

# *He has risen!*

Luke 24:6 (NIV)



The Great Vigil of Easter

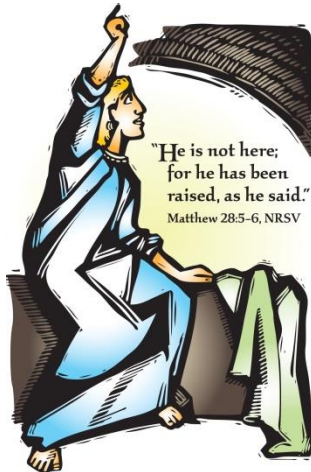
Saturday, March 30, 2024

The Great Vigil of Easter

**7:00 p.m. – Renewal of baptismal promises &  
1st Eucharist of Easter**

## ***Welcome***

*Hearing Assistive Devices and Large Print service leaflets are  
available - Please ask an usher for assistance*



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### The Service of Light

*All gather outdoors on the front steps (those who arrive early may want to sit in the Narthex until the service begins).*

*In the darkness, fire is kindled.*

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

Father,

we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world.

Sanctify this new fire and inflame us with new hope.

Purify our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All**           **Amen.**

*Lighting of the Paschal Candle*

**Celebrant:** May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

*As the Paschal Candle moves up the aisle,  
please light your candle and pass your light along your pew.*

The Procession

**Subdeacon:** The light of Christ.

**People:**   **Thanks be to God.**

*The ancient Easter Hymn, The Exsultet, is sung.*

**Priest:**     The Lord be with you.

**People:**   **And also with you.**

**Priest:**     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:**   **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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*Priest:*

It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the unseen God, the all-powerful Father, and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. For Christ has ransomed us with his blood, and paid for us the price of Adam's sin to our eternal Father!

This is our passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.

This is the night when first you saved our forebears: you freed the people of Israel from their slavery and led them dry-shod through the sea. This is the night when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.

This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

Father, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless your merciful love!

To ransom a slave, you gave away your Son. The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy.

Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth, and we are reconciled with God!

Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night, receive our evening sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering.

Accept this Easter candle. May it always dispel the darkness of this night!

May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning:

Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

*All:*

**Amen.**

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ, let us now listen attentively to the word of God, recalling how he saved his people throughout history and in the fullness of time, sent his own Son to be our Redeemer.

First Reading: The Creation    Genesis 7:1–5,11–18;8:6–18;9:8–13

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

**Hymn #641 “Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid”**

Latin; translation and versifies by John Dryden

1 Creator Spirit, by whose aid  
the world’s foundations first  
were laid,  
come, visit every humble  
mind;  
come, pour thy joys on  
humankind;  
from sin and sorrow set us  
free,  
and make us temples worthy  
thee.

3 Plenteous of grace, descend  
from high  
rich in thy sevenfold energy;  
make us eternal truths  
receive,  
and practice all that we  
believe;  
give us thyself, that we may  
see  
the Father and the Son by  
thee.

2 O Source of untreated light,  
the Father’s promised  
Paraclete,  
thrice holy fount, thrice holy  
fire,  
our hearts with heavenly love  
inspire;  
come, and thy sacred unction  
bring  
to sanctify us while we sing.

4 Immortal honour, endless  
fame,  
attend the almighty Father’s  
name;  
the Saviour Son be glorified,  
who for the world’s  
redemption died;  
and equal adoration be,  
eternal Paraclete, to thee.

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*Celebrant* Almighty and eternal God, you created all things in wonderful beauty and order. Help us now to perceive how still more wonderful is the new creation, by which in the fullness of time you redeemed your people through the sacrifice of our Passover, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Second Reading: The Exodus Exodus 14:10–31;15:20–21

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn #565 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**

Text by William Williams

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of  
heaven,  
feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth  
flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and  
shield,  
be thou still my strength and  
shield.

