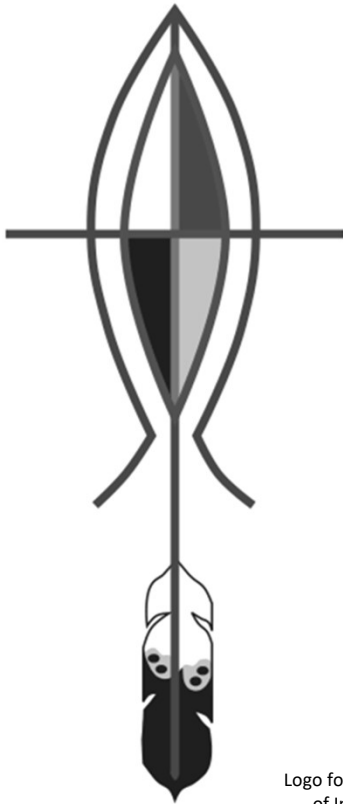


Morning Office  
from  
A Disciple's Prayer Book

During the Season of Creation  
Layreaders Conference 2021  
September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Moon Chutes, Muskoka



Logo for the Anglican Council  
of Indigenous Peoples

We begin this Morning Prayer service by acknowledging that we are meeting on the aboriginal land that has been inhabited by Indigenous peoples from the beginning. We're grateful for the opportunity to meet here and we thank all the generations of people who have taken care of this land – for thousands of years.

In particular, we acknowledge traditional territories of the Anishnabe, Anishnaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Huron-Wendat, Nipissing, Ojibway and Metis nations; covered by the Robinson-Superior, the Robinson-Huron and the Williams treaties. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to these places. We also recognize the contributions the Indigenous people have made, both in shaping and strengthening our communities, our province and country as a whole.

This recognition of the contributions and historic importance of Indigenous peoples must also be clearly connected to our collective commitment to make the promise and the challenge of Truth and Reconciliation real in our communities, and in particular to bring justice for the murdered and missing Indigenous women and children across our country, including the numerous children that never returned from the residential schools.

Today we have gathered, and we see that the cycles of life continue. We have been given the duty to live in balance and harmony with each other and all living things. So now we bring our minds together as one as we give greetings and thanks to each other as People.

### All Are Welcome

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome,  
All are welcome,  
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,  
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
All are welcome,  
All are welcome,  
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;  
A banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
All are welcome,  
All are welcome,  
All are welcome in this place.

