



**CENTRE FOR
CHRISTIAN STUDIES**
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Centre for Christian Studies
Annual Service of Celebration
April 14, 2024

CCS Annual Service of Celebration

**where items are marked, please stand as you are able*

Prelude Canon by Johann Pachelbel

Procession of Diaconal Symbols

Hospitality Greeting

Welcome and

Acknowledgement of Territory

Christ Candle Lighting

Rainbow Candle

Graduates

Alcris Limongi

Sadekie Lyttle-Forbes

Gwen McAllister

Kim Inglis

Ally Phillips

Call to Worship

Alicia Walls & Kendra Mitchell-Foster

Voice 1: We have come here this afternoon for this service of celebration seeking the wisdom of God,

Voice 2: We come as seekers on the way to a deeper wisdom and a wider vision.

All: Our lives are full of distractions and noises, but in the midst of it all, we long for God's wisdom teaching us how to live.

Voice 1: In this place we incline our hearts to hear the whisper of the still small voice of the Spirit.

Voice 2: In this time of gathering we lay our spirits open to the sacred nudges of persistent Grace.

All: In this community, we make ourselves quiet that we may feel God's presence.

Voice 1: So here we are, gathered in the name of the Christ, seeking the Holy and seeking connection.

Voice 2: So here we are, together coming to drink from this deep well of renewing wisdom and never-ending love.

All: Let us be attentive to the wisdom in our midst, and nourish our embodied understanding through praise, prayer and worship.

Hymn MV135 Called by Earth and Sky

Collect Prayer

Ryan Turnbull

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever.

Scripture Readings (from NRSV)

Baruch 3:6-11

Luke 24: 36b-48

Romans 12:1-2

Susan Toller

Dan Leaver

Kendra Mitchell-Foster

Recognition of Graduates

Citation
Pins and towel
Graduates

Marcie Gibson
Alan Lai
Dan Leaver
Kendra Mitchell-Foster
Rob Murdock
Susan Toller
Alicia Walls

Hymn VU509 Here I Am Lord

Companion of the Centre Award

Citation & Pin
Response

Janet Ross, Alan Lai
Marlene Britton

A Community Praying

Rob Murdock, Heather Robbins,
Mona Denton, Linda Ervin,
Alan Lai, Marlene Britton

The Gospel of Jesus invites all to this ministry: to offer compassion and accompaniment, to work for liberation and justice, to act as advocates of creative transformation. Diaconal Ministry is a journey involving Spirit-filled enrichment and learning requiring humbling offering of self and daring imagination of God's abundance in a world of love and respect. It seeks to nurture life-giving community, fostering peaceful, right relationship within the church and whole of Creation.

In response to the words "*Together, let us pray...*",
the People will say, "**May the Spirit lead us.**"

Hymn MV191 What Can I Do?

Offering

Offertory Sinfonia from Cantata 156 by J.S. Bach

Offertory Prayer

Lori Stewart

Poem Take Nothing for the Journey
(Joyce Rupp)

Scott Douglas

Hymn MV150 Spirit of God, Be Our Breath

**Commissioning
Benediction**

Alan Lai
Gwen McAllister &
Sadekie Lyttle-Forbes

Postlude Allegro from Trio in D by Johann Gottlieb Janitsch

Recessional

Thank you for waiting to take pictures until after the worship service.

- Following the service please join us for refreshments at the back of the church.
- Today's offering will support the educational ministry of the Centre for Christian Studies. CCS will give a charitable receipt for a donation of any amount. Just fill out the slip and include it with your donation in the envelope provided.

Our thanks to:

All Saints Anglican Church for their hospitality.

The ASC worship planning team: Alcris Limongi, Susan Toller, Ryan Turnbull, Cassandra Golondrina, Heather Robbins

Musicians: Ruth Denton (oboe), Vijay Chalasani (viola), Dorcas Windsor (piano)

2024 Graduating Students

Diploma in Diaconal Ministries:

Dan Leaver	London, ON
Kendra Mitchell-Foster	Prince George, BC
Rob Murdock	Barrie, ON
Susan Toller	Chelsea, QC
Alicia Walls	Quispamsis, NB

2024 Companion of the Centre

Marlene Britton	Stratford, ON
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Council of the Centre for Christian Studies

Sadekie Lyttle-Forbes	Co-chair (UCC)
Gwen McAllister	Co-chair (ACC)
Megumi Matsuo Saunders	Diaconal Alumni
Lauri Ladd	Diaconal Student
Karen Stuart	Finance
Kathy Douglas	Staff Support
Charmain Bailey	Program
Janet Nield	Recording Secretary
Alan Lai	Principal (non-voting)
Cheryl Thiessen	Staff representative (non-voting)
Linda Ervin	Member-at-large

Staff of the Centre for Christian Studies

Alan Lai	Principal
Alcris Limongi	Program Staff
Cheryl Thiessen	Office Administrator
Janet Ross	Program Staff
Lori Stewart	Development Coordinator
Marcie Gibson	Program Staff
Scott Douglas	Program Coordinator

Graduate Anniversaries

25 Year Anniversary

Ellen Flemming

40 Year Anniversary

Penelope Lewis

50 Year Anniversary

Janet Duke

Judy Shand

60 Year Anniversary

Elizabeth Campbell

Mary Dove

Eleanor Hope

Emily Kierstad

Doris Kuckmann

Joan McSpadden

Barbara Michaelson

Rutty Mitchell

Mary Ellen Moore

Laura Richardson

Helen Smith

Barbara Steen

Robert Warren

Nina Whalen