3 When I tread the verge of  
Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears  
subside;  
death of death, and hell’s  
destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan’s  
side:  
songs of praises, songs of  
praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

*Celebrant* God of steadfast love, your wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day. By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all

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nations by the water of baptism. Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Third Reading: The Gathering of God's People Zephaniah 3:14–20

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn #312** "Sing a New Song unto the Lord" Text by Daniel L. Schutte

***Refrain:***

Sing a new song unto the  
Lord;  
let your song be sung from  
mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the  
Lord,  
singing alleluia.

1 Yahweh's people  
dance for joy.  
O come before the Lord  
and play for him on glad  
tambourines,  
and let your trumpet sound.

***Refrain***

2 Rise, O children, from  
your sleep;  
your Saviour now has come.  
He has turned your sorrow to joy,  
and filled your soul with song.

***Refrain***

3 Glad my soul, for I  
have seen  
the glory of the Lord.  
The trumpet sounds; the dead  
shall be raised.  
I know my Saviour lives.

***Refrain***

*Celebrant* O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation. Let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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## The Resurrection Proclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*The candles are extinguished. The church lights are turned on.*

**Glory to God** [Hymn #686]

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*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,

*People* **and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* O God,

*People* creator of heaven and earth,

as the crucified body of your dear Son  
was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath,  
so may we await with him the coming of the third day,  
and rise with him to newness of life;  
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## The Proclamation of the Word

Epistle Reading:

Romans 6:3–11

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



Acclamation: Alleluia

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 28:1–10

*Subdeacon* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Subdeacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Subdeacon* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily The Rev. Vinaya Dumpala

*A time for silent reflection is kept.*

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* 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 celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism 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.**

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*Celebrant* Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church. Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the Earth?

*People* **I will with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

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*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the Earth?

*People* **I will with God's help.**

*Celebrant* God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May he keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **The Celebration of the First Eucharist of Easter**

### **Offertory Hymn #203 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

Text from Lyra Davidica

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| 1 Jesus Christ is risen today,<br>alleluia!<br>our triumphant holy day,<br>alleluia!<br>who did once, upon the cross,<br>alleluia!<br>suffer to redeem our loss.<br>Alleluia! | 2 Hymns of praise then let us<br>sing, alleluia!<br>unto Christ our heavenly<br>King, alleluia!<br>who endured the cross and<br>grave, alleluia!<br>sinners to redeem and save.<br>Alleluia! |
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3 But the pains which he  
 endured,  
 alleluia!  
 our salvation have procured;  
 alleluia!  
 now above the sky he's king,  
 alleluia!  
 where the angels ever sing.  
 Alleluia!

### The Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **God of life and health, accept the offering of your holy people, and grant that we who are baptized into Christ may be perfected in your salvation, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving [*from the Scottish Episcopal Church*]

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being.  
 Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life.  
 Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light.  
 Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.  
 As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

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*People*

Michael  
Leach

**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.**

*Celebrant*

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever. Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

*People*

**We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves a single, holy living sacrifice.**

*Celebrant*

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

*People*

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we**

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**grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

*Celebrant* Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer** [Michael Leach]

*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

*People* **Our Father in heav'n, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And 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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread #8**

*Celebrant* Lord, we died with you on the cross.

*People* **Now we are raised to new life.**

*Celebrant* We were buried in your tomb.

*People* **Now we share in your resurrection. Live in us, that we may live in you.**

## **The Communion**

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Alleluia! The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*Celebrant* Dear friends, if you are present or elsewhere and are unable to receive the sacrament at this time, I invite you to join me and the whole church in spiritual communion to receive Christ, who is present in this Sacrament of the Altar. Let us pray.

