



Service of the Word

January 26, 2020

**Commemoration of Florence Nightingale
on the bicentenary of her birth**

Florence Nightingale was the founder of modern nursing. Despite family pressures to marry and live as a conventional wealthy woman, she considered her dedication to nursing to be a response to the call of God to care for the sick. Her success in radically lowering the death rate of wounded soldiers in the Crimean War led to society's acceptance of her proposals for better sanitation and nutrition, accurate medical knowledge, and professionally trained nurses.

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| 1820 | born in Florence, Italy, to a wealthy British family (May 12) |
| 1837, 1850 | felt calls from God to dedicate her life to nursing as a single woman |
| 1850 | visited Pastor Theodor Fliedner's Lutheran deaconess community |
| 1853 | worked as superintendent of a women's hospital |
| 1854-55 | served as director of nursing in army hospitals in the Crimean War |
| 1860 | organized a nurses' training school in London, England |
| 1910 | died in London (August 13) |

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Lynn is also a former Member of Parliament and served as president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women. She is currently active on climate change (JustEarth) and on solitary confinement (a campaign to abolish it).

SERVICE OF THE WORD

We acknowledge that we are gathered on land occupied successively by the Anishnaube, the Wendat-Huron, the Haudenosaunee-Iroquis and, most recently, the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation.

Today, the “meeting place” of Toronto is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work and worship in this territory.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn

Christ, Be Our Light (#715)

Greeting & Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

God of compassion, courage, and love,
you strengthened your servant Florence Nightingale
to give herself in self-sacrificing service to those in need:
Lead us by her example of courageous service
to give hope to the hopeless, love to the unloved, and peace to the dying;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Hymn of the Day

The Son of God Goes Forth to War

The assembly stands to proclaim the Word of God in song.



- 1 The Son of God goes forth to war a king - ly crown to gain.
- 2 The mar - tyr first, whose ea - gle eye could pierce be - yond the grave,
- 3 A glo - rious band, the cho - sen few, on whom the Spir - it came,
- 4 A no - ble ar - my, girls and boys, with men and wom - en saved,



His blood - red ban - ner streams a - far; who fol - lows in his train?
who saw his mas - ter in the sky and called on him to save.
twelve val - iant saints; their hope they knew and mocked the cross and flame.
a - round the Sav - ior's throne re - joice, in robes of light ar - rayed.



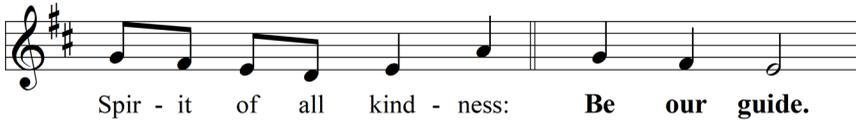
Who best can drink his cup of woe, tri - um - phant o - ver pain;
Like him, with par - don on his tongue in midst of mor - tal pain,
They met the ty - rant's bran - dished steel, the li - on's gor - y mane;
They climbed the steep as - cent of heav'n through per - il, toil, and pain.



who pa - tient bears his cross be - low— he fol - lows in his train.
he prayed for those who did the wrong— who fol - lows in his train?
they bowed their necks the death to feel— who fol - lows in their train?
O God, to us may grace be giv'n to fol - low in their train!

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition concludes:



Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus 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 forever. Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

After sharing Christ's peace with one another, the assembly may be seated.

Offering

Healer of Our Ev'ry ill (#612)

As the offering is received, the congregation remains seated to sing.

Offering Prayer

*The assembly stands. The assembly responds, **Amen.***

Blessing

*The assembly responds, **Amen.***

Song

When We Walk from Here

When we walk from here, when we walk from here,
walk with jus - tice, walk with mer - cy and with God's hum - ble care.

The image shows a musical score for the song "When We Walk from Here". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system contains the first two lines of the song, and the second system contains the next two lines. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

DAILY READINGS

Monday, January 27	Psalm 27:7-14; Judges 6:11-24; Ephesians 5:6-14
Tuesday, January 28	Psalm 27:7-14; Judges 7:12-22; Philippians 2:12-18
Wednesday, January 29	Psalm 27:7-14; Genesis 49:1-2, 8-13, 21-26; Luke 1:67-79
Thursday, January 30	Psalm 15; Deuteronomy 16:18-20; 1 Peter 3:8-12
Friday, January 31	Psalm 15; Deuteronomy 24:17-25:4; 1 Timothy 5:17-24
Saturday, February 1	Psalm 15; Micah 3:1-4; John 13:31-35

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today Coffee and conversation follows the service.

Budget Meeting, First ELC, 12:30. (Following the service.)

Saturday, Feb. 1, 8 am. First Men's Breakfast. Cora's, 27 Carleton St. First timers get treated to breakfast.

Next Sunday, Feb 2, The Presentation of Our Lord. 9:45 AM Holy Communion – German; 11:15 Holy Communion – English. This is the weekend of the pulpit exchange “Kanzelaustausch” among the German language Lutheran congregations in the GTA. Our guest preacher and presider will be Pastor Rasma Caune, Epiphany Lutheran, Scarborough. Pastor Ralph Carl will be leading worship and preaching at Martin Lutheran Church, Etobicoke.

Wednesday, Jan 29, 4:00-6:00 pm. SCM Peace and Non-Violence Bible Study and Discussion Series. SCM will meet every Wednesday until March 25 at this time.

Wednesday, Jan. 29, Congregational Care Committee, 6 pm.

Readers needed: Please take a moment to consider signing up to be a lector at our Sunday services and sign-up for a forthcoming Sunday on the sheet at the back of the nave. Thank-you!

Congregational Care Committee (CCC): please inform a member of the CCC if you are aware of anyone at First who needs support. Prayer concerns to be included in the intercessions can be noted in the small green book by the entrance. CCC members: Karin Berg – 416-947-1901 / Karin@bergdesignworks.com; Rita Wagner – 416-466-5210; Andrew Blake – andrewblake5727@yahoo.ca ; and Pastor Ralph Carl Wushke – 416-532-8591 / pastor@firstelc.ca

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