



St. Paul's Anglican Church

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Father's Day

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A Liturgy for The National Indigenous Day of Prayer

Service Order

taken from the Anglican Church of Canada resources

Prelude: This is God's Wondrous World

Processional Hymn 576 For the Healing of the Nations

Indigenous Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that this church is situated on the traditional territory of the Mississauga peoples and is covered by the Williams Treaties. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

Creator, let us be of Good Mind to reconcile ourselves, and to work for justice and reconciliation with the peoples and the land. With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name, Your Son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

Sentence

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- *Psalm 19:1*

Call to Worship

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

People And also with you.

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.

Prayer to the Four Directions (Stand as you are able)

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

First 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 loving
embrace of all; and to the Holy Spirit who inspires us to action:

All Come Holy Spirit, Come

Response: 407 Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works

Collect of the Day

**All 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 (Common English Bible)

First Reading - Isaiah 40:25-31

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 God, the creator of the ends of the earth. He doesn't grow tired or weary. His understanding is beyond human reach, giving power to the tired and reviving the exhausted. Youths will become tired and weary, young men will certainly stumble; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength; they will fly up on wings like eagles; they will run and not be tired; they will walk and not be weary.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19



Refrain: Glory and Praise to GodWhose Word brings Life

The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the vault of the sky reveals God's handiwork.

**One day speaks to another,
and night shares its knowledge with night,**
and this without speech or language;
their voices are not heard.

**But their sound goes out to all the lands,
their words to the ends of the earth. R**

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun
which comes out like a bridegroom from under the canopy,
like an athlete eager to run the race.

**Its rising is at one end of the sky,
it runs its course to the other,
and there is nothing that is hidden from its heat. R**

God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul;
God's instruction is sure, giving wisdom to the simple;
God's precepts are right, rejoicing the heart;

God's commandment is pure giving light to the eyes;
God's fear is clean, enduring forever;
God's judgements are true, every one of them righteous;
more desirable than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, pure honey from the comb. R

By them is your servant warned;
for in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can discern unwitting sins?

O cleanse me from my secret faults.

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,
lest they get the better of me.

Then shall I be clean and innocent of great offence. R

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Second Reading - Philippians 4:4-9

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 412 O God, Beyond All Face and Form v 1,2

Holy Gospel - John 1:1-18

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gradual Hymn 412 O God, Beyond All Face and Form v 3,4

The Homily - Ian McKechnie

Hear, O Israel

All Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People for Treaty Renewal

Please respond to the petition “Creator of all” with: Hear our prayer.

For the gift of life, the wellbeing of Mother Earth, the waters that sustain us, and for all creation. For all land and water protectors, for all children and new life being born, for a spirit of respect to grow within us, Creator of all **Hear our prayer.**

For the gifts of all cultures and languages, for the flourishing of Indigenous Nations on whose Territory our Church gathers to worship, for the Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, and the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation. With gratitude for their governance and leadership on these lands and waters since time immemorial, Creator of all **Hear our prayer.**

For the responsibility to honour our sacred obligations as Treaty People. For us to embody the teachings of gratitude, respect, humility, of not taking more than we need, of living in balance and right relationship with one another and all life, Creator of all **Hear our prayer.**

For our continued renewal, for true repentance when we have acted in domination and violence, for restitution, healing, and your Church to truly follow your selfless servant, Creator of all **Hear our prayer.**

For the courageous witness of Elders and Residential School legacy Survivors, whose truths broke through the sin of genocide denial and call us all to participate in paths of healing and reconciliation. For all whose precious lives have been taken by colonial and Church violence. For our commitment to remember, learn, speak out, and practice solidarity, Creator of all **Hear our prayer.**

For all who are sick or suffering in body, mind, or spirit. For the incarcerated, the hungry, the persecuted, the missing, and the oppressed. For all we name now either silent or aloud. For justice and the living waters of your Spirit to flow through this land, Creator of all **Hear our prayer.**

Turn us from selfishness to mutuality, from arrogance to openness, from domination to relationships of respectful reciprocity. Help us to live into your hope and vision for us held in our sacred obligations, our covenants,

commitments spoken, and our Treaties. Fill us with your love and lead us to paths of harmony and respect. Creator of all **Hear our prayer. Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you

People And also with you.

Offertory Song 307 When Long Before Time

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant 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.**

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 sing

All (VU 735) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

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 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, we pray,

All 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.

All Thanks be to God

Agnus Dei (VU 747)

Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy on us

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world, give us your peace, give us your peace.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. All others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing by kneeling and crossing their arms over their chest. At this time, intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is strictly prohibited for hygienic reason. If desired, you may instead lay your hands on the base of the chalice. Gluten free bread available upon request.

Communion Hymns

Eucharist 1: 63 Eat This Bread (full)

Eucharist 2: Put Peace into Each Others' Hands (choir)

Choir Anthem We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

Prayer After Communion

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.

Announcements

Closing Song 349 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: A Spring Meditation

Next Week's Readings

Jeremiah 28:5-9 Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42

"We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children."
– First Nations proverb

*Thank you for
Worshipping with
us Today.*



Announcements

The Designated Giving for #215 for June will benefit **DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS**. Whenever natural disasters occur, or the horrifying images from war zones make us wish we could help, there with our support, risking their own lives, these skilled and courageous men and women are the answer to our prayers.

During the *Renewing our Treaty Relations* session with Bishop Andrew, he mentioned that the Chief of the Chippewas of Rama First Nation extended an invitation to the Anglicans of the Diocese of Toronto to come to their annual Pow Wow. This year it will be held August 22 & 23 at the John Snake Memorial Grounds, 6030 Rama Rd., Rama ON. For the latest schedule updates and performer announcements, you can visit the [Rama Powwow Official Website](#) or follow the [Rama Pow Wow Facebook Page](#).

Strawberry and Salad Supper: Wed. June 24 4:30 – 6:30. Adult \$20 and Children \$10 Tickets available at the church office Mon - Thurs. from 9 - 12

Steeple Work: Please be mindful of parking and workers.

Special Vestry: A special vestry will be held today to finalize the 2026 budget. We will move to the hall following the postlude for the discussion and vote. Please plan to attend.

Hymn Sing: Sign up sheet on the board for Sept 6

Creating space in the liturgy: Beginning in September, the liturgical roles will be separated into smaller roles allowing more people to participate. There will be both speaking and non-speaking roles available.

During the summer why not take some time to “try before you buy”, try out a role before committing to it for the Fall. You could be a crucifer, chalice bearer or intercessor (leading the Prayers of the People). Thank you to those who have already come forward! There’s still space for more folks, speak to Rev. Bonnie if you are interested in knowing more or volunteering.

Pantry Call We always need all sorts including canned meat, pasta noodles and soup for the pantry. All non-perishable foodstuffs gratefully received.
New **Green Bin in the Hall**. Thanks!

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