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**February 2, 2020**  
**St. Andrew's College Sunday**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & INVITATION**

**LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH: *(Announcements)***

**LIGHTING OF PEACE CANDLE**

## **WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

We gather in this place to connect with our Creator. We pray for our community and the world as we turn to God to give us strength for service.

**Here will we name our fears, our failings - and our hopes and dreams for the future.**

In this time together, may we see God's abundant gifts and prepare to share them lavishly in the world, carrying them forward into God's future.

### **PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**Holy One, through Jesus' example, we choose to give thanks today for the gifts that you give. You have found ways to show us, again and again, your extravagant generosity. May we so fully experience you and your abundance that we respond by wildly sowing the seeds of your love. Amen.**

### **\*HYMN: "Dance with the Spirit" (#156 MV)**

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin'  
Walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',  
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Dance with the Spirit each and every moment,  
Search for the Spirit in words people say.  
Pray and seek your Divine inspiration,  
Call upon the Spirit to show you the way.

Dance with the Spirit later in the evenin',  
Talk with the Spirit, give thanks for this day;  
Rest and know that your life is unfoldin',  
Open to the Spirit to show you the way.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Let us come before our forgiving God, sharing that which keeps us apart – from our Creator and ourselves:

**Provider God, we come before you recognizing that you are continually generous yet we lament what we think is missing and we are often grudging in our own plans for the future. At times we doubt your promise and we fail to hear your call to sow the seeds we hold tightly – for fear that we will not personally see them come to life. Forgive us O God, when we do not remember the things you have done, or believe our ‘fortunes will be restored’**

*(pause for personal prayer).*

Help us ...

**to experience your gifts and believe that we are worthy.**

Strengthen us ...

**to give in return and offer what the world needs most – our very selves.**

Push us ...

**to trust in a future filled with goodness even when our imaginations are limited.**

**We pray for your grace in the name of the Christ. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

We are loved, gifted and made by God. All of creation – including the seeds of our future, and our very selves - God has declared as GOOD.

**Amen.**

**SUNG RESPONSE: “Halle, Halle” (#958 VU)**

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

**THEME CONVERSATION**

**\*HYMN: “Jesus Put This Song into Our Hearts”**

*(#26 Rainbow)*

1. Jesus put this song into our hearts  
Jesus put this song into our hearts  
It's a song of joy no one can take away.  
Jesus put this song into our hearts.
2. Jesus taught us how to live in harmony,  
Jesus taught us how to live in harmony;  
Different faces, different races, he made us one.  
Jesus taught us how to live in harmony.
3. Jesus taught us how to be a family,  
Jesus taught us how to be a family;  
Loving one another with the love that he gives.  
Jesus taught us how to be a family.
4. Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing,  
Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing,  
Changed our tears of sadness into rivers of joy.  
Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing.

**SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:9-13**

**2 Corinthians 9:6-10**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** “Follow Me There” – Sacred Sounds

## **REFLECTION**

### **RESPONSE**

## **THE OFFERING**

**\*HYMN:** “Called By Earth and Sky” (#135 MV)

*Refrain:*

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.  
This is our sacred living trust,  
treasure of life sanctified, called by earth and sky.**

1. Precious these waters, endless seas,  
deep ocean’s dream, waters of healing,  
rivers of rain, the wash of love again. **R**
2. Precious this gift, the air we breathe;  
wind born and free. Breath of the Spirit,  
blow through this place, our gathering and our grace. **R**
3. Precious these mountains, ancient sands;  
vast fragile land. Seeds of our wakening,  
rooted and strong, Creation’s faithful song. **R**
4. Precious the fire that lights our way,  
bright dawning day. Fire of passion, sorrows undone,  
our faith and justice one.

*Final Refrain:*

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.  
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,  
called by earth and sky, called by earth and sky.**

**\*OFFERTORY: “We Give Our Thanks to God” (#187 MV)**

We give our thanks to God, we give our thanks to God,  
we give our thanks to God, we give our thanks to God.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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 them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil  
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.

**\*HYMN: “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” (#575 VU)**

1. I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
2. I’m gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I’m gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
3. I’m gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I’m gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
4. I’m gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I’m gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

**\*SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING: “We Are Marching”**

(#646 VU)

We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God. (the light of God.)

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)  
oo-oo, (marching,)

we are marching in the light of God. (the light of God.)

We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)  
oo-oo (marching,)

we are marching in the light of God.

Si-ya-hamb’ e-ku-kha-nyen’ kwen-khos’

Si-ya-hamb’ e-ku-kha-nyen’ kwen-khos’

(2x)

Si-ya-ham-ba, ham-ba

Si-ya-ham-ba, oo-oo,

Si-ya-hamb’ e-ku-kha-nyen’ kwen-khos’

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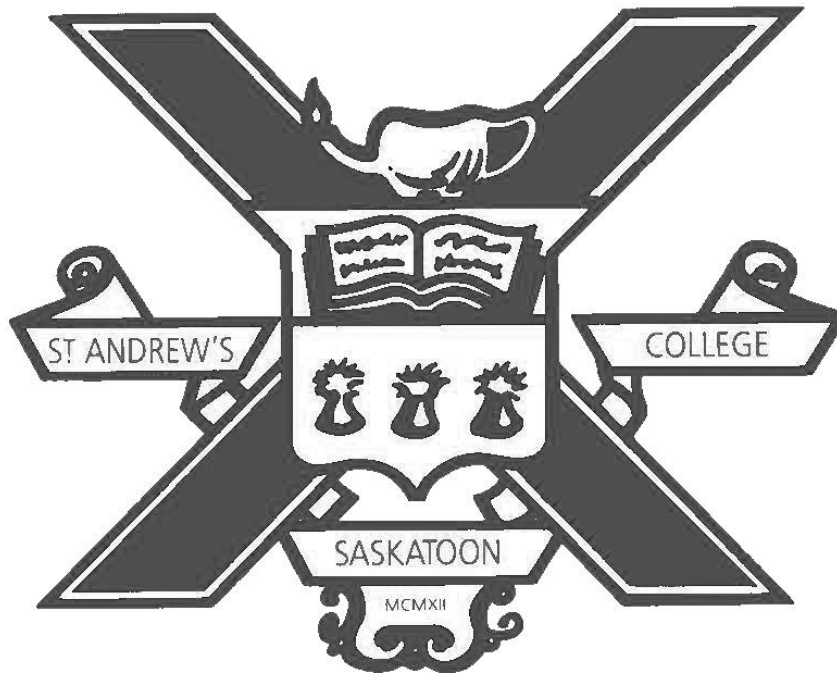
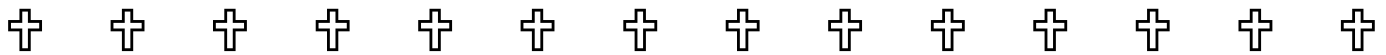
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*This year's St. Andrew's College liturgy contributed  
by Rev. Shelly Manley-Tannis*



McClure United Church acknowledges as we worship here today,  
we are gathered in the traditional territory of the Cree, Salteaux,  
and Assiniboine First Nations and Homeland of the Metis,  
in the area most recently defined as Treaty 6.

And we also acknowledge that McClure United Church,  
as an Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada,  
is one that embraces diversity and strives to include  
and be a safe place for all people.