
NATIONAL INDIGENOUS Day of Prayer

Sunday June 20TH 2021



NOTE: In-person services are currently suspended due to Covid-19 until further notice. Our pre-recorded weekly Worship Service is posted to our [YouTube channel](#) every Sunday after 9:00 a.m. We hope you will worship with us virtually and consider sharing the YouTube link with your friends, family, and neighbours! God is with us.



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the Apostle, Oriole
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***"To Seek and Serve
Christ in all persons"***

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SUNDAY SERVICE

National Indigenous Day of Prayer

*We welcome you today to St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole Anglican
Church. We follow the Order of Service in the
Book of Alternative Services.*

Prelude: "Kyrie" (Rex Virginum).....Antonio de Cabazon

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory: The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinabek Nations, and the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish-With-One-Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. 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 work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Music "Children's Healing Song" and prayer for those who died at Residential School:
Performed by Jess Swance and baby Elias – *recording provided by Toronto Urban
Native Ministry (TUMN)*

Greeting

Officiant: 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.

Officiant: Almighty God,

**All: 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.**

Glory to God

Officiant: Glory to God in the highest

**All: and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and
Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus
Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our
prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most
High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Officiant: Let us pray

(a moment of silence is taken)

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

First Lesson Isaiah 40:25-31

Reader: 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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19..... Chant: George Black

Refrain: The words of the Lord are spirit and life.

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. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. **Refrain**

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can tell how often they offend?
Cleanse me from my secret faults. **Refrain**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion
over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in
your sight;
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **Refrain**

Second Lesson Philippians 4:4-9

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

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 honorable, 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 509 "Precious Lord, take my hand"PRECIOUS LORD

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near
When my life is almost gone.
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears, and the light draws near
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Toronto Urban Native Ministry staff presents the reading of the Holy Gospel and a Sermon in 3 Parts

The Holy Gospel John 1:1-18 read in 3 Parts

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 were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'" For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

3-part Sermon *Sandra Campbell, the Reverend Leigh Kern, and the Rev. Evan Swance-Smith (TUNM)*

Apostle's Creed

Officiant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**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.

Officiant: Having reaffirmed our faith, let us prepare to offer our prayers to God.

Prayers of the People: A Litany for the Healing and Restoration of our Church
From the Diocese of Rupert's Land for use by the whole church for the
National Indigenous Day of Prayer.

Leader: Holy Creator, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,
All: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Risen Christ, through whom the whole creation is reconciled to God,
All: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Life-giving Spirit, whose love and truth fills the world and searches the depths of our lives,
All: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,
All: Have mercy on us.

Leader: From our failure to recognize and respect the revelation of your truth and love in the First Peoples of this land,
All: Saviour, forgive and heal us.

Leader: From our participation in the systematic oppression of indigenous sovereignty, language, culture and spirituality,
All: Saviour, forgive and heal us.

Leader: From our role in the Indian Residential Schools designed to eliminate the unique society, wisdom and beauty of the indigenous peoples of this land,
All: Saviour, forgive and heal us.

Leader: From our continued acceptance of unjust legal, educational, health and social structures that continue to oppress and destroy the lives of many indigenous people,
All: Saviour, forgive and heal us.

Leader: O God, we pray for the gifts of your grace and your love which never gives up on us and is forever faithful. Inspire our minds with a vision of the reconciliation of your kingdom in this time and place.
All: Hear us, O Christ.

Leader: Touch our eyes, that we may see the sacredness in all creation.
ALL: Hear us, O Christ.

Leader: Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth of every peoples the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.
All: Hear us, O Christ.

Leader: Touch our lips, that we may speak of the beauty of every tongue and dialect proclaiming the wonderful works of God.
All: Hear us, O Christ.

Leader: Touch our hearts, that we may discern your mission in which you call us to be immersed, particularly in partnership with the First Peoples of this land.
All: Hear us, O Christ.

Leader: Touch our minds that we may witness to your Good News in our neighbourhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.
All: Hear us, O Christ.

Leader: Touch our hands, that we may forever shun violence and embrace the work you give us to do.
ALL: Hear us, O Christ.

Leader: Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving you in your mission in the world, and together witnessing to your love on every continent and island of your creation. We ask this in the name of the Risen Christ in whom we are one. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

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.**

Officiant: Glory to God,

All: **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.**

Blessing

Officiant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, upon those whom you love, and those whom you would pray for, today and always. **Amen.**

Hymn: 564 "Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us" MANNHEIM

Lead us heavenly Father, lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing every blessing if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us; all our weakness thou dost know,
Though didst tread this earth before us, thou didst feel its keenest woe
Lone and dreary, faint and weary, through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
love with every passion blending, pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy.

