



Anglican Church of Canada



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Canada**

March 9, 2011
Ash Wednesday

To the Faithful of the
Anglican Church of Canada and
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Grace and peace to you.

On July 6, 2001, in the *Waterloo Declaration*, we Canadian Lutherans and Anglicans proclaimed our full-communion relationship. This year marks the 10th anniversary of this historic and holy moment. 2011 also marks the 10th anniversary of *Called to Common Mission* which gives expression to the full-communion relationship between The Episcopal Church, USA, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

On the Second Sunday of Easter, May 1, 2011, our four churches will join in celebrations which will transpire on the border between the United States and Canada. At St. Paul's Anglican Church in Fort Erie, Ontario, at 3 pm, and at a similar hour across the Peace Bridge at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Buffalo, New York, Anglicans and Lutherans will come together to mark our respective 10th anniversaries and to honour the possibilities of future collaboration.

At Holy Trinity, Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will preside while Archbishop Fred Hiltz will preach. At St. Paul's, National Bishop Susan Johnson will preside while Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, Primate of The Episcopal Church, will preach. The Eucharists will include the exchange of bread and wine from country to country, a rite of Thanksgiving for Baptism, a specially-prepared litany, the reading of a pastoral letter from the four church leaders, joint choirs and wonderful hospitality.

We invite the people of the Anglican Church of Canada and Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada to pray for each other and for this holy endeavour. At the same time, communities are encouraged to host their own celebrations, on the Second Sunday of Easter or sometime thereafter, in their own churches, using the rite and litany prepared for our 10th anniversary celebrations.

May God who is bountiful, merciful and gracious empower us, encourage us and lead us into the next decade of our faithful journey together.

With all good wishes for a holy and blessed Lent.

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ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, FORT ERIE ON
HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, BUFFALO NY
+
A CELEBRATION OF FULL-COMMUNION
MAY 1, 2011 + EASTER 2

This liturgy may be adapted for local use on Sunday, May 1 (Easter 2) or on another suitable date.

EvLW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship
BCP = Book of Common Prayer
CP = Common praise
BAS = Book of Alternative Services

Welcome from member of LECC (Holy Trinity) / JALC (St. Paul's).

Gathering

Thanksgiving for Baptism (EvLW, p. 97)
Gathering Song - EvLW 361 - The Day of Resurrection
Greeting
Gloria - CP 366 - Glory, in the Highest, Glory
Prayer of the Day (EvLW, Easter 2, B)

Word

Isaiah 2: 2-4
Psalm 133 - *Songs for the Holy One* (Thomas Barnett & Donald Patriquin)
Ephesians 4: 1-6
Alleluia - EvLW Setting 8, page 188
John 17:1-6, 15-23
Sermon
Hymn of the Day - EvLW 843 - Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness
Litany / Prayers of the People
Sung response - EvLW 215
Peace

Meal

Offering Anthem - John Rutter: 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'
or 'For the Beauty of the Earth' or similar
Offering Song - EvLW 837 / CP 407 - Many and Great, O God
Great Thanksgiving - 1979 BCP Eucharistic Prayer D / 1985 BAS Eucharistic Prayer 4
Communion Anthem - John Rutter: 'God be in My Head' or 'Eternal God' or similar
Post-Communion Song - EvLW 641 - All Are Welcome

Sending

Episcopal proclamation (TEC-ELCA-ACC-ELCIC pastoral letter) & blessing
Welcome for fellowship
Dismissal
Sending Song - CP 602 - Lift High The Cross

LITANY / PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As Christ's people, baptized into one Body and living in one Spirit,
let us pray to the Holy One, as we sing,
**Blessed are you who chose us in Christ;
may we love as Christ loved us.**

(tune from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* 215)

Cornerstone who makes opposing nations one, empower the leaders of the nations to beat the spears
of oppression into the pruning hooks of justice and human dignity.

Special intentions may be offered. Then the leader of the prayers says

Holy One, hear us as we sing:
**Blessed are you who chose us in Christ;
may we love as Christ loved us.**

Maker of covenants, inspire the leaders of our two countries to beat the swords of self-interested
partisanship into the ploughshares of the common good.

Special intentions may be offered. Then the leader of the prayers says

Holy One, hear us as we sing:
**Blessed are you who chose us in Christ;
may we love as Christ loved us.**

Author of the incarnate Word, send your wisdom upon all who exercise ministry in the churches,
especially upon Fred, Katherine, Mark and Susan, so that they may lead us into paths of humility,
gentleness and patience so that we may maintain the unity of the Spirit.

Special intentions may be offered. Then the leader of the prayers says

Holy One, hear us as we sing:
**Blessed are you who chose us in Christ;
may we love as Christ loved us.**

Helper of the helpless, strengthen those who soothe the suffering of the poor and the homeless and
those who challenge the structures that silence the oppressed.

Special intentions may be offered. Then the leader of the prayers says

Holy One, hear us as we sing:
**Blessed are you who chose us in Christ;
may we love as Christ loved us.**

Consoler of those who mourn, embrace those who suffer the loss of health and the loss of loved ones with the compassion of community and the confidence of your abiding love.

Special intentions may be offered. Then the leader of the prayers says

Holy One, hear us as we sing:

**Blessed are you who chose us in Christ;
may we love as Christ loved us.**

Wisdom who reigns over all things to the ends of the earth, open our eyes to the beauty and fragility of your creation, forgive our spendthrift ways and make us better stewards of its bounty.

Special intentions may be offered. Then the leader of the prayers says

Holy One, hear us as we sing:

**Blessed are you who chose us in Christ;
may we love as Christ loved us.**

Giver of every gift, may our praises rise before you like incense and our thanksgivings like a sacrificial offering of ourselves, our souls and bodies.

Special intentions may be offered. Then the leader of the prayers says

Holy One, hear us as we sing:

**Blessed are you who chose us in Christ;
may we love as Christ loved us.**

O God whose desire is that all the peoples of the world should be one human family, living together in harmony, grant that our churches, by their worship and witness, may help to hasten the day when your will is done on earth as it is in heaven, through the One who unites heaven and earth, who with you and the Spirit who makes all peoples one, lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**