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BLACK HISTORY MONTH DIOCESAN SERVICE

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Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa

Prelude

Melody – Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Welcome

Dedication to Archbishop Desmond Tutu

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Hymn

Goodness is stronger than evil – Tutu/Bell

*Goodness is stronger than evil;
love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness;
life is stronger than death.*

*Victory is ours; victory is ours
through God who loves us.
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through God who loves us.*

Greeting

The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa was founded on the traditional territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe. We acknowledge the continued presence of the Algonquins on this territory, and also the people of other First Nations, Inuit, and Metis who live here.
May we always dwell on this land with respect and peace.

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

And also with you.

Introductory Responses

God of the blue sky above us and the blue waters that sustain us,
God of the rich brown earth and the deep hued rock;

God of the peoples of every nation on earth, of every colour,
We lift our voices to praise you, O God!

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalm 90:1-2, 14-17

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life. Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us and the years in which we suffered adversity. Show your servants your works and your splendour to their children. May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

A Reading

I note the obvious differences
in the human family.

Some of us are serious,
some thrive on comedy.

Some declare their lives are lived
as true profundity,
and others claim they really live
the real reality.

The variety of our skin tones
can confuse, bemuse, delight,
brown and pink and beige and purple,
tan and blue and white.

I've sailed upon the seven seas
and stopped in every land,
I've seen the wonders of the world
not yet one common man.

I know ten thousand women
called Jane and Mary Jane,
but I've not seen any two
who really were the same.

The Human Family – Maya Angelou

Mirror twins are different
although their features jibe,
and lovers think quite different thoughts
while lying side by side.

We love and lose in China,
we weep on England's moors,
and laugh and moan in Guinea,
and thrive on Spanish shores.

We seek success in Finland,
are born and die in Maine.
In minor ways we differ,
in major we're the same.

I note the obvious differences
between each sort and type,
but we are more alike, my friends,
than we are unlike.

We are more alike, my friends,
than we are unlike.
We are more alike, my friends,
than we are unlike.

Gradual Anthem

Prayer of St. Francis – Kola Owolabi

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, let me sow pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'" This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Hymn

Lift every voice and sing

*Lift every voice and sing,
'Til earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.*

*Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet*

*Come to the place for which our forebears died.
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
'Til now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

*God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.*

An Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God
who made the sea and the earth, the sun and the sky, who calls us to live responsibly.**

We believe in Jesus Christ who became human, who healed the sick, who talked to children, who made friends with sinners. He burned brightly and offended many. His journey was one of life and death and resurrection. His light continues to shine in the darkness.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who inspired the scriptures, and whose breath we breathe.

We believe that God calls us to be a community, committed to one another, offering a welcome to everyone, old and young, rich and poor, strong and weak.

We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers, workers for justice, brothers and sisters, a light for our world. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Let us pray.

God of all people, whose Son reached across the ethnic boundaries of Samaritans, Romans and Jews, help us to break down the barriers in our communities; enable us to see the reality of racism and bigotry; and free us to challenge and uproot it from ourselves, our society and our world.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all victims of racial hatred and discrimination; and we seek your protection for those affected in our churches, schools, places of work, and communities.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all in our world, of whatever race, who suffer the horrors of modern slavery. Your Son came to bring good news to the poor and freedom for the oppressed. We pray for all working to combat modern slavery and to end human trafficking; for governments and agencies, for businesses and charities, and all church organizations.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for ourselves, and especially for Bishop Shane, our clergy and people, that we may be voices against oppression and channels of the transforming power of the gospel. Open our hearts to all who suffer in our midst but out of sight. Help us to work for a world where human beings are valued, where no one is enslaved, and no one used against their will for another's pleasure or need.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray that we may know the power of reconciliation. Wherever there is division between us and others, because of our race or ethnicity, we pray that we may all be led to reconciliation. We pray for all who work to bring communities together in ways that are just and equal for all.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

As we pray for reconciliation, we pray also for restoration. We pray for those whose spirits and communities have been weighed down by racism. Guide us as we strive to ensure everyone has equal dignity.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity. May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice, and create communities of human flourishing. Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, 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.

Motet

And he never said a mumbling word

They crucified My Lord

And he never said a mumbling word

They crucified My Lord and he never said a mumbling word

Not a word, not a word, not a word

They nailed him to a tree

And he never said a mumbling word

They nailed him to a tree and he never said a mumbling word

Not a word, not a word, not a word

They pierced him in the side

And he never said a mumbling word

They pierced him in the side and he never said a mumbling word

Not a word, not a word, not a word

The blood came trickling down

And he never said a mumbling word

The blood came trickling down and he never said a mumbling word

Not a word, not a word, not a word

He hung his head and died

And he never said a mumbling word

He hung his head and died, and he never said a mumbling word

Not a word, not a word, not a word

THE SENDING OF THE COMMUNITY

A Call to Commitment

Dear people of God, we stand in the shadow of the prophets crying out for justice and peace. God calls us to be a people of reconciliation, serving a world in need. Courageous people have taken the risk of standing up and speaking out for the least and the lowest. This work involves risking ourselves for the sake of God's love, and moving beyond ourselves, in order to seek and serve Christ and one another. We are all called to the work and ministry of social justice and reconciliation.

Will you persevere in prayer and fellowship?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim the good news of reconciliation in both word and deed?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge and address the prejudices that keep you from loving all God's children?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you strive to see Christ in all persons, and value those with whom you disagree?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek to mend what is broken by human sin and greed?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you strive to speak words that liberate and heal, and break the bonds of silence?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek the perfect love which casts out all fear?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you work toward dismantling the sin of abuse of power?

With the help of God, I will.

May God who gives you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them. **Amen.**

Episcopal Blessing

Dismissal

God, who created us in the divine image, sends us out: to tear down the walls which divide us and to build lives of trust among all God's children, that we may dance together with joy in God's kingdom.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Hymn

We are marching/Siyahamba

*We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.*

*We are marching, marching,
we are marching, oooo,
we are marching in the light of (the light of) God.
We are marching, marching,
we are marching, oooo,
we are marching in the light of God.*

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' eku khanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' eku khanyen' kwenkhos'.

Siyahamba, hamba,
siyahamba, hamba,
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwen(khanyen' kwen) khos'.
Siyahamba, hamba,
siyahamba, hamba,
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

Nous marchons dans la lumière de Dieu,
nous marchons dans la lumière de Dieu.
Nous marchons dans la lumière de Dieu,
nous marchons dans la lumière de Dieu.

Oui, nous marchons, marchons;
oui, nous marchons, marchons;
nous marchons dans la lumière de (lumière de Dieu) Dieu.
Oui, nous marchons, marchons;
oui, nous marchons, marchons;
nous marchons dans la lumière de (lumière de Dieu) Dieu.

Postlude

Medley - Hymn to Freedom & Amazing Grace

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