

# Come, Be Our Guest

August 10, 2025

A Gathering\* Worship Resource Service 2025

## Prelude

### Prayer before Worship

Ever-Present God, pour out your Spirit upon this worship. May the faithful find nurture; the careless—awakening; the doubting—courage; the anxious—calm; the tempted—help; the sorrowful—comfort; the weary—rest; and the strong—renewal. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## Gathering and Praise

**Greeting:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Response:** And also with you.

### Acknowledging the Territory

Last year, on Canada Day, we had occasion to visit the Indigenous Peoples Building on Wellington Street here in Ottawa (across from Parliament Hill). On a plaque inside is written the following (in the form of a statement followed by a response):

Our laws. Our governments. Our ceremonies. Our languages. Our lands.

“Our Creator, Mother Earth, put First Nations on this land to care for and live in harmony with all her creation. We cared for our earth, our brothers and sisters in the animal world, and each other. These responsibilities give us our inherent, continuing right to self-government. This right flows from our original occupation of this land from time immemorial.”

We acknowledge the diverse and abundant gifts of this land and its peoples. We recognize that their knowledge and wisdom have benefited generations past and present, and that this blessing will continue for generations to come. We hold up those committed to the healing of family, community, and nations and the affirmation of First Nations rights.

Let it be so.

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## Gathering Hymn: VU 395 “Part of the Family”

*Refrain:* Come in, come in and sit down,  
you are a part of the family:  
We are lost and we are found,  
and we are a part of the family.

You know the reason why you came,  
yet no reason can explain;  
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,  
for we are a part of the family. **R**

God is with us in this place,  
like a mother’s warm embrace.  
We’re all forgiven by God’s grace,  
for we are a part of the family. **R**

There’s life to be shared in the bread and the wine;  
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.  
This is God’s temple, it’s not yours or mine,  
but we are a part of the family. **R**

There’s rest for the weary and health for us all;  
there’s a yoke that is easy, and a burden that’s small.  
So come in and worship and answer the call,  
for we are a part of the family. **R**

Words & Music: James K. Manley

### Call to Worship

Come angel and come visitor, come now and be our guest;  
come, Jesus, from your dwelling place, stay here and take your rest.

**Surround these walls with faith and love,  
that through the nights and days,  
when human tongues, from speaking cease,  
this house may echo praise.**

Amen! Let us worship God!

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## Lighting the Christ Candle & Introit: VU 315 “Holy, holy, holy”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
Early in the morning  
our song shall rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns  
around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye made blind by sin  
thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, in purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name  
in earth and sky and sea;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed trinity!

Words: Reginald Heber Music: John Bacchus Dykes

### Prayer of Approach and the Lord's Prayer

Eternal God, by the actions of the Holy Spirit, join us now with the praises and prayers of your people on earth and in heaven. In this passage of time and throughout the scope of all time, may we, in both body and spirit, dwell in perfect union with all the company of the redeemed, who glorify you this day. Pour into our existence all such spiritual gifts as may be needed by us to accomplish your will. Into your care and protection we yield ourselves entirely for your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray before you with these words: “Our Father...

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### **Story Time: Welcoming Guests**

In peace, dear God, I come to you  
through Jesus Christ who makes me new,  
and while I run or play or rest, be with all who come as guests.  
Guide me in your holy Way as you go with me each day. Amen.

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### **Hymn: MV 189 “Jesus, we are here (Jesu tawa pano)”**

Jesus, we are here;  
we are here for you.

Jesus, we are here;  
we are here for you.

Jesus, we are here;  
we are here for you.

Words: Patrick Matsikenyiri

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## **Receiving God's Word**

### **Prayer of Illumination (all)**

We come as guests now to scripture, O God. Thank you for welcoming us to feast on your word and then to share your word in the world. Amen.

### **Scripture Reading: Luke 10:38–42**

#### **Martha and Mary**

<sup>38</sup> Now as they went on their way, Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup> And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup> but one thing is necessary.<sup>[b]</sup> Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

Herein is Good News.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## **Gift of Music.**

Heather Rice (Music Director at St. Giles Presbyterian)

Katie Gratton (Vocalist at St. Giles Presbyterian)

## **Sermon**

### **Responding to God's Word**

**Hymn:** VU 410 "This day God gives me"

This day God gives me strength of high heaven,  
sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth,  
flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness,  
depths of the ocean, firmness of earth.

This day God sends me strength to sustain me,  
might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.  
Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening,  
your lips are speaking, Friend at my side.

God's way is my way, God's shield is round me,  
God's host defends me, saving from ill.  
Angels of heaven, drive from me always  
all that would harm me, stand by me still.

Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One,  
King of creation, giver of rest,  
firmly confessing Threeness of Persons,  
Oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest.

*Words: attrib. St. Patrick, adapt. James Quinn*

## **Announcements**

## **Prayers of the People**

## **Offering**

(sung response) VU 541 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

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## **Hymn: VU 586 “We shall go out with hope of resurrection”**

We shall go out with hope of resurrection;  
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;  
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;  
tales of a love that will not let us go.  
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;  
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;  
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united  
within the vision of new life in Christ.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;  
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;  
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,  
expressive love alive in every heart.  
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,  
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,  
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,  
including all in circles of our love.

Words: June Boyce-Tillman

Music: trad. Irish melody, arr. John Barnard

## **Commissioning and Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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## **Thank you**

We extend a warm thank you to Heather Rice (organ/piano) and to Katie Gratton (vocalist). They join us from St. Giles this morning.  
We also welcome you and all those worship with us this morning

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## **SUNDAY SERVICES**

August 17th, St. Giles Presbyterian (10 am)

August 24th, Glebe St. James United (10 am)

August 31st, St. Giles Presbyterian (10 am)

September 7th, Glebe St. James United (10:30 am)

## **OMRA Picnic**

Saturday, August 23rd, 1 pm

## **Capital Pride Parade**

Sunday, August 24th

## **School Starts**

Tuesday, September 2nd

## **LGBTQ2S+ Potluck**

Wednesday, September 10th (to be confirmed)

## **Welcome Back Sunday**

Wednesday, September 14th (10:30 am)

## **GSJ Council Meeting – in-person**

Wednesday, September 17th

## **Women's Intergenerational Group**

Sunday, September 21st

## **Labyrinth Open**

Sunday, September 21st

## **Men & Friends Potluck**

Wednesday, September 24th (to be confirmed)

## **Quilting Retreat**

Friday, September 26 – Sunday, September 28th

## **Glebe-St. James**

### **Photo Directory**

Universal Portrait Studios will be onsite to take your photo (free) for inclusion in our new Photo Directory, October 7-9th.

You may also purchase copies of your photo(s)

Contact Susan Palmai for more info or check out the poster on the bulletin board.

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