Performed by Frank Berg



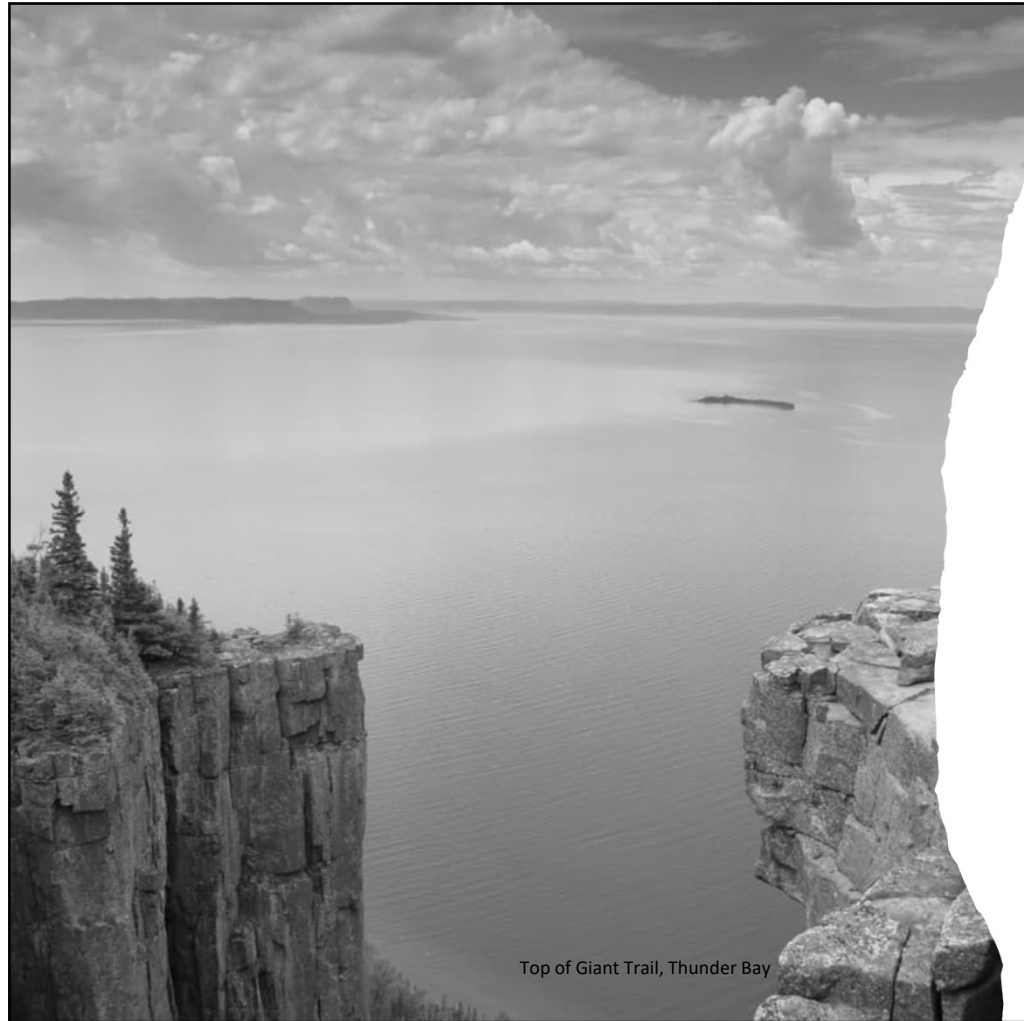
Lake Nipissing, North Bay

**Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the center of this sacred circle through which all creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**



Kakabeka Falls, Thunder Bay



Top of Giant Trail, Thunder Bay

The Gathering Psalm of Praise

Psalm 51:16, 11-13

Open my lips, O Lord,  
**And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**And renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from your presence  
**And take not your holy Spirit from me.**

Give me the joy of your saving help again  
**And sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

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.**

What word(s), idea(s)  
or sentence(s) stand  
out in today's Gospel?



Shingwauk Chapel,  
Sault Ste. Marie



Luke 12:35-37 - New Revised Standard Version

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.”

What is Jesus (the Gospel) saying to you?





