



**WELCOME TO  
CHURCH**



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# Sanctus #315

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! ~



# **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**





# \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: We wait patiently for our God.

**All: We will sing, we will sing  
new songs of the One who calls  
us here.**

One: We will not chase after other  
gods.

**All: We will sing, we will sing  
new songs of the One in whom  
we can trust.**

One: We will tell of all God has done for us.

**All: We will sing, we will sing new songs of the One whose salvation is for all.**



## **\*OPENING PRAYER:**

**There is none like you, God of infinite patience. You promise to listen to us, always. You speak more words of hope and grace and offer more acts of mercy and hope than we could count. There is none like you, Shaper of servants. Gathering up all the**

**words we should never have spoken, you rearrange them into stories of peace and reconciliation. Sweeping up the messes we leave littered behind us, you recycle them into gifts which soften the hardest hearts. There is none like you, Ever-listening Spirit. You gather up all our cousins scattered**

**throughout the earth, bringing us to the table of life. You point the way to Jesus when we have lost sight of him on the fog-filled days of our souls. There is none like you, God in community, and our hearts will sing new songs even as we pray, saying...  
Our Father ...**





OPENING HYMN: VU#415

“God We Praise You For The  
Morning”

God, we praise you for the  
morning;  
hope springs forth with each new  
day,  
new beginning, prayer, and  
promise,  
joy in work and in play.

God, we praise you for creation,  
mountains, seas, and prairie land.  
Waking souls find joy and healing  
in your bountiful hand.

God, we praise you for  
compassion,  
all the loving that you show;  
human touching, tears, and  
laughter,  
help your children to grow.

God, we praise you for your Spirit,  
Comforter and daily friend,  
restless searcher, gentle teacher,  
strength and courage you send.

God, we praise you for the Saviour,  
come that we may know your  
ways.

In his loving, dying, rising,  
Christ is Lord of our days.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Christ is Lord of our days!~



# PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

One: Called to follow we often trip over our temptations, falling flat on our faith. But God picks us up, sets us on the solid ground of grace, and sends us out as servants. Let us confess our sins to the One who is always faithful.

**All: Shaped, formed, born to be**

**servants, Faithful One, we spend so much time focused on ourselves. Called to be saints, we deeply despise those with whom we disagree. Challenged to testify about the good news, we keep silent, hoarding stories of joy and hope for ourselves. Forgive us, Merciful Lamb. Give us open ears, that we might hear**

**your words of pardon; give us  
open eyes, that we might see  
those you would have us serve;  
give us open hearts, that we  
might welcome the One who  
takes away our sins, Jesus  
Christ, our Lord and Saviour.**

*(a moment of silence)*



# WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

One: Listen! Before you were born, God called you by name, claiming you as God's child. Pay attention! You are forgiven.

**All: We will not keep silent. We will tell, and we will sing; we will whisper, and we will shout: God is faithful! Amen.**





HYMN MV#126

“Are You A Shepherd”

Are you a shep-herd, good shep-herd  
who leads us  
safe-ly through dan-ger, while calm-  
ing our fears?

Are you a fa-ther who shel-ters and  
feeds us,  
Shares in our laugh-ter and wipes a-  
way tears?

Are you a moth-er, good moth-er who  
bears us,  
Com-forts, protects us and helps us to  
rest?

Are you a teach-er who dai-ly pre-  
pares us,  
Chal-leng-ing stu-dents to of-fer their  
best?

Great, gen-tle shep-herd, for ev-er be-  
side us,

Lead all your chil-dren in paths that  
are right.

Great, lov-ing par-ent, wise teach-er,  
you guide us.


We want to love you and bring you de-  
light.~





# CHILDREN'S TIME



An open book is shown at the bottom of the frame, resting on a dark surface. The pages are slightly aged and the text is visible but not legible. Behind the book, a bright, glowing green light emanates from the left side, creating a soft, ethereal glow that fills the background. The overall atmosphere is one of spiritual illumination and focus on the text.

**SCRIPTURE:**  
**Isaiah 49:1-7**

**Joanne Miron**

# The Servant's Mission

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished

arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his

servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that

my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”



**SCRIPTURE:**  
**John 1:29-42**

**Joanne Miron**

## The Lamb of God

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed

to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

## The First Disciples of Jesus

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"

(which translated means Teacher),  
“where are you staying?” He said to  
them, “Come and see.” They came  
and saw where he was staying, and  
they remained with him that day. It  
was about four o’clock in the  
afternoon. One of the two who heard  
John speak and followed him was  
Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He  
first found his brother Simon and said

to him, “We have found the Messiah”  
(which is translated Anointed). He  
brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at  
him and said, “You are Simon son of  
John. You are to be called Cephas”  
(which is translated Peter).





SERMON



# HYMN: VU#326

“O For A Thousand Tongues  
To Sing”



O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of God's grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our  
fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life and health and peace.

