

A Service of Morning Prayer for Sunday June 21, 2020

National Indigenous Day of Prayer

Adapted from *Common Worship*, Church of England



WELCOME

GATHERING

Bishop: O Lord open our lips!

All: **and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

Bishop: May God's grace and peace be with you.

All: **May God fill our hearts with joy.**

Introduction to the National Indigenous Day of Prayer: Archdeacon Val Kerr

We sing together... God of the Sparrow, #414CP

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| 1. God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise | 4. God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life |
| 2. God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save | 5. God of the neighbour
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace |
| 3. God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks | 6. God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home |

The Collect

Bishop: Creator God, from you every family in heaven and on 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 grow into the full stature of Christ,
who is our light and our life.

All: **Amen.**

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Bishop: The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Keep a time of silence

Bishop: As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

PSALM 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
**yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
**the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;**

the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
**the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;**

the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring for ever;
**the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.**

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PSALM 19 continues...

More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

**All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

A short silence meditating on the psalm is kept.

A READING: Isaiah 40:25-31

To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,
'My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God'?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

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THE GOSPEL: John 1:1-18

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John.

All: **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

One: The Gospel of Christ.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE HOMILY: Bishop Susan Bell

Music is played during a time of reflection.

PRAYERS

Adapted from a 'Day of Prayer for Indigenous Justice', based on a Cree interpretation of the medicine wheel.

One: We turn to God in prayer, lifting before the Holy One,
the needs of the world in its brokenness: we seek healing; *(silence is kept)*
the needs of the sick: we seek wholeness; *(silence is kept)*
the needs of the oppressed: we seek liberation; *(silence is kept)*
the needs of victims of inequality, abuse and prejudice: we seek justice. *(silence is kept)*
the needs of the grieving: we seek comfort. *(silence is kept)*
the needs of generations, robbed of culture, language, identity:
we seek truth and reconciliation. *(silence is kept)*

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One: Come Great Spirit, as we gather in your name.

We turn to the 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, and so we pray:

All: COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.

One: 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,

All: COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.

One: We turn to face West:

to your symbol colour Black, still and quiet.

to your animal symbol the Thunderbird;

to your symbol the Thunder mighty 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,

All: COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.

One: We turn to face 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 humor;

to invoke your spirit of innocence, trust and love;

help us to open our eyes to the sacredness of every living thing,

All: COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.

One: 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 Christ, the Peacemaker who fills us with the wideness of mercy

and lovingly embraces all,

and the Holy Spirit who inspires us to action.

All: Amen.

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Bishop: Trusting in the compassion of God, and in the language and version of our choice, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Closing remarks and announcements.

THE BLESSING

*Thank-you for worshipping with today!
We are blessed by your prayers and praise.*

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