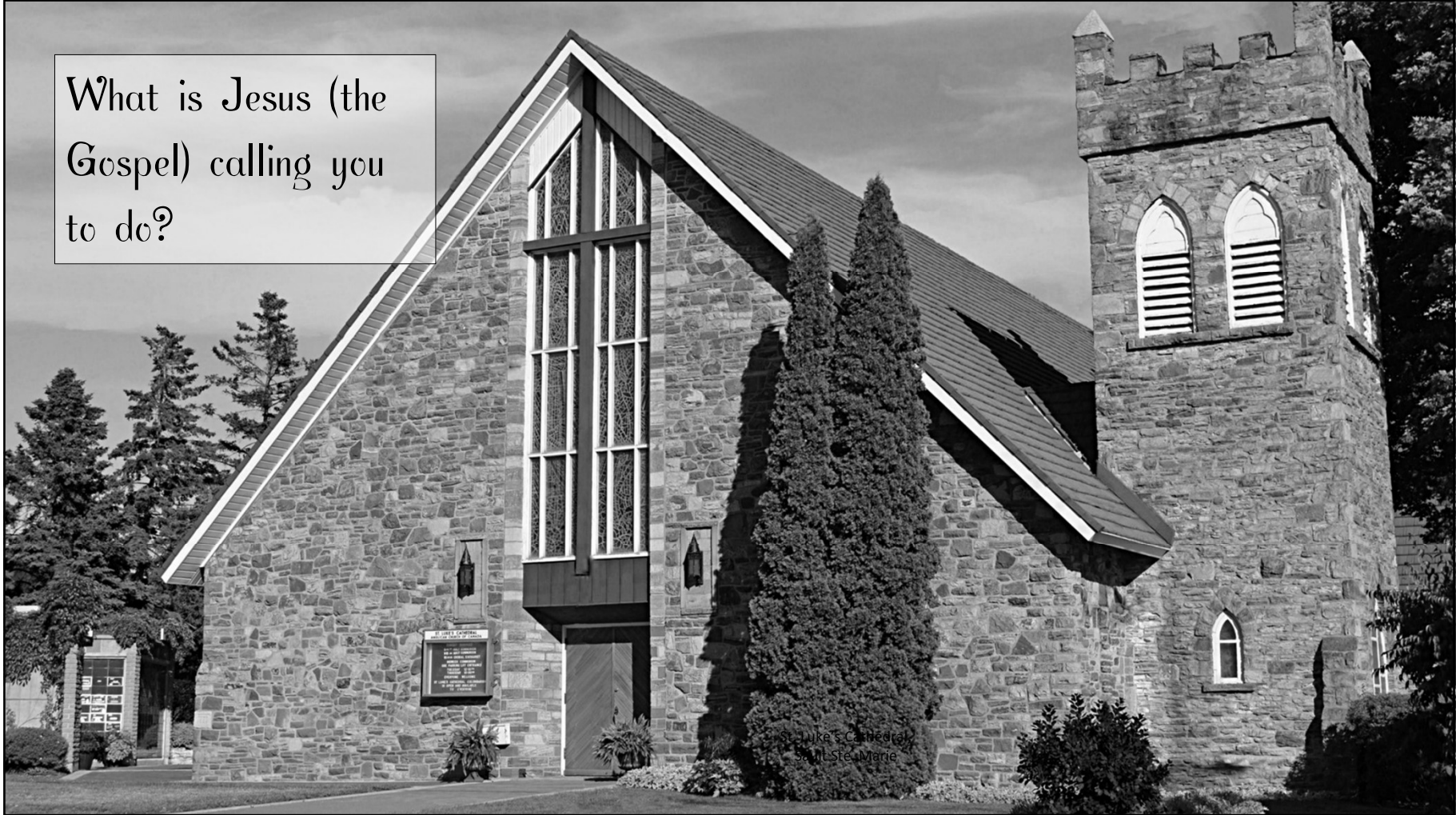
Luke 12:35-37 – First Nations Version

“Be ready at all times, with your torches burning bright. Be like the ones who, waiting for their chief to return from a distant wedding feast, are watching and ready to welcome him. When he returns and finds them ready, he will take off his chiefly garments, dress himself in servant’s clothes, sit them at his own table, and serve them a great feast. ”



St. Mary's River, Sault Ste. Marie

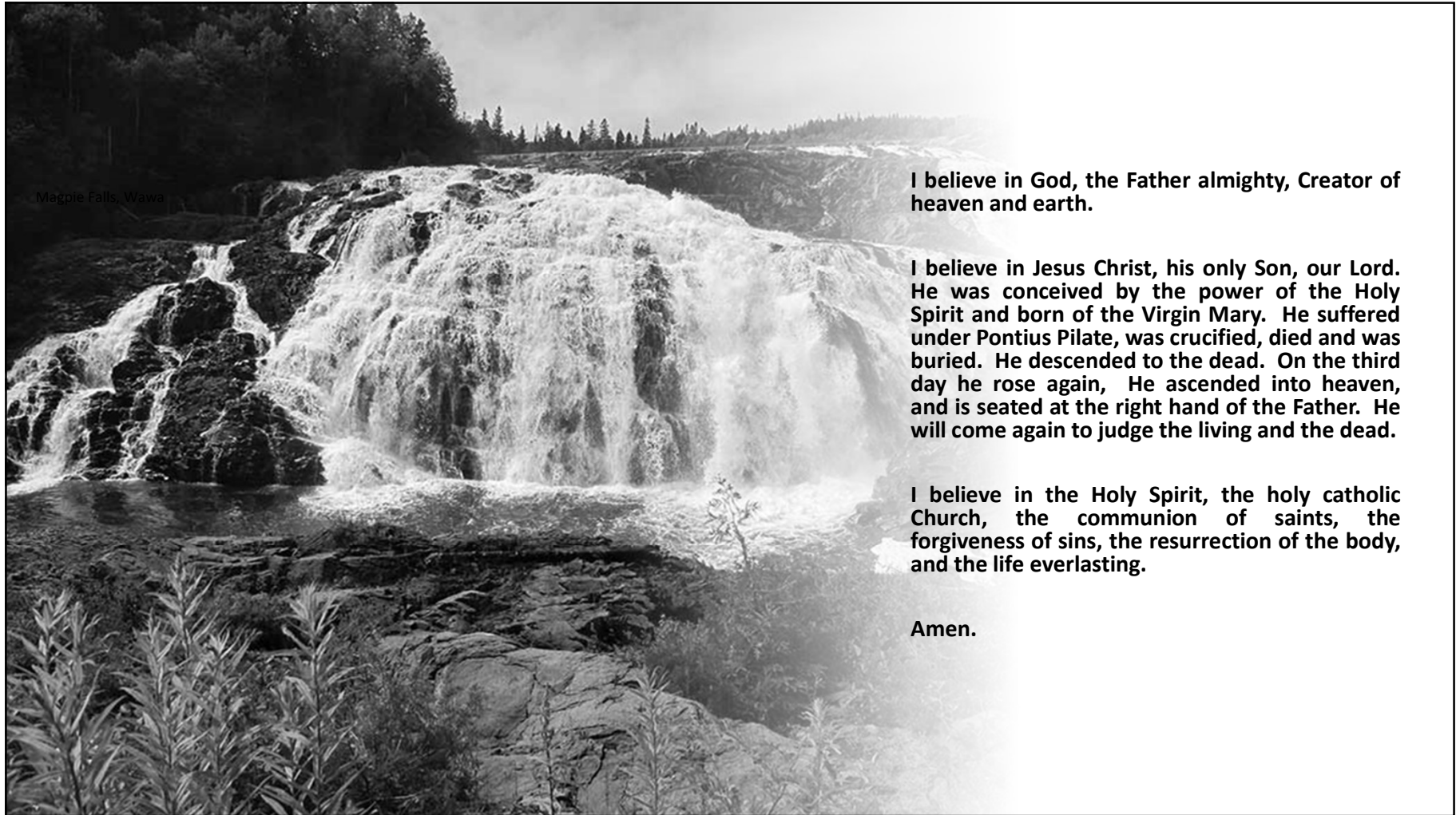
What is Jesus (the Gospel) calling you to do?





