

Announcements:

We welcome all to this special service of worship this afternoon. After the service everyone is invited to a lunch that is being provided by the congregation.

Leading in the Service today are:

Rev. Robert Lyle, Moderator of the Presbytery of Cape Breton
Ms. Johnena MacLellan, Clerk of Session for Lake Ainslie who is presenting the keys and leading in the Responsive Psalm
Rev. Andrew MacDonald, Interim Moderator for the charge of East Lake Ainslie and Middle River, who is conducting the service
Rev. Louis Ihasz, the supply minister of the East Lake Ainslie and Middle River Charge, who is reading the O.T. Lesson
Rev. Dr. David Sutherland, the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, who is reading the N.T. Lessons and preaching the sermon.
Rev. Ian C. MacMillan, a son of the congregation, who is leading in the prayer for the people.

A special word of thanks to the Gaelic Choir for their part in the service today.

The offering will be used to help with the completion of the Church "Tower" project.

East Lake Ainslie Presbyterian Church
Sunday, July 21st, 2013

3:00 p.m.

Dedication of New Church Building
by the
Presbytery of Cape Breton



Nec Tamen Consumeatur

*And it's from the old
we travel to the new,
keep us travelling
along with you.
BOP # 641*



Order of Service

(The congregation will read or sing everything in bold. The service will proceed unannounced.)

The Moderator of the Presbytery will knock on the door three times and then say:

Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord.

The door shall then be opened from within by the Clerk of Session, who shall deliver the keys of the church to the Moderator of Presbytery saying:

This building has been erected as a place for the people to worship God, and for the work and witness of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, in token of which I deliver to you the keys and ask you to dedicate this place to the glory of God.

The Moderator replies saying:

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and on behalf of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, we accept these keys and shall now proceed to the service of worship for the dedication of the building.

Processional Hymn

To God be the glory

To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;

The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain*

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

Call to Worship Rev. Andrew MacDonald

Prayer Rev. Ian MacMillan

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Kings 8:22-30. Rev. Louis Ihasz

Responsive Psalm # 84 Ms. Johnena MacLellan

¹How lovely is your dwelling-place, LORD Almighty!

²My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young - a place near your altar, LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

⁴Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

⁵Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

⁶As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

⁷They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.

⁸Hear my prayer, LORD God Almighty; listen to me, God of Jacob.

⁹Look on our shield, O God; look with favour on your anointed one.

We dedicate this house.

For comfort to all who mourn; for strength to all who are tempted; for light to all who seek the way;

We dedicate this house.

For the hallowing of marriage and family life; for the teaching and guiding of the young; for the perfecting of the saints;

We dedicate this house.

And now, as a people within the household of God, in the unity of the faith; in the community of saints; in love and goodwill to all; in gratitude for the gift of this house; we dedicate ourselves to the worship of Almighty God who creates us, who redeems us, and who sustains us, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

The Declaration

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the only cornerstone of the church and our life together, and by the authority of the Presbytery of Cape Breton, I declare this building to be dedicated to the worship of Almighty God and the service of the people who live in this community.

In the name of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, I give you these keys charging you to use this Church solely for the glory of God and the service of the people who come to this place in need.

Here may pure worship be offered.
Here may the Word be proclaimed and heard.
Here may newness of life be found through baptism
with water and Spirit.
Here may people be nurtured at the Table of our Lord.
Here may the good ordering of the church be
maintained.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the only head of the church, to whom be all honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

The church's one foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Thou with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
Till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, in love may dwell with Thee.

Benediction
