



*The Anglican Churches of Pictou County Combined Church Service
Caribou Park Sunday July 30th, 2017*

SUMMER SABBATH with the Gift of Living Water

Summer is often thought of as a time of rest. This service is an invitation to rest and rejuvenate while savoring the gifts of God.

Opening Hymn

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us come before the God of our longings.

All: Inhabit our hearts, wondrous God of all creation, as once you inhabited living flesh.

Leader: Open your eyes, your hearts, your minds and sense the good things we have from God.

All: Blessed be God for the gift of water which cleanses and refreshes us, bringing us to new birth.

Listening to God's Word

Leader: Let us be attentive as we hear the proclamation of God's holy word.

Isaiah 41:17-20

Responsive Psalm 147:1-8, 12-18

Side A: Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

Side B: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

Side A: He heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds.

Side B: He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

Side A: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

Side B: The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre, He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.

Side A: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.

Side B: He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat. He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.

Side A: He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes. He hurls down hail like crumbs-- who can stand before his cold?

Side B: He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

Gradual

Gospel, John 4:4-14

Reflection

Offertory Hymn

Prayers

Leader: We bring all that we have and all that we are before the God of Life. We bring the desires of our hearts and ask for God's saving grace.

Reader: God our life, there is evil in our world-hatred, bigotry, and exploitation

All: cleanse our world with living water.

Reader: God our life, when we become weary or complacent

All: become a fountain of life within us.

Reader: God our life, for the times we feel abandoned and afraid

All: flood our souls with life-giving water.

Reader: God our life, when the world is too much for us and we fall into despair

All: be for us a river of hope.

Leader: You, O God, are the source of all life. ' Nurture us and hold us close in your arms.

All: Amen.

Blessing

Leader: God, you are the fountain of living water. Send down your blessing on this water and on each of us gathered here. Cleanse us of all that separates, destroys, and oppresses and make us living water to all who thirst for justice.

All: Amen.

The leader sprinkles all gathered.

The Communion

Invitation

Celebrant; He was always the guest. In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna, he was always the guest. At the meal tables of the Wealthy where he pled the case of the poor; he was always the guest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest. But here, at this table, he is the host. Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him those who want to follow him must first be fed by him, those who would wash his feet must first let him make them clean. For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished; this is the time when Christ can make us new. So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.

When the time arrived for Jesus to be lifted up; When all had been prepared, and He shared His last meal with His friends, The Lord, took the loaf, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples. When you eat the bread, remember Me. This is my body broken for you. When the meal was finished, The Lord took the cup, blessed it, and gave it to the disciples. When you drink the wine, remember Me. This is my blood shed for you. Now, as we gather at this table, we eat bread; we drink wine; and we remember the One Who died to bring us life. And we will keep sharing this meal until He returns. **Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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 for ever. Amen.

Communion is shared.

Thanksgiving: We thank You, Lord For giving us this sacred meal, for giving us Your Presence and Your life, and for reminding us of Your everlasting grace, which will be celebrated for all eternity. Amen.

Celebrant: Christ who has nourished us, is our peace. Strangers and friends, male and female, old and young, he has broken down the barriers to bind us to him and to each other. Having tasted his goodness, let us share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Closing Prayer

All: God our life, you quench our thirst and refresh our weary souls. Be a font of hope and healing for our world. Live in us so that we might bring comfort and sweet rejoicing into deserts of despair. Lead us guide us, and when our work on earth is through, bring us home to the eternal rest of your heaven. Amen.

Closing Hymn

1. Michael, Row the Boat Ashore

Michael, row the boat ashore, hallelujah
Michael, row the boat ashore, hallelujah
Sister, help to trim the sail, hallelujah
Sister, help to trim the sail, hallelujah

Jordan's river is chilly and cold, hallelujah
Chills the body but not the soul, hallelujah
The river is deep and the river is wide, hallelujah
Milk and honey on the other side, hallelujah

Gabriel, blow the trumpet horn, hallelujah
Gabriel, blow the trumpet horn, hallelujah
Michael's boat is a gospel boat, hallelujah
Michael's boat is a gospel boat, hallelujah

Michael, row the boat ashore, hallelujah
Michael, row the boat ashore, hallelujah
Sister, help to trim the sail, hallelujah
Sister, help to trim the sail, hallelujah

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2. This is the Day

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made,
That the Lord has made
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it
This is the day, that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

You are our God, you are our God, we will praise your name,
We will praise your name
We will give thanks, we will give thanks for your faithfulness,
For your faithfulness,
You are our God, we will praise your name
We will give thanks for your faithfulness
You are our God you are our God we will praise your name

This is the day, this is the day when the spirit came, when the spirit came
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it
This is the day when the spirit came we will rejoice and be glad in it

This is the day, this is the day when the spirit came.

Repeat Verse One

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3. Peace is Flowing like a River

Peace is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me;
Spreading out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free. Setting all the captives free.

Love is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me;
Spreading out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free. Setting all the captives free.

Joy is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me;
Spreading out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free. Setting all the captives free.

Faith is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me;
Spreading out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free. Setting all the captives free.

Hope is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me;
Spreading out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free. Setting all the captives free.

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4. As the Deer

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

Chorus:

You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.

I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.

You alone are the real joy giver, and the apple of my eye. *Chorus...*

You're my friend and You are my brother even though You are a king.

I love You more than any other, so much more than anything. *Chorus..*

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5. We are one in the Spirit

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: *Chorus...*

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,

And all praise to Christ, Jesus, His only Son,

And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us all one: *Chorus...*

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6. Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and God's righteousness.

And all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you,

Seek and you shall find,

Knock and the door shall be opened up to you.

Allelu, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you,

Seek and you shall find,

Knock and the door shall be opened up to you.

Allelu, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia

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7. He's Got the Whole World

He's got the whole world in his hands

He's got the big round world in his hands

He's got the whole wide world in his hands

He's got the whole world in his hands

He's got the wind and the rain in his hands

He's got the sun and the moon in his hands

He's got the wind and the rain in his hands

He's got the whole world in his hands

He's got that tiny little baby in his hands

He's got that helpless little baby in his hands

He's got that tiny little baby in his hands

He's got the whole world in his hands

He's got you and me, brother, in his hands

He's got you and me, sister, in his hands

He's got you and me, brother, in his hands

He's got the whole world in his hands

He's got everybody here, in his hands
He's got everybody here in his hands
He's got everybody here in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands

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8. *Kum Ba Yah*

Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah!
Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah!
Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah!
O Lord, Kum ba yah!

Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah!
Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah!
Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah!
O Lord, Kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, Kum ba yah!
Someone's praying, Lord, Kum ba yah!
Someone's praying, Lord, Kum ba yah!
O Lord, Kum ba yah!

Someone's singing, Lord, Kum ba yah!
Someone's singing, Lord, Kum ba yah!
Someone's singing, Lord, Kum ba yah!
O Lord, Kum ba yah!

Come by here, my Lord, Come by here!
Come by here, my Lord, Come by here!
Come by here, my Lord, Come by here!
O Lord, Kum ba yah!

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