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*Competitors at the Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival (2018)  
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# National Indigenous Day of Prayer

Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**Service broadcast to be watched at home**

The Ven. Christopher Dunn  
The Rev. Simone Hurkmans  
The Rev. Deacon Dr. Jarrett Carty  
Music: Edith Troup  
Children and Youth: Barbara Robertson

Celebrant: Dear friends, we acknowledge our presence on the ancestral lands of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people.

**People: In a spirit of reconciliation, may we always seek to respect the history, spirituality, and culture of Indigenous Peoples and uphold our continuing responsibility as treaty people.**

Celebrant: The Spirit of God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Hymn: **All People That on Earth Do Dwell**

CP#349

**All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;  
come ye before him and rejoice.**

**Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.**

**For why, the Lord our God is good;  
his mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.**

Celebrant: Come, let us worship the Creator with hearts open to all peoples, recognizing that pride and prejudice still dwell;

**People: let us worship the Creator with minds open to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples.**

Celebrant: Let us honour the One who freely gives by showing honour to those who were once and still remain oppressed.

**People: Let us worship the God of diversity, who made the world in colours, in seasons, in endless variety;**

**who created the diversity of the earth's peoples in God's image.**

**Celebrant:** All were created to honour one another and in so doing the Creator is honoured.

**People:** **Let us honour the Creator today by reflecting in our worship and in our lives the Creator's image: love.**

**Celebrant:** Almighty God,

**People:** **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Celebrant:** Creator God,

**People:** **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 First Reading is from 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 the church.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 19**

Reader: The heavens proclaim the glory of God; the sky displays God's artistry.

**All: One day communicates with another; night shares its knowledge with night.**

Reader: This happens in absence of speech; creation requires no language.

**All: God's purpose is shot through the earth; God's wisdom throughout the wide world.**

Reader: God placed in skies high above a tent for the bright shining sun.

**All: It appears like a groom for his bride; like a champion, it runs its full race.**

Reader: It rises and circles the earth;

**All: nothing may hide from its heat.**

Reader: The Law of the Lord is perfect; God's teaching revives the soul.

**All: God's instructions are steadfast and sure; they aim to make us wise.**

Reader: The guidance of God is good, bringing joy to the humble in heart.

**All: The commandments of God are clear; God's word is light to the eyes.**

### **The Second Reading is from Philippians (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 the church.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: **O God, Beyond All Face and Form**

CP#412

**O God, beyond all face and form,  
you willed it that creation's night  
should blaze, and chaos still its storm,  
and birth a universe of light.**

**All things below, all things above  
are formed of your eternal love.**

**The glory of the galaxies,  
the beauty of a baby's hand,  
the thundering of the restless seas,  
the glory of the forest's stand—  
all things below, all things above  
are formed of your eternal love.**

**You gave our race both form and name,  
and love for us was your intent;  
then to a woman's womb love came,  
and on a cross was wholly spent.  
All things below, all things above  
are formed of this incarnate love.**

**Of this great love all loves are born,  
of self, of neighbour, and of earth.  
By love shall night be turned to morn,  
and death shall never conquer birth.  
All things below, all things above  
are formed of God's eternal love.**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (1:1-18)

**People: 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.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Reflection

Hymn: **God of the Sparrow**

CP#414

**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**

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

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

God of the hungry  
God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life

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

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

Celebrant: Let us make an affirmation of faith, as we say,

**People:** You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.**

Prayers of the People *(prepared by Patricia Bays)*

One: Gathered together in spirit, let us bring our prayers to God our Creator, saying, Loving God,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

One: Creator God, we see your wonder in creation all around us, in the abundance and variety of this earth, our island home. We give thanks for all that you have given. We have not cared for our mother Earth as we should. Help us to feel our connectedness to all that you have made and to take seriously our responsibility to be good stewards of creation. Loving God,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

One: Creator God, you have made all humankind in your own image. In Canada Indigenous people have not always been treated with respect and continue to suffer the ill effects of systemic racism. Help us all to understand that we are all one family, and all beloved by you. Help us work for reconciliation, healing and justice. Loving God,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

One: Creator God, we give thanks for the young people among us—for their energy and vision, for their delight in play, for their trust and hope. We give thanks for the elders among us—or their wisdom and experience, for the knowledge they share. We give thanks that we are a community of all ages, each with gifts to bring. Help us to be open to each other, respectful, ready to listen and to share. Loving God,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

One: Creator God, we give thanks that you have called us into the family of the church. Here we learn the stories.