*People* **Lord Christ, present in the Sacrament of the altar and in your people, gathered in spirit, come and abide in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom**

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**and guide me in right pathways; transform my life and actions that they may reflect the image of your holiness; and, by the power of your liberating love, overthrow all that threatens or disrupts the justice and truth of the reign of God. In your name I pray. Amen.**

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion*

## **Communion Hymn #207 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”**

Latin ([Ad cenam Agni](#)); translation by Robert Campbell

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| <p>1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing<br/>praise to our victorious King,<br/>who hath washed us in the tide<br/>flowing from his pierced side;<br/>praise we him, whose love<br/>divine<br/>gives his sacred blood for wine,<br/>gives his body for the feast,<br/>Christ the victim, Christ the<br/>priest.</p> <p>2 Where the paschal blood is<br/>poured,<br/>death’s dark angel sheathes his<br/>sword;<br/>Israel’s hosts triumphant go<br/>through the wave that drowns<br/>the foe.<br/>Praise we Christ, whose blood<br/>was shed,<br/>paschal victim, paschal bread;<br/>with sincerity and love,<br/>eat we manna from above.</p> | <p>3 Mighty victim from on high,<br/>hell’s fierce powers beneath<br/>thee lie;<br/>death is broken in the fight,<br/>thou has brought us life and<br/>light.<br/>Now no more can death<br/>appal,<br/>now no more the grave<br/>enthrall!<br/>Thou hast opened paradise,<br/>and in thee thy saints shall<br/>rise.</p> <p>4 This, our gift of Easter joy,<br/>sin alone can now destroy;<br/>from sin’s power do thou set<br/>free<br/>souls newborn, O Lord, in<br/>thee.<br/>Hymns of glory and of praise,<br/>Father, unto thee we raise;<br/>risen Lord, all praise to thee,<br/>with the Spirit, ever be.</p> |
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**Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Giver of all, we are nourished with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite us in faith, that we may be witnesses to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

**Doxology** [Michael Leach]

*People* **Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more, infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever, for ever and ever. Amen, Amen.**

**Blessing**

*Celebrant* God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you and those whom you love and serve, this holiest of nights, throughout this season of joyous resurrection and always. **Amen.**



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## Recessional Hymn #212 "Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er"

From Latin Text translation by Francis Pott

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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| 1 | The strife is o'er, the battle<br>done;<br>now is the victor's triumph<br>won;<br>O let the song of praise be<br>sung:<br>alleluia!                   | 4 | On the third morn he rose<br>again,<br>glorious in majesty to<br>reign.<br>O let us swell the joyful<br>strain:<br>alleluia!                         |
| 2 | Death's mightiest powers<br>have done their worst,<br>and Jesus hath his foes<br>dispersed;<br>let shouts of praise and joy<br>outburst:<br>alleluia! | 5 | Lord, by the stripes which<br>wounded thee,<br>from death's dread sting<br>thy servants free,<br>that we may live, and sing<br>to thee:<br>alleluia! |
| 3 | He closed the yawning<br>gates of hell;<br>the bars from heaven's<br>high portals fell.<br>Let songs of praise his<br>triumphs tell:<br>alleluia!     |   |  |

### Dismissal

*Subdeacon* Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***Following the service please join in the Potluck  
supper in the Narthex.***

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rev. Vinaya Dumpala
Subdeacon	Margie Lyttle
Readers	Ravi Andrews, Craig Robertson
Organist	Michael Leach
Usher	Craig Robertson
Altar Guild	Nancy Dodsworth, Roshni Sircar

## Easter at St. George on Yonge

### **Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday**

10:00 a.m.

Sung Communion celebrating the resurrection  
with children's ministry  
(In person and on Facebook)



### **Tuesday, April 9**

### **Easter Communion Service at Delmanor**

10:30 a.m.

### **Tuesday, April 2 – Friday April 5**

### **Seniors' Communion offered at home**

Pre-arrange with Margie Lyttle



***The Easter flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Easter***

from Rudy Powell

***and in loving memory of***

members of the Hanna and Sperling families  
from Geraldine and Alan Sperling;

***and in loving memory of***

Raj Sircar from Roshni and Family.

## **Territorial Acknowledgement**

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee) and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.