Luke 12:35–37 - New Jerusalem Bible

See that you have your belts done up and your lamps lit. Be like people waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. In truth I tell you, he will do up his belt, sit them down at the table and wait on them."



Maggie Falls, Wawa

**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.**

To God the Father who created the world, To God the Son who redeemed the world, To God the Holy Spirit who sustains the world; be all praise and glory now and forever.

Everlasting God we pray that all who come into our church may be enabled to renew their relationship with you and may find in you rest, peace, strength, grace and most of all your abiding presence. Help us as a Diocese to be outward looking that through our fellowship we may share our faith and the Gospel of your Son Jesus Christ with those who we love and live amongst.

**Lord, meet us in the silence and hear our prayer.**

Creator God we pray for the people of our world who are less fortunate than we are, especially those who live in the third world, in countries where there is very little governmental stability and in countries where there is drought or famine. Help us to remember those who are weary with the relentless struggle to keep alive; for those who can never look forward to a good meal and a comfortable bed, and those who barely have the necessities of life, much less so many material luxuries which we so often take for granted.

**Lord, meet us in the silence and hear our prayer.**

Father God may the needs of our families, friends and neighbours be made clear to us today, and may we find that in our giving to them we grow closer to you. We thank you for those whose work sustains our country and the communities in which we live; for those who grow and provide our food, for those who, day and night, maintain public services; for the police, and emergency services, and for all whose work is in the local health service.

**Lord, meet us in the silence and hear our prayer.**



Healing God, we raise before you those who are sick. We ask that you ease their pain and heal the damage done to them in body, mind, or spirit. Be present with them through the support of friends and in the care of doctors and nurses, fill them with the warmth of your love now and always.

