

Territory of the People

ASSEMBLY 2017

Together . . . Into a New Creation

Sunday Eucharistic WORSHIP BOOKLET



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GATHERING

We gather for these meetings in both Shulus and Merritt on traditional Nlaka'pamux territory. As partner Anglicans, we commit ourselves to the ongoing work of healing and reconciliation. All my relations.

DRUMMING PROCESSIONAL . . . FOLLOWED BY

 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who over all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen, how thy desires ever have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew, what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the amen, sound from his people again,
gladly for all we adore him.

AN ACCLAMATION IN THE FOUR DIRECTIONS - *Bishop Barbara Andrews presiding*

The night has now passed and the day lies open before us, let us greet the beginning of a new week in Christ and acknowledge,

with thanksgiving, the circle of life.

Facing East We proclaim together:

O risen Christ, the image of the invisible God, firstborn of all creation, in whom all things hold together, we welcome the radiance of your holy Presence.

Facing South We celebrate together:

O risen Christ, in whom we live and move and have our being. We affirm the wonder of creation and a world of humbling needs. We welcome your Word to reveal paths of faith, hope and love.

Facing West We hope together:

O risen Christ, through whom the deep mystery of God is revealed and made known. We welcome the fresh winds of your Spirit to awaken us to your summons.

Facing North We stand together:

O risen Christ, we stand as a people of the north. We commit ourselves once again to you and call out our praise to you, our Creator and sustainer.

Facing East *We pray the Collect of the Day together:*

Almighty God, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ, with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

 Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
Come Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's Body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the Church in faith assembled,
to her midst as gift and sign:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power of love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD - *Marlena Anderson, reader*

A Reading from Second Corinthians (select verses)

We have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation . . . See, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

 Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.

Yahweh's people dance for joy.
O come before the Lord.
And play for him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound.

Rise, O children, from your sleep;
your Savior now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song.

Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Savior lives.

WE LISTEN TOGETHER - *Harold Joe*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and

I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

THE HOMILY – *Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson, Diocese of Montreal*

THE APOSTLES CREED *in the nIha.kapmhhchEEn language* – *Amy Charlie*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - *John Haugen and Hrolfe Joe*

Creator, you are the Holy One, the God of all creation and time.
You give to us Sacred Places and Sacred Times.
Today we give you thanks for all the Peoples of the World
and for the special gifts which you have given to each,
especially to all who reside within our Territory.

We give you thanks for all those who have gone before us,
For those who have prepared the way for us,
walking in faith and in covenant with you O God.

We give thanks for those yet to be born, or find their voice,
Of those who have not yet found faith.
We remember those who are ignored, persecuted, or victimized.

We see your wonder in creation all around us,
in the singing birds and the flowing water,
in majestic mountains, and microscopic organisms.

We give thanks for the opportunity to share in everything with you..
We give thanks for connectedness to one another
and for interconnectedness with the whole created world.

We give thanks that Jesus Christ has been in our past,
is in our present, and will be with us in our future.

We give thanks for laughter, for humour, and the many different ways
we are able to be together in community.

We give thanks for the differences we hold,
and for the respect we have for the different paths that people take.
We give thanks for those who call us back to Your vision—for community, for beauty,
for wisdom, and for love.

Help us to be open to new life.
Help us to be reconcilers and healers,
in our families, in our communities, and in our church.
We pray this in the name of Christ who dwells among us. **Amen.**

Confession

Dear Friends in Christ, we recognize that brokenness
is a characteristic of every culture and race.
We seek to return to wholeness, to that circle which symbolizes strength;
So we come together in community and as a community,
As we confess those things which divide and hurt us.
Let us pray together:

**Reconciling Christ, all are children of God through faith.
We know however, that we have often failed to be good and loving.
Creating God, You created us in your image;
Heal us and restore us to good relations,
Strengthen your family, here and everywhere,
So that compassion might be our rule and guide,
In this hope, we pray, Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all our sin;
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The reconciling peace of Jesus Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN - *An offertory will be taken in support of the Bishop's Discretionary Fund*

 Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

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TAKING, BLESSING, BREAKING AND SHARING – *Archbishop John Privett*

Loving God, before the world began you called us.
Make Holy all we offer you this day,
and strengthen us in that calling.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give you thanks and praise.

