

A Liturgy for The National Indigenous Day of



Prayer

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Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving for the Land

We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional Indigenous territory. This land is part of Treaty #20, the Rice Lake Purchase, signed in 1818 by representatives of the Anishinabe peoples and the Crown. The Rice Lake Purchase includes the communities of Kawartha Lakes and Peterborough. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are

¹ Image from "Anishnaabe Scrapbook" website
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grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.

Call to Worship

CELEBRANT Christ our true and only Light:
receive our prayers and songs
and illumine the secrets of our
hearts with your healing
goodness, that no evil desires
may possess us who are made
new in the light of your heavenly
grace. Amen.

**Opening Hymn - #355 All Creatures of Our
God and King (v. 1, 2, 5, 7)**

Prayer to the Four Directions

CELEBRANT God the Creator, the strength of the people, we honor you. Listen to the thoughts of your people. We respect the truth of your spirit world and care for your creations to the east, to the south, to the west and to the north. We honor you by deeds and not words. We live by the ways you have entrusted to us within the circle of life.

FIRST READER

Come Great Spirit as we gather in your name.

We face East:

To your symbol colour Red, the hue of revelation;

To your animal symbol the Eagle, strong and nurturing;

To your lessons calling us to the balance of your Spirit in Harmony with brothers and sisters;

To invoke your wisdom and grace, the goodness of the ages. We pray:

ALL Come Holy Spirit, Come

SECOND READER

We turn to face South:

To your symbol colour Gold for the morning
star;

To your symbol Brother Sun that enlightens
our intellect and brings light on our path to
live responsibly;

To your lessons calling us to balance of
Mind in the Spirit of humility;

To invoke your spirit of illumination and far
sighted vision;

Help us to love you and one another with
our whole heart, our whole mind and our
whole soul. We pray:

ALL Come Holy Spirit, Come

THIRD READER

We turn to the West:

To your symbol colour Black, still and quiet;

To your animal symbol the Thunderbird;

To your symbol the Thunder might and
purposeful;

To your lessons calling us to balance our
emotions in the spirit of Gentleness and
Honesty;

To invoke your spirit of introspection,
seeing within;

Give us your strength and the courage to
endure. We pray:

ALL Come Holy Spirit, Come

FOURTH READER

We turn North:

To your symbol colour white of clarity and
brightness;

To your animal symbol the Swan which
brings us in touch with Mother Earth and
growing things;

To your lessons calling us to balance of our
Body in the spirit of a good sense of
humour;

Help us to open our eye to the sacredness of
every living thing. We pray:

ALL Come Holy Spirit, Come

FIFTH READER

We turn to complete the circle and to look:

To God, our Creator who cleanses our
Mother Earth with snow, wind and rain;
To Jesus the Christ, the Peacemaker, who
fills us with the wideness of mercy and
lovingly embrace of all;
and to the Holy Spirit who inspires us to
action:

ALL Come Holy Spirit, Come

*(Honouring the Four Directions, a resource prepared for a Day of
Prayer for Indigenous Justice, Ottawa, 2013 and provided by the
Anglican Church of Canada, Indigenous Ministries)*

The Gathering Prayer

ALL Creator, we give you thanks for all you are
and all you bring to us for our visit within your
creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the
center of this Sacred Circle through which all of
creation is related. You show us the way to live a
generous and compassionate life. Give us your
strength to live together with respect and
commitment as we grow in your Spirit, for you are
God, now and forever. Amen

Collect of the Day

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. Amen

The Proclamation of the Word (from the Common English Bible)

1st Reading Isaiah 40:25-31

Reader So to whom will you compare me, and who is my equal? says the holy one. Look up at the sky and consider: Who created these? The one who brings out their attendants one by one, summoning each of them by name. Because of God's great strength and mighty power, not one is missing. Why do you say, Jacob, and declare, Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, my God ignores my predicament"? Don't you know? Haven't you heard? The Lord is the everlasting

Leader No doubt about it: your servant is
enlightened by them; there is great reward in
keeping them.

People **But can anyone know what they've
accidentally done wrong? Clear me of any
unknown sin**

Leader and save your servant from willful
sins. Don't let them rule me. Then I'll be
completely blameless; I'll be innocent of
great wrongdoing.

People **Let the words of my mouth and the
meditations of my heart be pleasing to you,
Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Amen

2nd Reading Philippians 4:4-9

Reader Be glad in the Lord always! Again I
say, be glad! Let your gentleness show in your
treatment of all people. The Lord is near. Don't be
anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your
requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along
with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that
exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and

minds safe in Christ Jesus. From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise. Practice these things: whatever you learned, received, heard, or saw in us. The God of peace will be with you.

Gradual Hymn - #631 The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy (v. 1, 2)

Holy Gospel John 1:1-18

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The Word was with God in the beginning. Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word nothing came into being. What came into being through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.

A man named John was sent from God. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light. He himself wasn't the light, but his mission was to testify concerning the light.

The true light that shines on all people was coming into the world. The light was in the world, and the world came into being through the light, but the world didn't recognize the light.

The light came to his own people, and his own people didn't welcome him. But those who did welcome him, those who believed in his name, he authorized to become God's children, born not from blood nor from human desire or passion, but born from God. The Word became flesh and made his home among us. We have seen his glory, glory like that of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

John testified about him, crying out, "This is the one of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is greater than me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace; as the Law was given through Moses, so

grace and truth came into being through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, has made God known.

Gradual Hymn - # 631 The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy (v. 3, 4)

The Homily Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

Creed

ALL We believe in the love of God, embodied in the person of Jesus, spread through the cosmos by the Holy Spirit.