**Lord, meet us in the silence and hear our prayer.**

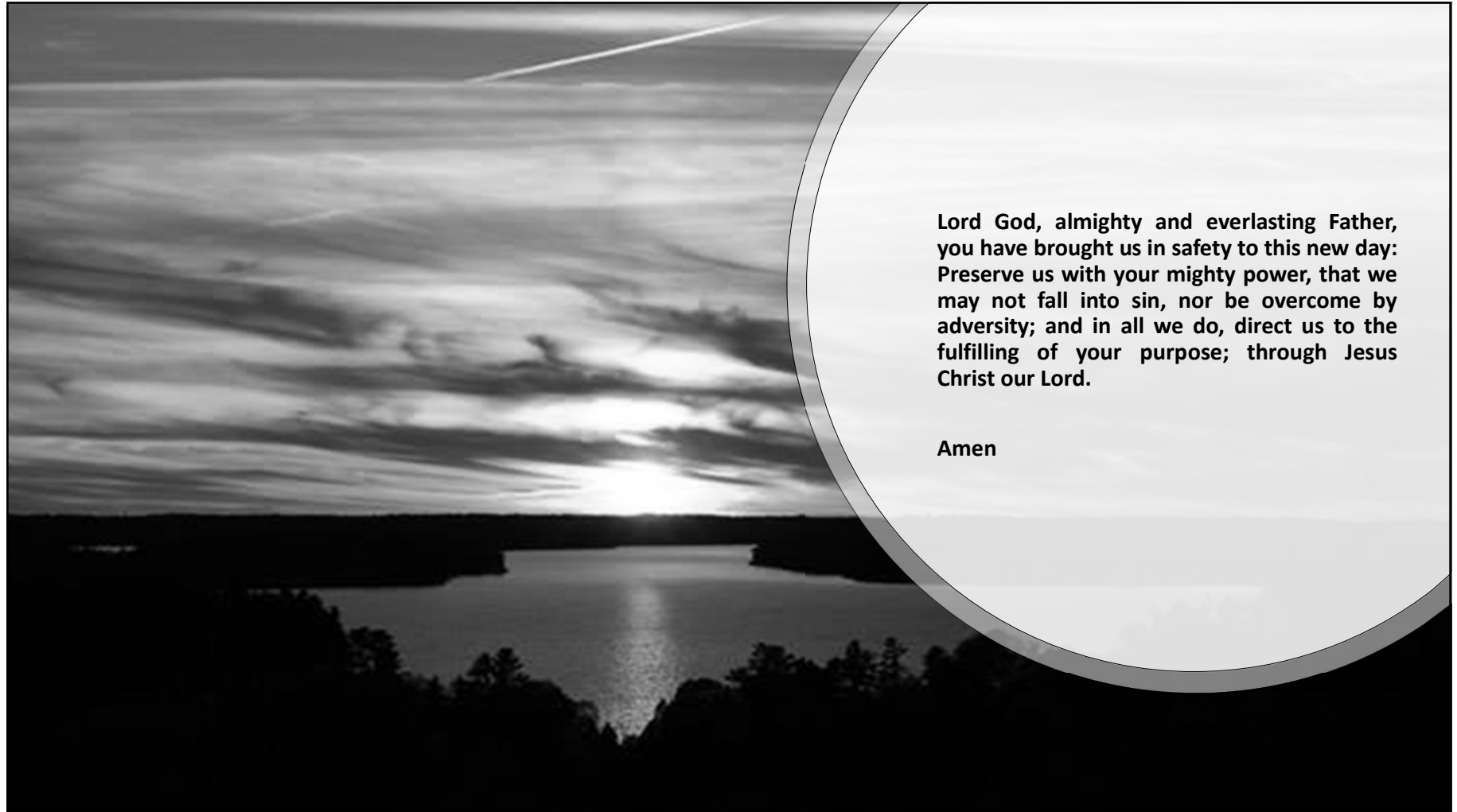
Merciful God we commend into your hands those whom we have loved and have now lost. You gave them breath and loved and cared for them throughout their lives. Receive them now in your eternal kingdom and may they rest peace and rise in glory.

**Lord, meet us in the silence and hear our prayer.**

Faithful God we dedicate all these people and petitions to your loving care. Give us the strength and courage to walk alongside those in need, to fight for justice for the oppressed and to allow others to see you in us and in all that we do in the coming week.

Merciful Father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**





**Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father,  
you have brought us in safety to this new day:  
Preserve us with your mighty power, that we  
may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by  
adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the  
fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**



Duchesnay Falls, North Bay

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
Now and for ever.**

**Amen.**





**Go Now In Peace**

**Go now in peace  
Never be afraid  
God will go with you  
Each hour of every day**

**Go now in faith  
Steadfast, strong, and true  
Know He will guide you  
In all you do**

**Go now in love  
And show you believe  
Reach out to others  
So all the world can see**

**God will be there  
Watching from above  
Go now in peace  
In faith and in love**