Here we come together as one people to worship you and to be strengthened by your spirit for ministry in a broken world. We pray for Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Mark, the National Indigenous Bishop; Shane, our Bishop; Chris, Simone, and Jarrett our clergy; and the whole people of God in this place. Loving God,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

One: Creator God, you long to bring wholeness to all. We pray for those who are in any kind of need:

**All: Betty-Joan** (Hagerman); **Cheryl** (McTeer); **Ken** (Poisson); **Marie** (Deruga); **Brayden** (Turtle); **Heather** (Russell); **Phillip** (Turtle); **Stephen** (Walton); **Michele** (Pollesel); **Edward** (Hutchinson); **Trish** (Rowlands); **Carran** (Taylor); **Samantha** (Wood); **Sylvia** (Pierce); **Mykie** (Bradley); **Ruth** (MacDonald); **Nancy** (Irvine); **Doug** (Irvine); **Randy** (Brown); **Deirdre** (Piper)

One: and others we name silently or aloud. . . . As they wait upon you, renew their strength and bring comfort and healing. Loving God,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

One: Creator God, in death we are gathered to your presence. We pray for those who have died, especially Bert Jones, and others we name silently or aloud . . . that they may rest in peace and rise in glory, and for those who mourn that they may be comforted. Loving God,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

One: Creator God, you call us to a circle of love. Help us to join hands with each other in welcoming all into our circle, as we embrace the new life that you bring.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we say,

**People: 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.**

Celebrant: Glory to God,

**People: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Creator,

**People: together our breath is a prayer to you. Give us your peace, grant us rest on this earth, and give us rest in heaven once our time on your wondrous creation is finished. Amen.**

Celebrant: Jesus Christ, our leader, you are the Son of the Creator.

**People: Today we became your children. Today we became your grandchildren.**

Celebrant: We will live as you have taught us. We will follow your commandments. Watch over us.

**People: Speak to us from the trees, from the grass and herbs, from the breeze, from the passing rain, from the passing thunder and the deep waters.**

Celebrant: Before us there is beauty, behind us there is beauty.

**People: Allow us to walk a long life in happiness, completed in beauty.**

Celebrant: Great Spirit, our Creator God, look upon these faces gathered in holy community together and send them anywhere you would have them go, so that they may embody the word of reconciliation through their actions. Walk with them so that they may face the winds of change and walk the good road. Enlighten them. Sustain them. May God our Creator be with you this day and always.

**People: Amen.**

**The kingdom of God is justice and joy,  
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,  
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.**

**The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;  
the captives are freed, the sinners find place.  
the outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share,  
and hope is awakened in place of despair.**

**The kingdom of God is challenge and choice;  
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,  
our crisis of judgement for gain and for loss.**

**God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,  
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.  
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,  
and all things cry "Glory!" to God All-in-All.**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

*Credits:*

*We receive these liturgical texts from various traditions as gifts rather than as appropriations, and we offer them in worship in this spirit.*

*Opening and Closing Prayers from Kelly Sherman-Conroy, ELCA Native American Liturgical Celebration.*

*Collects and readings from the Anglican Church of Canada's National Aboriginal Day of Prayer Propers.*

*Psalm 19 from Wild Goose Resource Group, A Wee Worship Book, Fifth Incarnation.*

*Readings from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.*

*Liturgical texts from Standing Stones Eucharist, Moving Forward with*

*Reconciliation, Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, The Book of Alternative Services*

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**Readings for Next Sunday, June 28th, 2020**

**Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13;**

**Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42**

Please pray this week for:

- all who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic;
- those worshipping and ministering
  - at St. John's, Richmond; and
  - in the Parish of Maberly-Lanark;
- in our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem, St. John the Baptist Church, Husun, Jordan;
- those in our Pastoral Care: Eileen McIsaac, Eleanor Wilson, Eleanor Jarrett, June Kirch, Charles Mackie; and
- the patients, doctors, nurses, and support staff of the Ottawa Hospital Civic Campus and the Royal Ottawa Hospital.

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

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Intercessor: Patricia Bays

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