

THE DEDICATION AND CONSECRATION OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, MIDDLETON

OCTOBER 24TH, 2021, 3 PM

The service begins outside the church.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

WELCOME

GREETING *from Rev. Matthew Sponagle*

THE BURNING OF THE MORTGAGE

As we gather for this great celebration of new beginnings, let us give thanks as we burn this building mortgage now paid in full after ten years, saying “We thank you Steadfast God”

For those people, both in our past and our present, who gave of themselves fully and completely to the building of our faith community; **We thank you, Steadfast God.**

For those among us who dared to dream, to see what others could not, who, inspired by God’s leading, pushed forward in faith; **We thank you, Steadfast God.**

For the generous contributions of time, talents, and the commitment of all who tirelessly worked toward the completion of this project in spite of obstacles and challenges; **We thank you, Steadfast God.**

For the unwavering commitment and abundant generosity of those who contributed so that this dream could be fulfilled; **We thank you, Steadfast God.**

For the faithful prayers of members entreating God’s guidance and blessing; and for the Holy Spirit’s leading in each generation, from our smallest beginnings to the present; **We thank you, Steadfast God.**

We praise You, Eternal God. We celebrate and give thanks to You for a milestone reached, a debt paid, and a promise kept. We pray you will continue to guide us with a spirit of unity, inspiring us with wisdom and knowledge to continue your work. With joy in our hearts, recognizing the blessing of God in lifting this burden of debt, we transform this

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cancelled mortgage, the symbol of our completed task, into the incense of prayer and thanksgiving.

The mortgage is burned

THE PROCESSION

Bishop Sandra: Through the ages, Almighty God has moved his people to build houses of prayer and praise, and to set apart places for the ministry of his holy Word and Sacraments. With gratitude for the building of Holy Trinity Church, we are now gathered to dedicate and consecrate it in God’s Name.

Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for making us in your image, to share in the ordering of your world. Receive the work of our hands in this place, now to be set apart for your worship, the building up of the living, and the remembrance of the dead, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Standing at the door of the church, the Bishop says Let the doors be opened.

The door is opened. With the pastoral staff the Bishop marks the threshold with the sign of the cross saying:

Peace be to this house, and to all who enter here: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: CP 465 Here in this Place, New Light is Streaming

Here in this place new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery; we are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;

Nourish us well and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven light years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bones.

Bishop The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**
There is one body and one Spirit, **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
One Lord, one faith, one baptism, **One God and Father of all.**

CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH

Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord; **The maker of heaven and earth.**
Bishop Let us pray. Everliving God, watchful and caring, our source and our end: All that we are and all that we have is yours. Accept us now, as we dedicate this place to which we come to praise your Name, to ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your Word, and to be nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and to judge, to illumine and to bless your people.

Warden Lord Jesus Christ, make this a temple of your presence and a house of prayer. Be always near us when we seek you in this place. Draw us to you, when we come alone and when we come with others, to find comfort and wisdom, to be supported and strengthened, to rejoice and give thanks. May it be here, Lord Christ, that we are made one with you and with one another, so that our lives are sustained and sanctified for your service.

Rector Holy Spirit, open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts, that we may grow closer to you through joy and through suffering. Be with us in the fullness of your power as new members are added to your household, as we grow in grace through the years, when we are joined in marriage, when we turn to you in sickness or special need, and, at the last, when we are committed into the Father's hands.

Then the Bishop traces with her Staff the sign of the Cross upon the floor, together with the Alpha and the Omega, saying:
I claim this place for Christ crucified, who is the First and the Last, and the Lord of all.

Amen.

Stretching out her arms to the whole sanctuary, she continues:
Now, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, sanctify this place;

For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; **And you are exalted as head over all. Amen.**

HYMN: Parish Songbook #51 God is Here

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the Gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

DEDICATION OF THE LECTERN

The Bishop proceeds to the Lectern, lays a hand upon it, and says
Eternal One, your Word speaks to us through the words of Holy Scripture, proclaimed and interpreted. Here we read about your mighty acts and purposes in history, and about those whom you chose as the agents of your will. Inspired by the revelation of your Son, we seek your present purposes. Give us ears to hear and hearts to obey.

V. Your word is a lantern to our feet,
R. **And a light upon our path.**

We dedicate this Lectern in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

FIRST READING: I KINGS 8:22-23, 27-30

This reading is a part of Solomon’s prayer at the dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, ‘O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant’s prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, “My name shall be there”, that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

PSALM 84

How dear to me is your dwelling, * **O Lord of hosts!**
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; *
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
The sparrow has found her a house *
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, * **my Sovereign and my God.**
Happy are they who dwell in your house! * **They will always be praising you.**
Happy are the people whose strength is in you, *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims’ way!
Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
They will climb from height to height, *
and you, the God of gods, will reveal yourself in Zion.
For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *

**and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

For you, Lord God, are both sun and shield; * **you will give grace and glory;**
no good thing will you withhold, O Lord, * **from those who walk with integrity.**
O Lord of hosts, * **happy are they who put their trust in you!**

EPISTLE READING: 1 PETER 2:4-10

This reading from 1 Peter reminds us that the real church is not built of bricks and mortar, but of living stones, all of us called into community by the gospel of Christ.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner’,
and ‘A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.’
They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

DEDICATION OF MUSIC

Bishop Eternal One, your people worship you with many voices and sounds, in times of joy and sorrow. Move us to express the wonder, the power, and the glory of your creation in the music we make and in the songs we sing.

