing Through earn - est, fer - vent prayer,
2. We call each new dis - ci - ple To fol - low you, O Lord,
3. We cul - ti - vate the na - ture God plants in ev - 'ry heart,
4. The task looms large be - fore us— We fol - low with - out fear.

1. And let our dai - ly liv - ing Re - veal you ev - 'ry - where.
2. Re - deem - ing soul and bod - y By wa - ter and the Word.
3. Re - veal - ing in our wit - ness The Mas - ter Teach - er's art.
4. In heav'n and earth your pow - er Shall bring God's king - dom here.

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GATHER US IN

Brightly

D A C G , Gm/Bb Dm

1 Here in this place new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness

C G , D A C G ,

van-ish-ed a-way, see in this space our fears and our dream-ings,

Gm/Bb Dm C Am7 D C/D Gm6/D , D

brought here to you in the light of this day.

A C/G D/F# G A , C/G

Gath-er us in — the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in — the

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D/F# G A , D A C G ,

blind and the lame: call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,

Gm/Bb Dm C Am7 D C/D Gm6/D D

we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.

- 2 We are the young — our lives are a mystery,
we are the old who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in — the rich and the haughty,
gather us in — the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us for ever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in — all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Amazing grace

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F /C C7 Dm Bb F

1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils and snares,
 1. Grâce in - fi - nie de no - tre Dieu
 2. Ma vie fut com - plète - ment chan - gée

C7 F C7 F C7 F F/A

that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost,
 and grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did
 I have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought
 qui un jour m'a sau - vé. J'é - tais per - du,
 du mo - ment où j'ai cru. De - puis ce jour

Bb F Dm F/C C7 F

but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.
 me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 er - rant de lieu en lieu quand il m'a re - trou - vé.
 de tous les dan - gers, sa grâ - ce m'a se - cou - ru.

4. The Lord has promised good to me:
 this word my hope secures;
 God will my shield and portion be,
 as long as life endures.

3. Dans mes épreuves et mes labeurs
 suffisante est sa grâce.
 Je peux toujours compter sa faveur
 à chaque heure qui passe.

5. What thanks I owe you, and what love—
 a boundless, endless store—
 shall echo through the realms above
 when time shall be no more.

4. Quand nous aurons pendant mille ans
 célébré ses louanges,
 nous pourrons comme au commencement
 lui offrir nos hommages.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
 bright shining as the sun,
 we've no less days to sing God's praise than
 when we'd first begun.

Chinese (Mandarin)

1. Qí yì en dián! Hé dēng gān tián!
 Wó zuì yě dé shè mián!
 Qián wó shì sàng, jīn bèi xún huí;
 Xiá yān jīn dè kàn jiàn.

Cree

1. Mamaskach sakihiwewin
 Kapimachihiwet
 Pikwataw nikiwaihon
 Anoch maka niwap

Mohawk

1. Ioh ne ra a kwat ra o ten raht
 ne se wa ah tsia tah kwen
 wa ka a tsia a tah ton ha tie es kwe
 ses ha tsia a tah tsen rion.

Ojibway

1. Kihcishawencikewin
 kaapimaaci' ikoyaan
 Ninkakippiinkwenaapan hsa
 Nookom itahsh niwaap

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All who hunger, gather gladly

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Unison

F Dm Gm Dm Am Gm7

1. All who hung-er, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na
2. All who hung-er, nev-er strang-ers, seek-er, be a
3. All who hung-er, sing to-geth-er; Je-sus Christ is

Bbmaj7 Dm C/E Dm C Bbmaj7

is our bread. Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering.
wel-come guest. Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing.
liv-ing bread. Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing.

Am Bbmaj7 C6 F F /E Dm7 /C

Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who

Bbmaj7 /A Gm7 Dm Bbmaj7 C6 Bbsus2 Am7 Bbmaj7 Gm7 Csus2 - 3

days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
lost and scat-tered in com-mun-ion's love have stood.
from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.

F Dm C Gm7 Am Bbmaj7 C6 C F

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

See also: Holy Manna 305

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MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, July 5

At 16, Ahmad Reza carries heavy responsibilities. Living in Bamyan, Afghanistan, he was orphaned by the loss of both parents, becoming the main support for his family. He cares for his two younger brothers and lives with his sister's family, who also face extreme poverty. The winter months are particularly difficult as food becomes scarce. Overwhelmed by grief and financial pressure, Reza was forced to leave school. He now works as an apprentice at a garage to gain skills for his family's future. Relief came when Reza's family received three months of cash assistance through a winter cash-for-food program supported by PWS&D. "For the first time in months, the constant worry about our next meal has eased," he said. Reza hopes his training will soon allow him to support his family fully.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, July 5 We pray for camp staff and campers as they prepare for another season of fun and faith formation.

Monday, July 6 We pray for Mihye Park, Housing Manager of St. Andrew's Hall, who cares for students and provides hospitality. Mihye runs a Friday evening knitting group that welcomes undergraduates to develop a new skill and form deep relationships grounded in Christian love.

Tuesday, July 7 As 2SLGBTQI+ communities gather for Pride celebrations this summer, we give thanks for the organizers who plan these opportunities for advocacy, connection and fun.

Wednesday, July 8 We pray for those faithfully serving in rural and remote ministry settings and ask God to bless their tireless work amid isolation, great distances, and unique challenges.

Thursday, July 9 We pray for staff and campers at Camp Kintail in Goderich, ON, as they learn and grow together in faith in a Christian camping community.

Friday, July 10 We pray for our partners in Cuba, that God will keep guiding them and giving them strength despite the hardships they are enduring.

Saturday, July 11 We give thanks, loving God, for the EveryYouth Empowered Project in Malawi, which is improving awareness of sexual and reproductive health and rights among adolescents and young people. May your love be poured out as project participants learn about and advocate for their rights, with PWS&D supporting them.

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