He speaks, and listening to his  
voice,

new life the dead receive,

the mournful broken-hearts rejoice,

the humble poor believe.

Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless  
ones,  
your tongues again employ;  
you blind, behold your Saviour  
comes,  
and leap, you lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth  
abroad  
the honours of your name.~



**\*OFFERING: #541**

***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.~***



# **\*OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**As we offer our gifts to you, calling God, remind us that we are invited to not only come and see the brokenness of our world, those who are hungry and homeless, lonely and grieving, but to join you in that ministry of offering strength, hope, and healing to all your children. Amen.**





**COMMUNION**

One: The Spirit of God be with you  
all.

**All: And also with you.**

One: lift up your hearts;

**All: We lift them to God.**

One: Give thanks to our God!

**All: All our thanks, all our praise!**

One: Holy God, Holy One, Holy  
Three! Before all that is, You were  
God. Outside all we know, You are

God. After all is finished, You will be God. Archangels sound the trumpets, Angels teach us their song, Saints pull us into your presence. And this is our song:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy, God,  
Our life, our mercy, our might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your  
glory. Save us, we pray, you  
beyond all. Blest is the One who**

**comes in your name. Save us,  
we pray, you beyond all.**

One: Holy God, Holy One, Holy  
Three! You beyond the galaxies,  
You under the oceans,

**All: You inside the leaves, You  
pouring down rain, You opening  
the flowers,**

One: You feeding the insects,  
You giving us your image,

**All: You carrying us through the  
waters, You holding us in the  
night,**

One: Your smile on Sarah and  
Abraham, Your hand with Moses  
and Miriam,

**All: Your words through  
Deborah and Isaiah,**

One: You lived as Jesus among us,

**All: Healing, teaching, dying,  
rising, Inviting us all to your  
feast.**

One: In the night in which he was  
betrayed, Jesus took bread, and  
gave thanks; Broke it, and gave it  
to his disciples, saying: Take eat;  
this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of  
me. Again, after supper he took the

cup, gave thanks, And gave it for  
all to drink, saying: This cup is the  
new covenant in my blood,  
Shed for you and for all people  
For the forgiveness of sin. Do this  
for the remembrance of me.

One: Holy God, we remember your  
Son,

**All: His life with the humble,  
His death among the wretched,**

**His resurrection for us all:**

One: Your wisdom our guide,

**All: Your justice our strength,**

One: Your grace our path to rebirth.

One: And so we cry, mercy:

**All: Mercy!**

One: And so we cry, Glory:

**All: Glory!**

One: And so we cry, Blessing:

**All: Blessing!**

One: Holy God, we beg for your Spirit. Enliven this bread, Awaken this body, Pour us out for each other. Transfigure our minds, Ignite your church, Nourish the life of the earth. Make us, while many, united, Make us, though broken, whole, Make us, despite death, alive.

One: And so we cry, Come, Holy

Spirit;

**All: Come, Holy Spirit!**

One: And so the church shouts,

Come, Holy Spirit:

**All: Come, Holy Spirit!**

One: And so the earth pleads,

Come, Holy Spirit:

**All: Come, Holy Spirit!**





**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**



One: You, Holy God, Holy One,  
Holy Three!

**All: Praise now,**

One: Praise tomorrow,

**All: Praise forever.**

One: And so we cry, Amen:

**All: Amen!**



Sharing the bread and cup  
Jesus Christ, the bread of life.



Jesus Christ, the true vine.



# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

**All: Life-giving God, May we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring new life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children**

**shall be free, and all creation will  
live to praise your name. Amen**





**CLOSING HYMN: VU#264**  
**“Immortal Invisible”**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise;  
in light inaccessible hid from our  
eyes;

most blessed, most glorious, the  
Ancient of Days,

almighty, victorious, thy great name  
we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as  
light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou  
rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high  
soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of  
goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great  
and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of  
all;  
we blossom and flourish like leaves  
on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but naught  
changengeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest  
in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling  
their sight;  
all praise we would render, O help  
us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light  
hideth thee!~



# BLESSING:

One: We could wait here for God to warm us with stories of love and hope.

**All: but we go to be with those in the bleak midwinter of their lives.**

One: We could wait in the security of this sacred space for Jesus,

**All: but we will go to see where he**

**wants us to serve in faith.**

One: We could wait in the stillness  
with the Spirit,

**All: but we will go to light a way for  
all hidden in the shadows of life.**



**Choral Response:**  
**“Go Now In Peace”**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of  
ev'ry day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong  
and true.

Know God will guide you in all you  
do.

Go now in love, and show you  
believe.

Reach out to others so all the world  
can see.

God will be there watching from  
above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in  
love.

Amen.....Amen.....Amen



A white ceramic coffee cup filled with coffee, sitting on a matching white saucer. A thick plume of white steam rises from the cup, filling the left side of the frame. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light brown color.

**Everyone is  
invited and  
encouraged to join  
us for  
refreshments  
following worship!**

**Please remember  
to return your  
nametag.**