

OPENING PRAYERS

- *on a table: 3 candles, with tea light and taper for lighting them; and the Tibetan prayer bowl*

WORDS OF WELCOME [Bill]

- *worship at Emmanuel: Midday Prayer, Muslim Prayers, Buddhist meditation, interfaith prayers, Wednesday worship (normally Christian in focus, but inclusive and hospitable to any who wish to attend).*
- *resources for worship and leadership: www.worshipwithemmanuel.ca*
- *introduce the Worship Team; pass out bookmarks & bulletins*
- *today's worship: Christian & Muslim calls to prayer, and a Buddhist call to mindfulness, with Christian prayers of thanksgiving and concern, and the exchange of peace from each tradition*

“Let us take a moment to prepare for a time of shared worship, prayer and meditation.”

- *the singing bowl is sounded*

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT [Awit]

As we come together today, we take a moment to acknowledge this sacred land on which Emmanuel College and the University of Toronto stands.

This has been a site of human activity for many thousands of years. This land is the territory of the Huron-Wendat and Petun First Nations, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. The territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy, the Confederacy of the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

Today, the meeting place of Toronto is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. We are grateful for the opportunity to live and work on this territory. Let us always seek to be mindful of broken covenants and the need to strive to make right with all our relations. . . . *silence* . . .

CALL TO PRAYER

from the lectern

The Islamic Call to Prayer: Serap Bulsen

God is greater; God is Greater.

God is greater; God is Greater.

I bear witness that there is no god but God.

I bear witness that there is no god but God.

I bear witness that Muhammad is the messenger of God.

I bear witness that Muhammad is the messenger of God.

Come to prayer; come to prayer.

Come to success, come to success.

God is greater; God is Greater.

There is no god but God.

(Allahu Akbar; Allahu Akbar.

Allahu Akbar; Allahu Akbar.

Ashhadu anna la illaha illa Allah.

Ashhadu anna la illaha illa Allah.

Ashhadu anna Muhammadan rasulu Allah.

Ashhadu anna Muhammadan rasulu Allah.

Hayya 'ala as-salah; hayya 'ala as-salah.

Hayya 'ala al-falah; hayya 'ala al-fallah.

Allahu Akbar; Allahu Akbar.

La ilāha illa Allah.)

a candle is lit

A Christian Exhortation to Prayer Joy Cowan

In the Gospel according to Luke,

Jesus calls speaks of the need for perseverance in prayer.

Jesus said: "Ask and it will be given you.

Search and you will find;

keep knocking, and the door will be opened to you.

For whoever asks, receives;

whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted.

What parents among you will give a snake to their child,
when that child asks for a fish;
or a scorpion when the child asks for an egg?
If you, with all your sins, know how to give your children good things,
how much more will the heavenly Father and Mother of us all
give the Holy Spirit to those who ask?

a candle is lit

A Buddhist Prayer: *Ven. Lobsang Yonten*

I take refuge in the Buddha, the Teachings and the Community,
until enlightenment is achieved.

Through the merit I create by practicing generosity
and the other perfections,

May I attain Buddhahood for the sake of all
living beings.

Enthused by Wisdom and Compassion,
today in the Buddha's' presence
I generate the Mind for Full Awakening
For the benefit of all sentient beings.

As long as space remains,
As long as sentient beings remain,
Until then, may I too remain
And dispel the miseries of the world.

May the supreme jewel, Bodhicitta, that wish to attain Enlightenment
motivated by great compassion for all sentient beings, that has not arisen,
arise and grow,
And may that which has already arisen not diminish,
but increase more and more.

a candle is lit; silence

the singing bowl is struck three times [Awit]

Song: MV 154 “Deep in Our Hearts”
piano/organ/percussion

Opening Prayer: *from the lectern* [Gregory?]

Let us pray: Holy God of all places and all peoples
you have made us in your image,
you call us together as one human family,
you welcome us all into this place of new beginnings.

As we embark upon this time at Emmanuel,
may we be united in a love of learning,
mindful of the common longing, vision and purpose
which lies deep within each of us.

And stir in us all
a commitment to truth and reconciliation,
hope and healing,
justice and peace.

We pray in the name of your strong and tender love,
Amen.

Scripture: *from the lectern* [reader?]

A reading from the First Book of Kings:

And God, the Holy One, said to Elijah,
‘Go out and stand on the mountain before me,
for I am about to pass by.’

Now there was a great wind,
so strong that it split the mountains
and broke the rocks in pieces before the Holy One,
but the Holy One was not in the wind;
and after the wind, an earthquake,
but the Holy One was not in the earthquake;
and after the earthquake, a fire,
but the Holy One was not in the fire;
and after the fire,
a sound of sheer silence

silence is kept

Prayers: with sung response MV 8 “And on This Path” [2 voices: Awit & student?]

R: *v. 1 “And on this path . . .”*

1. Ever-present God,
you are present to us in the energy and activity
of our most busy days,
and in the quiet pulse
of our most silent moments.
Help us to discern your nearness,
and to seek your presence
wherever it may be found

R: *v. 2 “So enter in . . .”*

2. God of blessing and promise,
we praise you for the gift and privilege this day,
and the challenges and opportunities that await us.
We are thankful for the many and varied ways you walk with us:
through the support of friends and family,
the wisdom of elders and mentors,
the prayers and presence of congregations and communities of
faith and practice.
May we never stray from the path of
compassion and courage,
peacemaking and truth-telling;
may we live with respect in creation

R: *v. 1 “And on this path . . .”*

1. May it be so. Amen.

Song: MV 169 “When Hands Reach Out”

piano/organ/percussion

A Threefold Peace:

Muslim: *Serap Bulsen*

As-salamu ‘alaykum.

Wa-‘alaykum as-salam

Christian: *Joy Cowan*

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Buddhist: *Ven. Lobsang Yonten*

Namaste.

Namaste.

We exchange words and gestures of peace and greeting.

Postlude: *instrumental reprise: MV 154 “Deep in Our Hearts”*