

INTRODUCTION

Today, on Presbyterian World Service & Development Sunday, we remember the work of PWS&D in prayer and with thanksgiving.

PWS&D is the development and relief agency of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. It is *our* agency! Through PWS&D, Canadian Presbyterians work with partners around the world, taking part in the mission of Christ by combating long-term poverty, responding to emergencies, protecting refugees and advocating for change.

Sometimes, when we see all of the need in the world—poverty, crisis, wars and disasters—we feel overwhelmed and wonder what we can do. But Jesus has given us the strength and the opportunity to respond, and change *is* happening. Today, we remember how our gifts can serve God's work and do God's will. Today we are reminded how, in God's hands, our gifts have the power to lift spirits, to spark hope, to nurture love and transform lives.



CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

All: **The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.**

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

All: **For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

HYMN 63 O Sing a New Song to the Lord

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Gracious and loving Lord, we worship you in joyful offerings of praise and thanksgiving through Jesus Christ.

You are our God who has come to us with outstretched arms of mercy, love and reconciliation.

We are called to celebrate that love and give witness to your reconciliation as we minister in feeding the hungry, comforting the poor and dispossessed, defending the powerless, and strengthening the weak.

You are the Author of life who gives us sustaining grace to do all things.

For this we praise and glorify you, Lord.

Hear our prayer and accept this worship offering.

God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are sinners, that we have done you and our fellows wrong.

Our pride keeps us from truly loving others and from extending your message of grace and compassion.

In our indifference we have neglected the needs around us and failed to honour you by our faith confession.

Lord, forgive us. Give us the spark in our hearts to commit to your kingdom's vision.

Empower us to build a stronger and more genuine faith with hearts that embrace you.

We praise you for all blessings, received and those yet to come, for you are our Great Provider, the true source of life. We ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Tune 630)

Let your hearts rest assured that the love of God is greater than our sin. It covers us by Christ's blood in forgiveness and redemption. In him we are pardoned. This is the good news of the gospel.

***When we are living it is in Christ Jesus
And when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying
We belong to God; we belong to God.***

CHOIR ANTHEM



CHILDREN'S HYMN I've Got a Voice

I've got a voice to sing out loud,
I've got a voice to praise our God.

I've got a voice to sing out loud,
I've got a voice for praising.

CHORUS

3. I've got a heart to share God's
love,

I've got a heart to praise our God.
I've got a heart to share God's

love,

I've got a heart for praising.

CHORUS

La la la la la la. La la la la la la.

La la la la la la. La la la la la la.

2. I've got a hand to help
someone,

I've got a hand to praise our God.

I've got a hand to help someone,
I've got a hand for praising.

CHORUS

4. I've got a voice to sing out loud,
I've got a hand to help someone.

I've got a heart to share God's
love,

I've got a voice for praising.

CHORUS

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 85:8-13

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Scottish Psalter, 1615



God of our sav-ing health and peace, turn us and us re-store.

8-9 I can't wait to hear what he'll say.

God's about to pronounce his people well,

The holy people he loves so much,

**so they'll never again live like
fools.**

See how close his salvation is
to those who fear him?

Our country is home base for
Glory! ®



10-13 **Love and Truth meet in
the street,**

Right Living and Whole Living embrace and kiss!

Truth sprouts green from the ground,
Right Living pours down from the skies! ®

Oh yes! God gives Goodness and Beauty; our land responds with Bounty and Blessing.

Right Living strides out before him,
and clears a path for his passage. ®

Proverbs 3:1-10

¹⁻² Good friend, don't forget all I've taught you; take to heart my commands. They'll help you live a long, long time, a long life lived full and well. ³⁻⁴ Don't lose your grip on Love and Loyalty. Tie them around your neck; carve their initials on your heart. Earn a reputation for living well in God's eyes and the eyes of the people. ⁵⁻¹² Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track. Don't assume that you know it all. Run to God! Run from evil! Your body will glow with health, your very bones will vibrate with life! Honor God with everything you own; give him the first and the best. Your barns will burst, your wine vats will brim over. But don't, dear friend, resent God's discipline; don't sulk under his loving correction. It's the child he loves that GOD corrects; a father's delight is behind all this.

SUNG RESPONSE (Tune 630)

***'Mid times of sorrow and in times of
pain,
When sensing beauty or in love's
embrace,
Whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
We belong to God; we belong to God.***



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

Great Maker and Sustainer of All Things, we thank you for the joy of creation on this day you have given us to come and worship.

We are privileged to be called your beloved sons and daughters, and are blessed that we can find meaning and reason for being within you.

We can rest assured that in you we have our hope, purpose, meaning and identity. Compassionate God, we affirm your unity and grace, and declare your healing to all peoples.

Help us nurture the seeds planted in our hearts—seeds of peace and justice.

We lift prayers for our global neighbours, especially those living in fear and poverty, victims of tragedies and hardship, the imprisoned, the neglected, the abused and oppressed, and for those who have lost hope.

Grant us the courage to reach out to them with your hands so they might know your abundant love and presence.

As your church, we desire to be mission-minded, with a clear sense of commitment and a new understanding of your call to service.

And so we pray for the vision and work of our church through *Presbyterian World Service & Development*, for its staff, committee and volunteers.

Illumine and empower them to be your agents of change so that Christ's ministry might continue and the work of your kingdom be done. Transform our lives and enable all of us to be healers and agents of reconciliation and mercy to those most vulnerable and in most need.

Revive us by the power of your Holy Spirit and place a new song in our hearts.

For these blessings and for your promise to always be with us we offer our prayers of praise and thanksgiving through your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Tune 469)



OFFERING RESPONSE (Tune 630)

*Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering,
When we are giving, or when receiving,
We belong to God; we belong to God.*

HYMN 474 The Love of God Comes Close

SERMON “Mission Starts with ‘M’”

HYMN 712 Arise Your Light is Come

BENEDICTION

Go now in peace and hold fast to all that is good.

Reject all that is evil and let your gentleness be known by all.

And may the power and blessing of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit rest upon you and abide deep within you, this day and forevermore.

Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE (Tune 630)

*Across this wide world, we shall always find
Those who are crying with no peace of mind,
But when we help them, or when we feed them,
We belong to God; we belong to God.*

When we are living

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR 10 10 10 10



1. When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
 2. Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.
 3. 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,
 4. A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find

1. Pues si vi - vi - mos pa - ra Él vi - vi - mos
 2. En es - ta vi - da, fru - tos he - mos de dar.
 3. En la tris - te - za y en el do - lor,
 4. En es - te mun - do, he - mos de en - con - trar



and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.
 * Good works of serv - ice are for of - fer - ing.
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace,
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind,

y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra Él mo - ri - mos.
 Las o - bras bue - nas son pa - ra o - fren - dar.
 en la be - lle - za y en el a - mor,
 gen - te que llo - ra y sin con - so - lar.



Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
 When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
 but when we help them, or when we feed them,

Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
 Ya sea que de - mos o que re - ci - ba - mos,
 sea que su - fra - mos o que go - ce - mos
 Sea que a - yu - de - mos o que a - li - men - te - mos,



we be - long to God; we be - long to God.
 so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.

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