

National Indigenous Day of Prayer

Sunday | June 16th | 2024

10.30 am | Choral Eucharist | BAS

Moosonee Service | David Buley

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Ernest Samuel Reed, the fourth diocesan Bishop of Ottawa, and for the life of Vera Reed, his loving wife, companion and helpmate, from their grateful children, Pauline, James and Michael

Welcome

Children are welcome to fully participate in the service and activity sheets are available in the bookshelves at the entrance to the Cathedral. Sidespeople can provide headsets for those who need hearing assistance and can ensure that communion is brought to you in the pew if required. Please turn off or set mobile devices to silent mode.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude | Voluntary in g | John Alcock

Announcements

Hymn 330 | O praise ye the Lord

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Our Diocese of Ottawa was founded on the homeland of the Anishinaabe Algonquin. **May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

Silence.

Honouring the Four Directions

The congregation is invited to turn in the four directions as indicated below.

We turn to 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 others;

to invoke your wisdom and grace, the goodness of the ages, we pray:

Come to us, Great Spirit.

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:

Come to us, Great Spirit.

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, we pray:

Come to us, Great Spirit.

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, we pray:

Come to us, Great Spirit.

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 to the Holy Spirit who inspires us to action,

Come to us, Great Spirit.

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, 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

Reading | Isaiah 40:25-31

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

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.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm | 19:1-8

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows the handiwork of the Lord. One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. In the deep has God set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

Gradual | Rejoice in the Lord alway | Anonymous

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

Holy Gospel | John 1:1-18

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Read from the First Nations Version, the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Long ago, in the time before all days, before the creation of all things, the one who is known as the Word was there face to face with the Great Spirit. This Word fully represents Creator and shows us who he is and what he is like. He has always been there from the beginning, for the Word and Creator are one and the same.

Through the Word all things came into being, and not one thing exists that he did not create. Creator's life shined out from the Word, giving light to all human beings. This is the true Light that comes to all the peoples of the world and shines on everyone. The Light shines into the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it or put it out.

Into the wilderness of the Land of Promise (*Judea*) came a man named Gift of Goodwill (*John*). He was sent by the Great Spirit to tell what he knew about the Light so everyone could believe. He was not the Light but came to speak the truth about the Light. The true Light that shines on all people was coming into the darkness of this world.

He came down into this world, and even though he made all things, the world did not recognize him. Even his own tribe did not welcome or honor him. But all who welcome and trust him receive their birthright as children of the Great Spirit. They are born in a new way, not from a human father's plans or desires, but born from above—by the Great Spirit.

Creator's Word became a flesh-and-blood human being and pitched his sacred tent among us, living as one of us. We looked upon his great beauty and saw how honorable he was, the kind of honor held only by this one Son who fully represents his Father—full of his great kindness and truth.

Gift of Goodwill (John) told what he knew about him and cried out with a loud voice, "The one I have told you about is here! He comes after me, but is much greater—my elder! He has more honor, for even though he is thought to be younger, he existed before I was born."

From the fullness of his being we have all had many gifts of kindness poured out on us. Drawn from the Water (*Moses*) gave us our tribal laws, but the gift of great kindness and truth came from Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*), the Chosen One.

No one has ever seen the Great Spirit, but the one Son, who is himself the Great Spirit and closest to the Father's heart, has shown us what he is like.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Hymn 44 | *I believe in God Almighty*

Prayers

Let us pray.

Creator and Redeemer, as we approach you in prayer; make us walk in beauty and balance, make us open our hearts and minds, make us speak the truth. We pray first for your community, the Church, the Body of Christ. We pray for all our relatives in the circle of life throughout all creation; for those chosen to be our leaders and teachers, especially praying for Bishop Shane. Be with us to:

teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the earth, our Mother and home, with its beautiful depths, soaring heights and deep waters, its vitality and abundance of life, and together we ask it to: **teach us and show us the way.**

We call upon the mountains and tundra, the high green valleys and prairies filled with wild flowers, the snows, the summits of intense silence, and we ask that they: **teach us and show us the way.**

We call upon the land which grows our food, the nurturing soil, the fertile fields, the abundant gardens and orchards, and we ask that they:

teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the forests, the great trees reaching strongly to the sky with earth in their roots and the heavens in their branches, the fir and the pine, the cedar and the maple, we ask them to:

teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the creatures of the fields and forests and the waters, our brothers and sisters the wolves and deer, the eagle and bear, the great whales and the fish. We ask them to:

teach us and show us the way.

We call upon all those who have lived on this earth, our ancestors and our friends, who dreamed the best for future generations, and upon whose lives our lives are built, and with thanksgiving, we call upon them to:

teach us and show us the way.

Creator, you made the world and declared it to be good: the beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass speaks to us; the summit of the mountains, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the waters speak to us; the faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrops on the flower speak to us. But above all, our hearts soar, for you speak to us in Jesus the Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Confession lets us set down the heavy things we carry with us, putting us in right relationship with God and with one another.

Silence.

For all that separates our hearts from God and all that closes our eyes to God's love: Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Silence.

For what we have done, left undone, and what has been done on our behalf: Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Silence.

For the pride that prevents us from forgiving others, as we have been forgiven: Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

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 Saviour. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn 589 | Come, O God of all the earth



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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer Over the Gifts

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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

God the Creator is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God the Creator

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer our thanks and praise.

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 saints, and all our ancestors: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

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:

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 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, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

So, come to the table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more. You who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Communion

All are welcome to come to the altar rail. If you wish prayers for healing before receiving Communion, please carry an Order of Service with you; to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest; for a gluten-free wafer, hold out one hand; for a regular wafer, hold out two hands. Please do not dip the bread in the wine.

Motet | Teach me O Lord the way | Byrd

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein is my desire. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies: and not to covetousness. O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity: and quicken thou me in thy way. O stablish thy word in thy servant: that I may fear thee. 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.

The Sending of the Community

Prayer after Communion

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.**

Glory to God,

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Thanksgiving for the Boys Choir

Blessing and Dismissal

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

Go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 576 | For the healing of the Nations

Postlude | Fuga | Dietrich Buxtehude

Celebrant | The Very Reverend Beth Bretzlaff Preacher | The Reverend Canon Rob Heard Reader | Rebecca Officer Intercessor | Ted Livingstone Duty Warden | Katherine Spencer-Ross Organist | James Calkin Director | Andrew McAnerney Sung by | Cathedral Lay Clerks | Boys Choir

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Readings Next Sunday | June 23rd

5th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 17:32-49; Psalm 9:9-20; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

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