


Welcome and Announcements



A silhouette of a person wearing a traditional Indigenous headdress with feathers, standing on a hill against a sunset sky. The person is facing right. The sky transitions from a dark purple at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. The foreground shows the dark silhouette of the hill and some grass.

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta.



Lighting the Christ Candle

Come and Find the Quiet Centre

*Voices United #374

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Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

(LV)

Call to Worship



L: As we gather here today, may the peace of Christ be upon this house of worship.

P: As we come together, may God's grace rest on us as we pray, sing and listen to the message.

L: May our time together ignite in us a desire to go out and share the peace and love of Christ with others.

P: Let us worship God, singing and praising God's wonderful love for all.

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Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty



Verses 1;3-4

*Voices United #315

* VU # 315 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty –Public
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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!

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, and 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!

(LV)

Gathering Prayer

L: Heavenly Father, ... In
Christ's name, we ask these things.

P: Amen.

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A photograph of a white coffee cup on a saucer, sitting on a wooden tray. A hand is visible on the right side of the tray, holding a book. The background is blurred, showing a person sitting at a table. The text "Story Time for all ages" is overlaid in white, centered on the image.

Story Time for all
ages



Holy Spirit Hear Us

Verses 1-2

*Voices United #377

*VU #377 Holy Spirit Hear Us – Public Domain

Holy Spirit, hear us,
help us while we sing;
breathe into the music
of the praise we bring.

Holy Spirit, shine now
on the book we read;
light its holy pages
with the truth we need.

(LV)



Scripture

L: A Word of God that
is still speaking,
P: Thanks be to God.

A photograph of a large flock of birds, likely swans or geese, in a natural setting at sunset. The sky is a deep, warm orange, and the water and ground are also bathed in this golden light. In the foreground, a large group of birds stands on the ground, their forms silhouetted against the bright background. Above them, several birds are captured in flight, their wings spread wide, also appearing as dark shapes against the glowing sky. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

Message



Will Your Anchor Hold

*Voices United #675

*VU #675 Will Your Anchor Hold – Public Domain

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife,
when the strong tides lift
and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift or firm remain?
We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep
in the Saviour's love!

It will surely hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers tell that the reef is near;
though the tempest rave
and the wild winds blow,
not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow.

We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep
in the Saviour's love!

It will surely hold in the floods of death,
when the waters cold chill our latest breath;
on the rising tide it can never fail
while our hopes abide within the veil.
We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep
in the Saviour's love!

When our eyes behold, through the
gathering night,
the city of gold, our harbour bright,
we shall anchor fast by the heavenly shore,
with the storms all past for evermore.
We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep
in the Saviour's love!

(LV)