(University Episcopal Community at The Univ. of MN)

A Litany for the Healing and Restoration of our Church

Holy Creator, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,

Have mercy on us.

Risen Christ, through whom the whole creation is reconciled to God,

Have mercy on us.

Life-giving Spirit, whose love and truth fills the world and searches the depths of our lives,

Have mercy on us.

Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,

Have mercy on us.

From our failure to recognize and respect the revelation of your truth and love in the First Peoples of this land,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our participation in the systematic oppression of indigenous sovereignty, language, culture and spirituality,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our role in the Indian Residential Schools designed to eliminate the unique society, wisdom and beauty of the indigenous peoples of this land,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our complicit tolerance of the decimation of Indigenous family structures leaving children vulnerable to abuses of every kind,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our continued acceptance of unjust legal, educational, health and social structures that

continue to oppress and destroy the lives of many indigenous people,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

O God, we pray for the gifts of your grace and your love which never gives up on us and is forever faithful. Inspire our minds with a vision of the reconciliation of your kingdom in this time and place.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our eyes, that we may see the sacredness in all creation.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth of every peoples the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our lips, that we may speak of the beauty of every tongue and dialect proclaiming the wonderful works of God.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hearts, that we may discern your mission in which you call us to be immersed, particularly in partnership with the First Peoples of the island.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our minds that we may witness to your Good News in our neighbourhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hands, that we may forever shun violence and embrace the work you give us to do.

Hear us, O Christ.

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving you in your mission in the world, and together witnessing to your love on every continent and island of your creation. We ask this in the name of the Risen Christ in whom we are one. **Amen.**

(The Angel)

Confession

CELEBRANT Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

ALL **Creator God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from**

**judgment; bind up our wounds and revive us; in
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

CELEBRANT The Lord enrich you with
grace, and nourish you with many blessings; the
Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all
evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you
from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our
Savior.

The Peace

CELEBRANT The peace of Christ be
always with you

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

Offertory Song - #352 **Amazing Grace**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer over the Gifts

ALL **Creator, you bless us with many
good gifts returned to you from
your creation. Feed us with the
Bread of Life, your Son Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CELEBRANT Blessed are you, Lord God of
all creation: through your goodness we have this

bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

PEOPLE **Blessed be God forever.**

CELEBRANT Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

PEOPLE **Blessed be God forever.**

(Offertory Prayer, Didache 3rd Century)

Eucharistic Prayer

CELEBRANT God the Creator is here.

PEOPLE **God's Spirit is with us.**

CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts

PEOPLE **We lift them to God the Creator**

CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to God

PEOPLE **It is right to offer our thanks and praise.**

CELEBRANT God the Creator, our Great Spirit, from the depths of our hearts we give you

thanks. We say thank you, now and forever. From the place of the rising sun in the East, to the South where the warm winds blow, from the West where the soft rain comes, to the coldness of the North. We unite with all creation from the four directions to join in the everlasting thanksgiving and praise for the gift of Jesus Christ.

With hearts lifted, we join with the angels, the guardian spirits, the saints, and all our ancestors as we say

ALL Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

CELEBRANT O Great Spirit, our Creator from whom all holiness comes, we come before you again today. Just as in generations past, like our grandmothers and grandfathers, we come to worship you and acknowledge your greatness. We marvel at your creation.

You sent Jesus into creation because people had turned away from you and no longer loved each other, bringing death and destruction. Sharing our

living and dying, Jesus opened our eyes and our hearts to understand that we are all relatives and that you are our Great Spirit the Creator.

Stretching out his arms upon the cross, he became a perfect offering for all, uniting in beauty all that is, with all that has been, and with all that ever will be.

On the night Jesus was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; gave thanks, gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

In this ceremony which Jesus gave us, we celebrate our salvation. In our offering of praise and thanks, we stand in the memory, strength, and love of

Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension.

Remembering, we make our offering.

By your Holy Spirit, make our gifts holy, so that they may be spiritual food and drink. + Make us holy, so that we respectfully receive this feast and serve you in each other.

Surrounded now by our ancestor saints, Kateri Tekakwitha, Black Elk, Joseph Brant, Molly Brant, Henry Budd, James Settee and all saints and angels, with the heavenly community which gives you worship forever. May we also live in unity and live as relatives to all.

United in Christ with all who stand before you on earth and heaven, we worship you, God the Creator, our Great Spirit, in songs and dance of infinite praise. Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.

(adapted from the Eucharistic Prayer from the Liturgy of St. John's, Red Lake)

The Lord's Prayer

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and

Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the
universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples
of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain
our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

The Fraction

CELEBRANT Whoever comes to me shall
not hunger
PEOPLE **and whoever believes in me**
shall never thirst.
CELEBRANT These are the gifts of God for
the people of God.

**Communion Hymns - #572 Let There Be
Light**

#132 Of Eternal Love

Begotten (v. 1, 2, 5, 6)

**Anthem - #407 Many and Great, O God, Are
Your Works**

Post-Communion Prayer

CELEBRANT Let us pray

ALL Great Creator, you have
fed us with bread from heaven. Continue to
renew us in your truth, to give light to our
minds, strength to our bodies, and seal us with
your Holy Spirit. We ask this in Christ's name.
Amen.

Blessing

Send us anywhere you would have us go, only go
there with us. Place upon us any burden you desire,
only stand by us to sustain us. Break any tie that
binds us, except the tie that binds us to you. And
the blessing of God; the Creator, who made and
knows us; the Savior, who redeems and befriends

us; and the Spirit, who enlightens and sustains us,
be with you this day and always. Amen.

**Closing Song - #576 For the Healing of the
Nations**

Dismissal

CELEBRANT In the name of the Light that
came into the world go in peace.

PEOPLE Thanks be to God. Alleluia!