# St. Luke's Table

# CANADA DAY

If any serve me, the Father will honour them. John 12.26



Church of All Nations, Barluzzi, Antonio

#### Good Morning and Welcome!

A service of Prayers at Mid-Day from the Book of Alternative Services with Propers for Canada Day.

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# <u>The Gathering</u> of the Community

<u>Opening Hymn:</u>

O Canada



O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Alleluia!

# **Confession and Absolution**

Dear friends in Christ,

as we turn our hearts and minds

- to worship almighty God,
- let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
- firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
- and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen. Merciful God,

grant to us, your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

### Psalm 19 1–6, (alternating verses)

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork. One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts its knowledge to another. Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;

- it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
- it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;
- nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

#### <u>Psalm Prayer</u>

O God, the source of all life. you have filled the earth with beauty. Open our eyes to see your gracious hand in all your works, that rejoicing in your whole creation we may learn to serve you with gladness, for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose wisdom and whose love are over all, accept the prayers we offer for our nation. Give integrity to its citizens and wisdom to those in authority, that harmony and justice may be secured in obedience to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

<u>Galatians 5.22, 23a, 25</u>

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

# <u>The Proclamation</u> of the Word

#### First Reading:

Isaiah 32: 1-5, 16-18



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#### <u>Isaiah 32: 1-5, 16-18</u>

See, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule with justice.
Each will be like a hiding place from the wind, a covert from the tempest,
like streams of water in a dry place, like the shade of a great rock in a weary land. Then the eyes of those who have sight will not be closed,

and the ears of those who have hearing will listen. The minds of the rash will have good judgment, and the tongues of stammerers will speak readily and distinctly.

A fool will no longer be called noble, nor a villain said to be honorable. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.

My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

# <u>2 Corinthians 5.17–18</u>

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. Psalm 85: 7-13, (alternating verses)

Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him. Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

# Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

# The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. God of grace, you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son to be our Saviour. Help us to rejoice in our salvation by showing mercy and truth, and by walking in the way of righteousness and peace. We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen.

## <u>Malachi 1.11</u>

From the rising of the sun to its setting my name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my name, and a pure offering; for my name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.

#### <u>Second Reading</u>:

#### Colossians 3: 12-17



Overflow with Hope, Beerhorst, Rick and Brenda

### <u>Colossians 3: 12-17</u>

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

# Gradual Hymn



#### The Good News

The Gospel of Christ according to John 15: 12-17



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## <u>John 15: 12-17</u>

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

#### **Reflection**



Stand fast therefore... Granlund, Paul T. (Paul Theodore), 1925-

#### The Creed

Let us confess our faith as we say, I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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.

# <u>Prayers</u> of the People



Family Giving Thanks to the Ocean, Savage, McKay
### Offertory Hymn



Judge eternal, accept all we offer you this day, and grant to our nation unity and peace. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen. <u>Canada Day Prayer\*</u>, (alternating verses)

Thank you God for this piece of the world, a slice of land broad and wide, green from sea to sea, blessed with rivers and great lakes, wide skies and great forests, high mountains and gracious plains, beautiful from sea to sea to sea.

### Thank you for letting us live in this land, even though we do not own it; this land is your land, which we use in trust for future generations.

Thank you for Canada's rich history, which includes Aboriginal and Metis and Inuit peoples. Give us wisdom as we continue to work on issues of land use and ownership with these First Nations. Thank you for our system of government, for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, for our right to speak freely, elect leaders, And worship freely.

Guide us as we come together to make our country the best it can be, a home for all, welcoming refugees and newcomers, sharing what we have with the world. Bless our leaders, Queen Elizabeth,

our Prime Minister and all members of parliament; guide their steps, and help us use our voices to guide them as they make difficult and far-reaching decisions. We thank you today for our home and native land, thank you for giving us a home here, where we live in peace and security.

God keep Canada, our land, strong and free, keep it safe and beautiful for future generations. Amen.

\*Adapted from the Canada Day Prayer written by Carole Penner, posted on the Leading in Worship blog, <u>http://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship/</u>

#### <u>Collect for Mid-Day</u>

Blessed Saviour, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms. Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake. Amen. The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

- And lead us not into temptation,
- but deliver us from evil.
- For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
- for ever and ever. Amen.

## <u>The Blessing</u> Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God, Alleluia.



Hope, Pisano, Andrea, 1270-1348?

# Closing Hymn



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