VESPERS FOR THE EVE OF THE CONSECRATION OF CHARLES INGLIS

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PREPARATION

Presider

O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.

You have been my helper and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.

Glory to God, to Christ and to the Spirit:

As it was in the beginning is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

'Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song' Common Praise #635

Cantor

Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight, like the vigour of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might: come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the vine, to the church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign: come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer, with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare: come, Holy Spirit, come.



PSALM 40.5-10

Psalmist

I love to do your will, O God. I love to do your will, O God.

Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us!

There is none who can be compared with you. Oh, that I could make them known and tell them, but they are more than I can count.

I love to do your will, O God.



PSALM 40.5-10 (continued)

Psalmist

In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure (you have given me ears to hear you); burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.

And so I said, "Behold, I come. In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:

'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within my heart.'"

I love to do your will, O God.

PSALM 40.5-10 (continued)

Psalmist

I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;

I love to do your will, O God.



PSALM PRAYER

Psalmist

O God, free us from our sins and may our sacrifices be of praise to the glory of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

MATTHEW 9.35-38

Reader

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."



REFLECTION ON THE READING

What word or phrase caught your attention? What was this word or phrase saying to you? After a period of reflection, spoken or silent, the Reader then says,

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



INTERCESSIONS, THANKSGIVING & PETITIONS

Presider

Let us offer our prayers, remembering

- the saints on earth, that they may live as citizens of heaven;
- all people, that they may hear and believe the word of God;
- all political leaders that they may lead justly and with compassion;
- all who grieve or wait with the dying, and
- our own intercessions, thanksgivings and petitions.



LITANY

O Lord, answer us in the day of trouble, send us help from your holy place.

Show us the path of life, for in your presence is joy.

Give justice to the orphan and oppressed and break the power of wickedness and evil.

Look upon the hungry and sorrowful and grant them the help for which they long.

LITANY (continued)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad; may your glory endure for ever.

Your sovereignty has dominion over all and with you is our redemption.



COLLECT

Eternal God, who laid your hand upon Charles Inglis and made him the first bishop of your Anglican flock in Canada, grant to each and all of us the insight of faith, the eagerness of hope, and the skill of love, that we may continue to build upon the one foundation of life, which is Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

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.

Sending Forth

Deacon (or Presider)

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Presider

May God give us grace to follow the saints in glory. Amen.