Dismissal

Officiant: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Fugue sur les jeux d'anches" François Couperin

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CYCLE OF PRAYER

- World: Pray for The Church of North India (United)
 - ACC* The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert’s Land
 - Diocese: AURA – Anglican-United Refugee Alliance & Toronto Urban Native Ministry
 - Deanery: St. John, Willowdale
 - Parish: Families of **Loewen, Martin, McMath & McOstrich**
- *Anglican Church of Canada*

National Indigenous Day of Prayer
Isaiah 40:25-31

At the beginning of the great sequence of poetry in Isaiah associated with the exilic prophet of the period around 540 BCE, we hear the divine voices summon the prophet to the work of comforting a devastated people. In the great overthrow of Judea and Jerusalem forty years earlier, the people had been displaced from their traditional homelands and deported to other places. Some of them had lost their language and faith; others had been forced in various ways to assimilate to the power of an empire that devalued their humanity and traditions. Many teetered on the brink of losing hope that God would ever act in power again on their behalf. Into that moment spoke this great prophet. He speaks a word of comfort: the time of Israel's affliction is to come to an end. He speaks a word about reality: human empires and nations come and go, but God's word, once spoken, stands firm forever. He tells the people to put off their fear: God will act to take his people back to their ancestral land. He mocks the idols of the Babylonian conquerors: these are mere shiny objects that have seduced people into foolish worship. And he sings a great hymn of praise to the God who creates the heavens and the earth: this God looks down on all the peoples of the earth, bringing "...princes to nothing,.. making the rulers of the earth as nothing." The prophet poses the fundamental question: "To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? Says the Holy One." And he speaks a word of promise to a downtrodden people against all the evidence of oppression: "...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." Twenty-five hundred years later, Isaiah of Babylon's words continue to offer hope to all who have suffered dislocation and oppression at the hands of human empires and rulers, and to challenge all those who live on the profits of empire, including us, to put off our illusions and fears, and put our trust and hope in the one Creator whose love for all creation and all peoples is unending.

[Dr. Walter Deller/2021]

PARISH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

MESSY CHURCH (online via ZOOM) – *Saturday, June 26th at 11:00 a.m.* To help with our preparations and in order to receive the Zoom link, please make sure to REGISTER no later than *Wednesday, June 23rd* by emailing office@stmatthew.ca or go to our [website stmatthew.ca](http://website.stmatthew.ca) and under CONTACT let us know, the date(s) you will be joining us, your name, phone number and the names of your child(ren). Future dates: **Saturday July 25th and Saturday August 22nd**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: ~ Go to our [website stmatthew.ca](http://website.stmatthew.ca) and under CONNECT select **Prayer Request**. Or, e-mail Archdeacon Kyn (barkerk@rogers.com) or leave a message at 416-494-7020 X. 3.

IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE: ~ Go to our [website stmatthew.ca](http://website.stmatthew.ca) and under **Get To Know Us** submit your request under **Pastoral Care**. Or, contact the Reverend Sherri – contact info below

BETTER LIVING VIRTUAL (ZOOM) EXERCISE PROGRAMS: Offering a total of 15 programs in Low Intensity, Medium Intensity and High Intensity levels. <https://mybetterliving.ca/3d-flip-book/better-living-virtual-programming-june-2021/> Programs sponsored by New Horizons for Seniors Program.

GROUP EXERCISE VIRTUAL CLASSES: ~ Circle of Care, Sinai Health hosts the following zoom classes: Gentle Yoga, Stretching and Balance, Gentle Exercises, LBT: Legs, Bum, Tum, Bands and Weights and more. All the classes are entirely voluntary and have a variety of standing and seated aspects per class. Exercises can be modified to suit your capability. The full schedule, and link to register can be found here: <https://www.circleofcare.com/exercise-and-falls-prevention/>

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE CONTACT INFORMATION

You may reach the Rev. Sherri by email at priest-stmatthewtheapostleorile@toronto.anglican.ca, or by phone at 416-494-7020 ext. 2. Sherri's day off is Monday. In case of pastoral emergencies, please call (416) 880 – 4211.

SUMMER OUTDOOR OFFICE HOURS: Reverend Sherri welcomes you to come say hello in person! Outside near the George Henry entrance. Tuesday evenings 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.; Thursday mornings 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Simply let Rev. Sherri know that you plan to come by.

CHURCH ASSISTANT'S VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

NOTE: The office is open to visitors by appointment only. Please email the office@stmatthew.ca to make an appointment.