

2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the hope of your calling.” (*Ephesians 4:4*)

CANADIAN HYMN SUGGESTIONS

The 2026 WPCU international and Canadian resources are available to download at:

www.weekofprayer.ca (English)

www.semainedepriere.ca (French)

We encourage you to be creative in your use of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity resources! For example, you may wish to alter the *Order of Worship* resource to better suit the context of your community, or you may draw inspiration from the WPCU materials to create something entirely new. Communities should also feel free to use the WPCU materials not only during the traditional Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25 in the northern hemisphere), but throughout the year, to pray for Christian unity and to foster ecumenical fellowship and service.

The Armenian ecumenical group which created this year’s WPCU service has provided music for several key points in the liturgy, but local organizers may choose to use different music, or to add an opening and/or closing hymn from among the resources listed below, which are either connected with the readings or more loosely related to the themes of light, unity, and justice. A suggestion for chanting the verses of the candle-lighting hymn appears at the end of this document.

Hymns related to Isaiah 58:6-11

These hymns are selected based on the readings for the ecumenical Order of Worship and can be used as alternates around the readings or in other parts of the service.

Father Eternal, Ruler of Creation

Laurence Housman

LANGHAM | 11 10 11 10 10

CP574

[Father Eternal, Ruler of Creation | Hymnary.org](http://Hymnary.org)

For the Healing of the Nations

Fred Kaan

| 8 7 8 7 8 7

BOP 736, CBW III 503, CH 668, CP 576, GC II 712, GP III 517, VT 705, VU 678

[For the Healing of the Nations | Hymnary.org](http://Hymnary.org)

God, Whose Almighty Word (Let There Be Light)

Hal Leonard

ITALIAN HYMN | 6 6 4 6 6 6 4

CBW III 513; CP 560; ELW 673; VU 313

[God, Whose Almighty Word \(Let There Be Light\) | Hymnary.org](#)

Healer of Our Every Ill

Marty Haugen

D MAJOR | 8 8 9

CBW III 363, CH 506, ELW 612, CP 612, GC II 854, LUYH 303, SANC 205, VT 644, VU 619, WOV 738

[Healer of Our Every Ill | Hymnary.org](#)

Here in this Place

Marty Haugen

GATHER US IN |

CBW III 587; CH 284; CP 465; ELW 532; GC II 743; GP III 471; LUYH 529; SANC 8; VT 10; VOW 718

[Here in this Place | Hymnary.org](#)

Now Quit Your Care

Percy Dearmer

QUITTETZ, PASTEURS | 11 10 11 6 12 12

BOP 191; VU 109

[Now Quit Your Care | Hymnary.org](#)

O Christ, the Great Foundation

Timothy T'ingfang Lew

AURELIA | 7 6 7 6 7 6 7 6

CBW III 527; CP 524; GC II 646; SANC 177

[O Christ, the Great Foundation | Hymnary.org](#)

What Does the Lord Require

Albert F. Bayly

SHARPTHORNE | 12 12 12

BOP 710, CH 659, CP 171

[What Does the Lord Require | Hymnary.org](#)

Hymns related to Psalm 97

Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness

Martin H Franzmann

TON-Y-BOTEL | 8 7 8 7 D

BOP 429, CP 369, ELW 511

[Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness | Hymnary.org](#)

Hymns related to Ephesians 4:1-13

Awake, O Sleeper

F. Bland Tucker

AZMON | 8 6 8 6

CP 115, ELW 452, VU 566, WOV 745

[Awake, O Sleeper, | Hymnary.org](#)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

John Fawcett

DENNIS | 6 6 8 6

BOP 481; CH 433; CP 507; ELW 656; LUYH 257; VT 831; VU 602

[Blest Be the Tie That Binds | Hymnary.org](#)

Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round

J.W. Chadwick

YORKSHIRE | 10 10 10 10 10 10

CP 497, VU 571

[Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round | Hymnary.org](#)

In Christ There Is No East or West

John Oxenham

ST PETER | 8 6 8 6

BOP 480, CBW III 529, CH 687, CP 484, ELW 650, GC II 726, GP III 548, LUYH 268

[In Christ There Is No East or West | Hymnary.org](#)

Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing

Charles Wesley

DUNDEE | 8 6 8 6

BOP 615, CP 282

[Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing | Hymnary.org](#)

Let Us Build a House Where Love Can Dwell (All Are Welcome)

Marty Haugen

TWO OAKS | 9 6 8 6 8 7 10

ELW 641, GC II 741, LUYH 269, MV 1, SANC 10, VT 36

[Let Us Build a House Where Love Can Dwell \(All Are Welcome\) | Hymnary.org](#)