V. Praise God with the sound of the trumpet;

R. **Praise God with strings and pipe.**

We dedicate this piano in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GRADUAL HYMN: CP 498 How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place

How lovely is thy dwelling-place, O Lord of Hosts, to me!
My thirsty soul desires and longs within thy courts to be;
my very heart and flesh cry out, O living God, for thee.

Beside thine altars, gracious Lord, the swallows find a nest;
how happy they who dwell with thee and praise thee without rest,
and happy they whose hearts are set upon the pilgrim's quest.

They who go through the desert vale will find it filled with springs,
and they shall climb from height to height till Zion's temple rings
with praise to thee, in glory throned, Lord God, great King of kings.

One day within thy courts excels a thousand spent away;
how happy they who keep thy laws nor from thy precepts stray,
for thou shalt surely bless all those who live the words they pray.

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 2:41-49

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?'

SERMON - *the Rt. Rev. Sandra Fyfe*

HOLY BAPTISM

DEDICATION OF THE FONT

The Bishop moves to the Font, lays a hand upon it, and says
Eternal One, we thank you that through the waters of Baptism we die to sin and are made new in Christ. Grant through your Spirit that those baptized here may enjoy the liberty and splendour of the children of God.

V. There is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

R. **One God and Father of all.**

We dedicate this Font in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The Rector says, The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and sponsors, We present Sanna to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community? *Answer* I will, with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
 Answer I will, with God's help.

On behalf of your child, and on your own behalf, do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? *Answer* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? *Answer* I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour? *Answer* I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? *Answer* I do.

Do you promise to obey him as your Lord? *Answer* I do.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, The Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in God the Son?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth? **I will, with God's help.**

THE BAPTISM

Bishop Sanna, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Lay Minister Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light. **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Lay Minister Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

HYMN: CP 35 Wash O God Our Sons and Daughters

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.
 Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.
 Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light
 Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed.
 Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
 God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,
 one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs

Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!
 To your name be glory, honour! With our lives we worship, praise!
 We your people stand before you, water washed and Spirit born.
 By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

RECEPTION INTO THE ANGLICAN CHURCH

Bishop The candidates for reception into the Anglican Church will now be presented.

Presenters I present Sherri Ann Deveau and Gerri Marshall to be received into this Communion.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil? *Answer* I do.

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? *Answer* I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ? *People* **We will.**

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ. Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The bishop lays her hand upon each one and says,
 Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N* with your Holy Spirit. We recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

Then the bishop says, Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

DEDICATION OF THE ALTAR

The Bishop then says Let us now pray for the setting apart of the Altar.

The Bishop goes to the Table and, with arms extended, says

We praise you, loving God, that you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be born among us, that through him we might become your children. We thank you for his ministry of compassion and truth, and for his self-giving in love and solidarity that took him to the cross. We thank you that in the very shadow of death, on the night before he was handed over, he gathered his disciples around a table, and offered this meal of bread and wine as a sacrament of that self-giving.

V: This is the Bread which comes down from heaven.

R: **Those who eat of it will live forever.**

The Bishop lays a hand upon the Table, and continues

Eternal One, sanctify this Table dedicated to you. May we be gathered here, as with the disciples in the upper room, to share in your sacrament of self-giving love. As we are fed by your Body and Blood, may we become your Body set free to serve your world. May this meal be to us a sign of the promised table where all will eat and drink with you in your Kingdom, and every tear wiped away.

THE PEACE

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**
We share the Peace in a socially-distanced fashion.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN: CP 300 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (vv 1-4)

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today:
with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy servants as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls away.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God our strength and our salvation. receive all we offer you this day: our gifts, our talents,
our hearts; and especially this building, dedicated to be an effectual sign of your presence
in this community. Grant that we who were called to new life in baptism may be nourished
by your love at this table, and equipped to serve the world as your living body, in joyful
expectation of your promised kingdom.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father
Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, in whom
we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before you a sacrifice
of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in your sight.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to
us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the
prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you
sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the
world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In
him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death
into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our
Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it
to his disciples, and said, " Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the
remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you
and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the
remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you,
from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the
sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in
his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to
that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory
are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

THE COMMUNION

All who have been baptised are welcome to share with us at the Table of the Lord. We currently practise "no-touch Communion": bread is handled only with tongs, and wine is served in individual glasses.

COMMUNION HYMN: PSB 137 Take and Eat (vv 1-2, 4-5)

Take and eat; take and eat: this is my body given up for you.

Take and drink; take and drink: this is my blood given up for you.

I am the Word that spoke and light was made; I am the seed that died to be reborn;
I am the bread that comes from heav'n above; I am the vine that fills your cup with joy. R

I am the way that leads the exile home; I am the truth that sets the captive free;
I am the life that raises up the dead; I am your peace, true peace my gift to you. R

I am the cornerstone that God has laid; A chosen stone and precious in his eyes;
You are God's dwelling place, on me you rest; Like living stones, a temple for God's praise. R

I am the light that came into the world; I am the light that darkness cannot hide;
I am the morning star that never sets; Lift up your face, in you my light will shine. R

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All your works praise you, O Lord. **And your faithful servants bless you.**

Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

**May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, ring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set
before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise
your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

FINAL HYMN: PSB 123 Let Us Build a House

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.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger.

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

DISMISSAL

Ministers of the Service:

Bishop: Rt. Rev. Sandra Fyfe, Preacher and Presider

Parish Clergy: Rev. Paul Jennings, Rev. Lynn Uzans

Licensed Lay Ministers Mary & Grant McBurney, Bruce & Roz Robertson

Musician Shannon Young