

Morning Prayer, June 21
National Indigenous Day of Prayer

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God's love has been poured into our hearts.

We dwell in him and he in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,

And speak of all his marvellous works.

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty,

Who was and is and is to come!

Reader: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to us now

People: Thanks be to God

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.
More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

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

Reader: A reading from the letter to the Philippians

Phil 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to us now

People: Thanks be to God

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

John 1:1-18

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.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

A silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed

All

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

We give thanks for the blessings in our lives [*silence*]. For our church community at St. John's and for its ministries. For all those whose gifts to our church make these ministries possible.

We thank you, Lord.

As we celebrate Father's Day, we give thanks for fathers.
We thank God for everything good our fathers and others who have had a fatherly influence on us have added to our lives,
including the times they provided a good example, good advice, good care, good strength, good gentleness, good fun.
We pray for your grace and healing for those for whom Father's Day is painful.

We pray for all fathers who are caring for children,
that you give them calm strength and patient wisdom as they bring them up,
teaching them to love you and to love their neighbours.

Lord, hear our prayer.

As we celebrate National Indigenous People's Day during COVID-19, we pray
prayers provided by the Rev. Leigh Kern, Diocesan Coordinator of Indigenous
Ministries

Creator of all life- we lift our hearts to you
in gratitude for all the medicines and teachings of this season of life.
We take this moment, to center ourselves. (*pause for a breath*)
We raise our hearts in gratitude for the gift of breath.
We thank you Living Spirit- for the gift of our bodies,
the lands and waters and relationships that sustain us.
In the shadow of your wings, we are held
Shelter us, in your loving mercy.

We pray for those who are sick, exhausted, shut in,
For healthcare workers, long term care workers,
for all who are vulnerable in this pandemic.
For those who are sick, on Reserve or remote communities,
or in cities underserved,
for all living without access to clean drinking water
or other basic necessities of health.
For those who are without shelter,
for those who don't have enough to eat
For those who are struggling to survive,
for their safety and protection.
In the shadow of your wings, we are held
Shelter us, in your loving mercy.

For our national Indigenous Archbishop Mark MacDonald,
for the Indigenous House of Bishops,
and all healers, traditional teachers, Elders, priests, deacons, lay and
community leaders.
For the self-determining Indigenous Church, and all its leaders.
For Toronto Urban Native Ministry, and Reverend Evan Smith, Reverend
Leigh Kern and Sandra Campbell.
For all on the front lines of healing and justice.

For the flourishing of our ministries and guidance of your Holy Spirit.
For our local Chiefs and Indigenous leadership and governance,
for all in leadership and authority, for the creativity of your vision.
In the shadow of your wings, we are held
Shelter us, in your loving mercy.

For those who have died from COVID-19
For all who have died alone
For all whose lives have been cut short by violence
For recent fatal victims of police brutality,
especially Chantel Moore and all murdered Indigenous women, girls, and
Two-Spirit peoples.
For all who mourn and grieve lost loved ones.
[Moment of Silence]
For justice and healing at every level of our relationships and society.
For the healing of the legacy of Indian Residential Schools and policies of child
apprehension.
For the vulnerable, for prisoners, refugees, and all who are afraid.
In the shadow of your wings, we are held
Shelter us, in your loving mercy.

For all engaged in building trusting relationships and alliances across
difference.
For the liberation of our hearts and minds from all forms of racism.
For the fire of your Spirit to enkindle renewal across this land.
Open our hearts, O God, grant us compassion, help us see our
interdependence,
let love transform our communities.
We thank you, source of life, mother of our souls,
for our creation and all the nourishment of Mother Earth.
In the shadow of your wings, we are held,
shelter us, in your loving mercy. Amen.

The Collect

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 in 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 Lord's Prayer

Officiant Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our
Saviour taught us,

All

**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.**

Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be
gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace. **Amen.**