The Church's One Foundation

S.J. Stone

AURELIA | 7 6 7 6 D

BOP 479, CBW 526, CH 272, CP 525, ELW 654, GP III 571, VU 331

[The Church's One Foundation | Hymnary.org](#)

We Are Many Parts

Marty Haugen

GOD OF ALL, WE LOOK TO YOU

GC II 727, GP III 550

[We Are Many Parts | Hymnary.org](#)

Hymns related to John 12:31-36

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Ruth C. Duck

FESTAL SONG | 6 6 8 6

BOP 712, CBW III 302, ELW 314, LUYP 102, VT 273, VU 79, WOV 652

[Arise, Your Light Is Come! | Hymnary.org](#)

Christ, Be Our Light!

Bernadette Feral

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

ELW 715, GC II 512, GP III 683, LUYH 908, SANC 2, VT 715

[Christ, Be Our Light! | Hymnary.org](#)

Christ, Mighty Saviour, Light of All Creation

Alan G. McDougall

MIGHTY SAVIOUR | 11 11 11 5

CP 17, ELW 560, LUYH 386, VU 435, WOV 729

[Christ, Mighty Saviour, Light of All Creation | Hymnary.org](#)

Let There Be Light

John Marriott

ITALIAN HYMN

BOP 727, CP 572, VU 679

[Let There Be Light | Hymnary.org](#)

Light of the World, in Grace and Beauty

Paul Gibson

RENDEZ À DIEU | 9 8 9 8 D

CP 15

[Light of the World, in Grace and Beauty | Hymnary.org](#)

Longing for Light

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

SANC 3

[Longing for Light | Hymnary.org](#)

O Gladsome Light, O Grace

Robert S. Bridges

NUNC DIMITTIS | 6 6 7

CP 13, LUYH 393

[O Gladsome Light, O Grace | Hymnary.org](#)

O Gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ

F. Bland Tucker

TALLIS' CANON | 8 8 8 8

CP 14

[O Gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ | Hymnary.org](#)

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O Laughing Light, O First Born of Creation

Sylvia G. Dunstan

CHRISTE SANCTORUM | 11 11 11 5

BOP 823, CP 18, VU 434

[O Laughing Light, O First Born of Creation | Hymnary.org](#)

O Light, Whose Splendour Thrills

Carl P. Daw

ST. CLEMENT | 9 8 9 8

CP 16, ELW 563, WOV 728

[O Light, Whose Splendour Thrills | Hymnary.org](#)

Thou Whose Almighty Word

G.H. Trebel

ITALIAN HYMN

BOP 291, CBW III 513, CP 560, ELW 673, VU 313

[Thou Whose Almighty Word | Hymnary.org](#)

We Are Marching in the Light of God

Anders Nyberg

SIYAHAMBA

ELW 866, VU 646, WOV 650

[We Are Marching in the Light of God | Hymnary.org](#)

HYMN RESOURCES USED

BOP Book of Praise (1997): Presbyterian Church in Canada
CBW III Catholic Book of Worship III (1994): Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
CH Chalice Hymnal (1995): Christian Church Disciples of Christ
CP Common Praise (1998): Anglican Church of Canada
ELW Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006): Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
GC II Gather Comprehensive 2nd edition (2004): GIA Publications (Roman Catholic)
GP III Glory and Praise 3rd edition (2015): OCP (Roman Catholic)
LUYH Lift Up Your Hearts (2013): Faith Alive Christian Resources (Christian Reformed Church in North America)
MV More Voices (2007): United Church of Canada
SANC Sing a New Creation (2022): Anglican Church of Canada
VT Voices Together (2020): MennoMedia (Mennonite Church Canada)
VU Voices United (1996): United Church of Canada
WOV With One Voice (1995): Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

The verses of the **candle-lighting hymn** may simply be read (in between the sung refrains) or chanted to a pattern like the following:



Ageless, uncreated God, / Father, Lord of all; /
 heed our prayers, the earnest pleas / of those serving you. *Looy's*.

From the Father, wondrous Dawn, / just and righteous Sun; /
 rise, shine forth upon us all, / kind and tender Light. *Looy's*.

Spirit pouring from the Father, / wellspring of the good; /
 fill us with your radiant Light / in this new day's morn. *Looy's*.

Persons three, in nature one, / one Divinity; /
 we confess you at all times – / Holy Trinity. *Looy's*.

Refrain: (“*Looy's*” is pronounced like “*Luis*”).