The Offering



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Sung Dedication

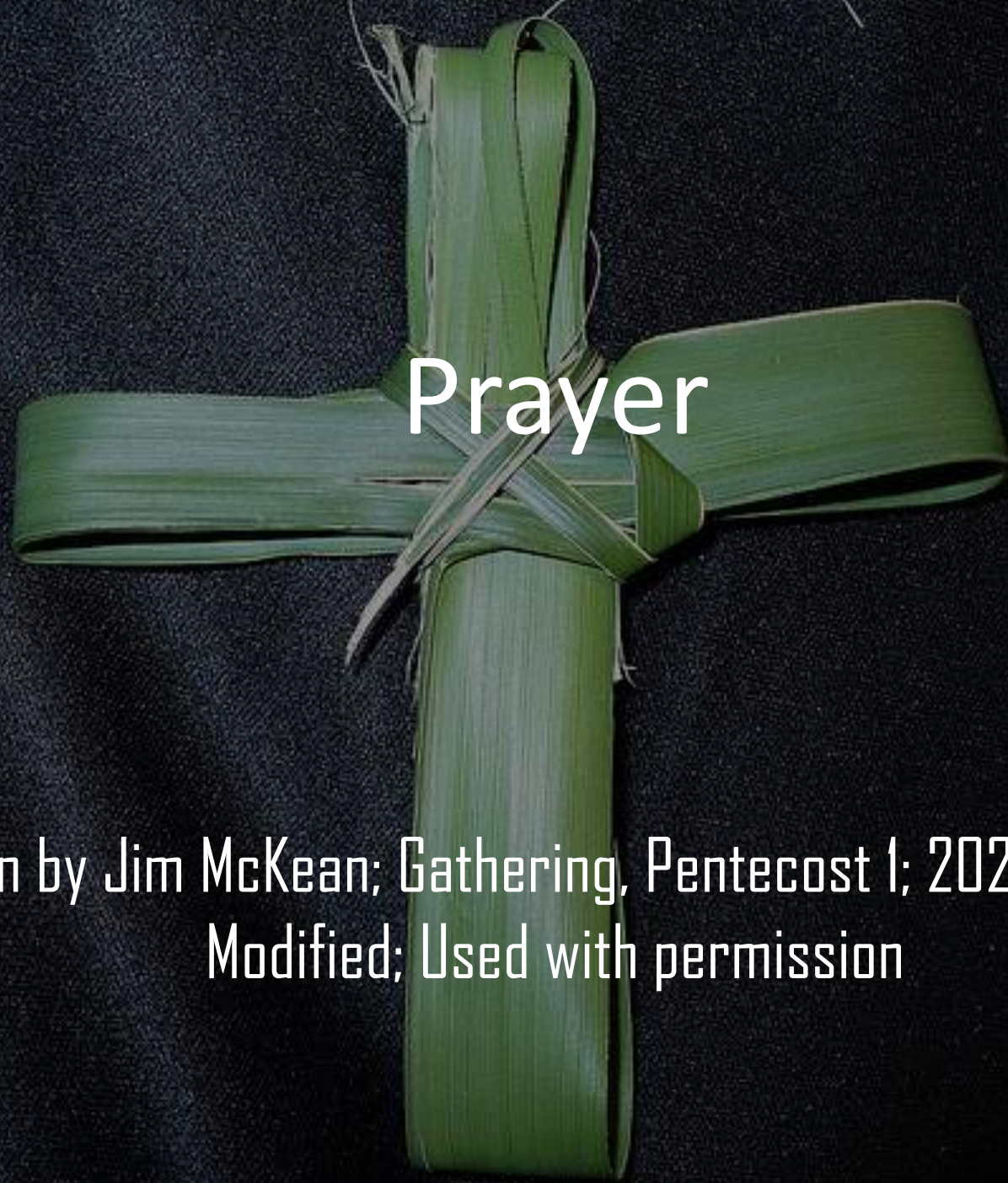
Grant Us, God, the Grace

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Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

(LV)



Prayer

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Come Touch Our Hearts – Verses 1-2