Creator, our Great Spirit, from the depths of our hearts we give you thanks 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 rains come and to the coldness of the north. We unite with all creation from the four directions to join in everlasting thanksgiving and praise for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through the love of your Holy Spirit he took on our humanity and was born of the Virgin Mary. Because of your everlasting love for us he obediently sacrificed himself to suffer “on the cross” to put an end to our death “and to proclaim the resurrection.” He fulfilled your love for us and reconciled us to you forever. Therefore, we raise our voices with all who have served you in every age, to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes , in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest** (Land of Rest)

O Great Spirit, our Creator, from whom all holiness comes. We come before you again today. Just as in generations past like our grandfathers and grandmothers we come to worship you and acknowledge your greatness. We marvel at all your creation. You, our Creator, the Great Spirit, who made all the heavens and Mother Earth, creator of all our relations, the moon, the stars and the sun; the Holy One who made all that lives on the face of the earth. You are kind, generous, loving and you give us life. For all of this we are grateful.

On the night he freely gave himself to death our Lord Jesu Christ took bread and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he 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.”

Creator God, Christ`s perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising Him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

We offer you this Holy and living bread, this life-saving cup. Look upon your people as we offer ourselves up to you in union with all the people whom you have joined together by your Holy Spirit. Let your spirit move among us and upon these gifts of Mother Earth and make them holy, so that it will become for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O Great Spirit, our Creator, let not our ears grow deaf to your voice, but open our ears to hear your voice in the wind. Let not our eyes grow dim, but open our eyes to see you in all creation. Let not our hearts grow cold but soften our hearts to grow bright and strong, to grow in love for you and all your creation. Bless our hands that we will always reach to others in love for you and all your creation. Bless us with wisdom to follow the right direction.

Remember our grandmothers and grandfathers and all our relations that have begun this heavenly journey in the hope of meeting you. Bring all our relations who have left us, together with you forever. Make us worthy to share eternal life with Mary, the Virgin, with the apostles and all the grandmothers and grandfathers. May we join in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours Almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER - *Nellie Joe, in traditional language*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Table of bread and wine is now to be made ready.

It is the table of company with Jesus and with all those who live with him.

It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,
with whom Jesus identified himself.

It is the table of communion with the earth in which Christ became incarnate.

So come to this 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

All are welcome to share in the communion.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God,

may we who share Christ's banquet

be one with him as he is one with you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,

the risen and ascended Lord.

EXCHANGE OF GIFTS – THANKSGIVINGS – HONOURING
Bishop Barbara and others

THE BLESSING

May the gentleness of spring rains soften the tensions within us,
and the power of mighty rivers steady and strengthen us.
May the wisdom of the earth open us to mystery.
Let the whispering music of the forests delight us,
and the simplicity of the wildflowers captivate our hearts.
May our ever-creating God continue to bless us,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier of all, **Amen.**

LEAVING

Drumming will be part of our procession

 What a Friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge,
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

*As we conclude singing please gather at the front of the worship space
for a group photo*

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Most Rev. John Privett, Archbishop of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia, table presider

The Rt. Rev. Barbara Andrews, Bishop Suffragan of the Territory of the People, service presider and host bishop

The Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson, Bishop of Montreal, our partner diocese

The Very Rev. Ken Gray, liturgist, lead musician and booklet designer

The Rev. Danny Whitehead, local coordinator, and host rector

Marlena Anderson - Lector for Epistle

Harold Joe – Lector for the Gospel

Amy Charlie – Creed in traditional language

John Haugen, Hrolfe Joe - Prayers of the People

Nellie Joe - Lord's Prayer in traditional language

Cyril Spinks - Flute and drumming

Drummers - Ernie Michell, Pauline Michell, Oly Bent, Penny Toodlican (and others)