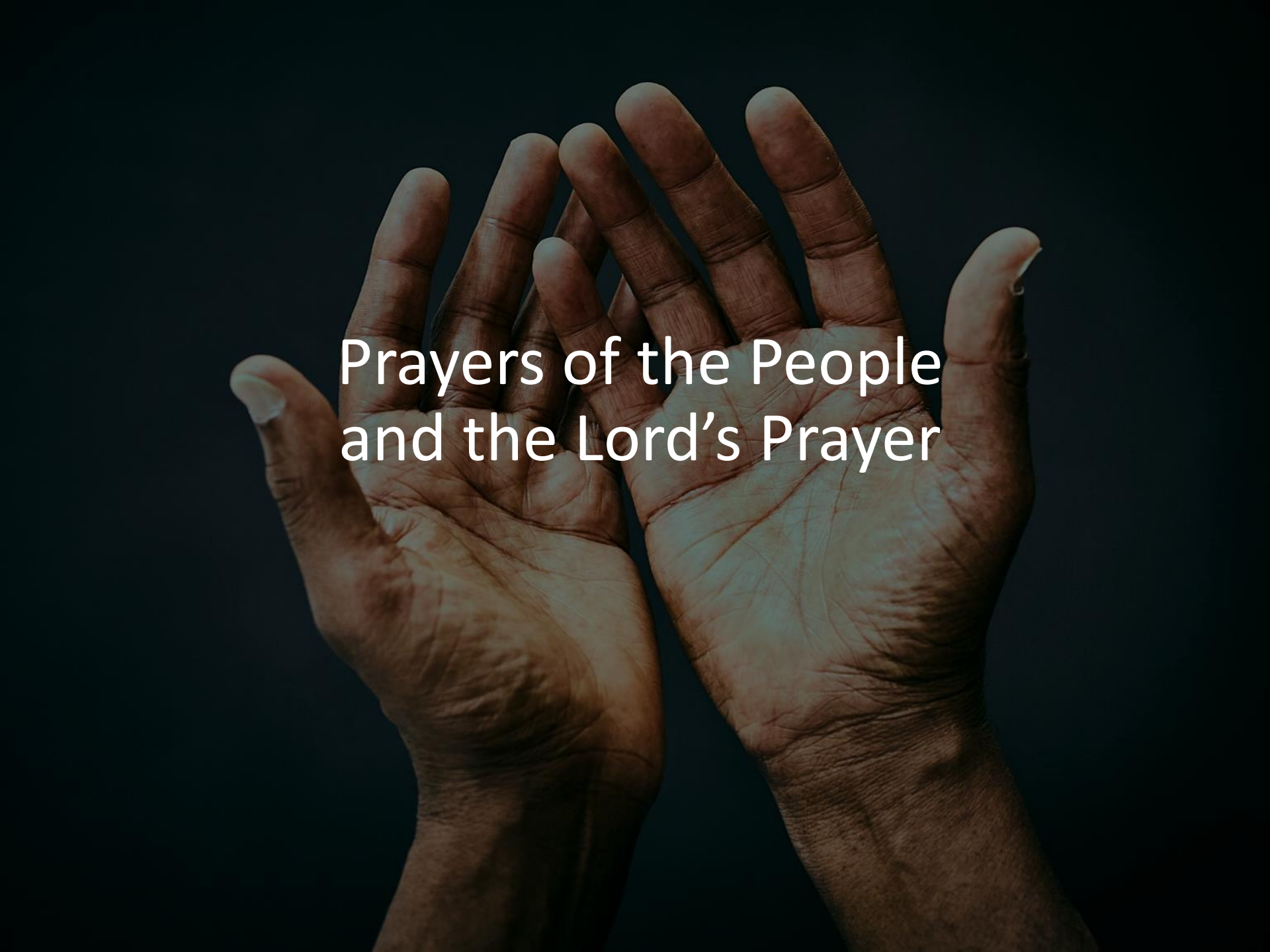
*More Voices #12

*MV #12 Come Touch Our Hearts: Words, Music:
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Come touch our hearts
that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls
that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our souls.

(LV)

A close-up photograph of two hands held up in a prayerful gesture, palms facing each other. The hands are positioned centrally against a dark, almost black background. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the skin and the lines on the palms. The fingers are slightly spread, and the thumbs are pointing outwards. The overall mood is one of devotion and sincerity.

Prayers of the People and 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 those who 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection

*Voices United #586

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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.

(LV)

Commissioning and Blessing

P: We go to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, with all our strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves. Amen.

L: May the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the joy of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.

The background of the slide features a soft, warm sunset sky with light clouds. In the lower right portion, the silhouettes of a man and a small child are visible, walking away from the viewer. The man is holding the child's hand, and they appear to be walking on a beach or a flat, open area. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

God, Take My Hand (Verses 1-2)

*Voices United #638

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God, take my hand
and lead me upon life's way;
direct, protect and feed me
from day to day.
Without your grace and favour
I go astray;
so take my hand,
O Saviour, and lead the way.

God, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear;
for you, the Rock of Ages,
are always near.

Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,
for when your hand is guiding,
in peace I go.

(LV)



Sharing the Peace

MAY THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU

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And also with you!

A top-down view of a white ceramic coffee cup filled with a latte, featuring a heart-shaped latte art design. The cup sits on a matching white saucer. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly wood. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Please join us for Coffee
and Fellowship in the
Library after the service!