National Indigenous Day of Prayer

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024

10:00AM

St Paul's Cathedral

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Please stand when clergy enter.

Prelude *Cradle Song* Louis Vierne

Opening Hymn *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* **Blue Book 349**

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

Assembly **And also with you.**

Officiant We gather this day on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron, Algonquin and Haudenosaunee peoples.

Assembly **May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

Officiant Today we are gathered to give thanks for all creation, for all the blessings God has gifted us with. We have been given the duty to live in harmony with each other and all living things. We bring our hearts and minds together as one to give thanks to Creator.

Assembly **Now our hearts are one.**

Officiant We are thankful for the earth and all that she gives us for life. We promise to tread lightly on her, and to always take joy in how she cares for us.

Assembly **With the earth our hearts are one.**

Officiant We give thanks for all the waters of the world the strength they give us. They take power in many forms, waterfalls and rain, rivers and oceans, mists and streams.

Assembly **With the waters our hearts are one.**

Officiant We give thanks for all the life in the water, the fish and creatures of the deep. They cleanse and purify the water and give themselves to us as food.

Assembly **With the fish our hearts are one.**

Officiant We thank Creator for the vast fields and forests of plant life. Everywhere we look, plants grow and work many wonders.

Assembly **With the plants our hearts are one.**

Officiant: We give special thanks and honour to those plants that we are gifted as food, that we harvest from the garden. Since the beginning of time, the grains, vegetables, beans and berries have helped people and God's creation survive.
Assembly **With the food plants our hearts are one.**

Officiant We give thanks to Creator for the medicine herbs of the world. They are instructed to take away sickness and help heal us.
Assembly **With the medicine herbs our hearts are one.**

Officiant We gather to thank all the animal life of the world, they have much to teach us.
Assembly **With the animals our hearts are one.**

Officiant We give thanks for the trees which cover the earth. They provide shelter and shade, fruits, beauty and many other useful things. They are also symbols of peace and strength.
Assembly **With the trees our hearts are one.**

Officiant We thank the birds that move and fly in the skies. Creator gave them beautiful songs to sing and each day they remind us to enjoy and appreciate life.
Assembly **With the birds our hearts are one.**

Officiant We give thanks to the powers of the four winds. They refresh us and bring the change of seasons, from the four directions they call, sending messages and giving strength.
Assembly **With the four winds our hearts are one.**

Officiant We give thanks for the thunderers, with lightning and thundering voices they bring water than renews life.
Assembly **With the thunderers our hearts are one.**

Officiant We gather to give thanks to the sun, which each day travels from east to west, bringing the light of the new day.
Assembly **With the sun our hearts are one.**

Officiant We give thanks to the moon, who lights the nighttime sky. By her changing face we measure time, and she watches over all children on earth.
Assembly **With the moon our hearts are one.**

Officiant We give thanks for the stars that are spread across the sky like jewelry. They light the darkness and guide us home.
Assembly **With the stars our hearts are one.**

Officiant We give thanks to all the ancestors who came before us, the elders who lead us, the teachers who have come to help throughout the ages.
Assembly **With the ancestors our hearts are one.**

Officiant We give thanks especially this morning for the Creator, and all the gifts of creation.
Assembly **With Creator our hearts are one.**

Officiant We give thanks for all the things we have named, and if we have forgotten anything, we ask that they are remembered in our prayers too. With our gratitude and love, we send our praise to God, in the name of his son, our saviour Jesus Christ.
Assembly **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.
Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People **Amen.**

"Children's Corner" – Children are welcome to join Heather at the back of the Cathedral.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD *Today's Readers: Marilyn Papple, Allan Nagata*

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel: *(Silence between the readings for reflection.)*

[Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle. And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him. He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I

not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." And the Philistine said, "Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together." When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid. Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry. Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers. As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.]

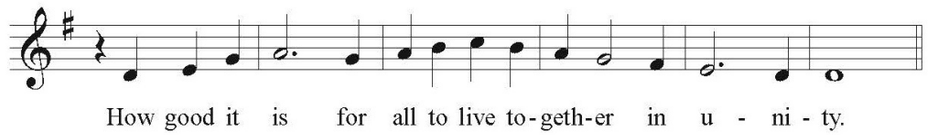
David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." David said, "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!" Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand." When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground. *1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49*

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *133* **Green Book p. 890**

(Please join in singing the Refrain.)

Refrain



A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see - we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return - I speak as to children - open wide your hearts also. *2 Corinthians 6:1-13*

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *God the Creator* **Blue Book 445**

Holy Gospel *Mark 3:20-35*

Reader The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" *Mark 4:35-41*

Reader The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily Donna Isaac-Day and Pam Fullerton *Please be seated*

The Nicene Creed *Please stand*

Presider Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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

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

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

Leader Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,
Assembly **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,
Assembly **Saviour, forgive and heal us.**

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

Leader From our complicit tolerance of the decimation of Indigenous family structures leaving children vulnerable to abuses of every kind,
Assembly **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,
Assembly **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.
Assembly **Hear us, O Christ.**

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

Leader Touch our hands, that we may forever shun violence and embrace the work you give us to do.
Assembly **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.
Assembly **Amen.**

A Litany for the Healing and Restoration of our Church from the Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land, 2017.

Confession and Absolution

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Presider Most merciful God,
All **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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

The Peace *Please stand*

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn *Draw the Circle Wide* **Blue Book 418**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Eternal God, you have made our Saviour Jesus Christ the head of all creation. Receive all we offer you this day and renew us in his risen life, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Officient May God be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Officient Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them up.**

Officient Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Officient It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here where the Thames River blends and flows, where city and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, eagle and deer, beaver and sheep, pine and trillium, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

All **O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space. All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace. Hosanna in the highest heav'n creation sings your praise. And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!**

Officiant We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labour and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Officiant Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Officiant Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.
All **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Presider 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst."
All **Taste and see that the Lord is good;**
happy are they who trust in him!

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Gluten-free communion wafers *are available. Please indicate your wish to the administrant at Communion.*

Communion Solo *How Beautiful Are the Feet* G.F. Handel
Charmaine Iormetti, soprano

Prayer after Communion *Please stand*

Presider Let us pray.
Holy and blessed God, as you give us the body and blood of your Son, guide us with your Holy Spirit, that we may honour you not only with our lips but also in our lives. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

Doxology

Presider 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.**

Post Communion Hymn *How Great Thou Art* **Blue Book 423**

Blessing and Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the congregation in these or similar words:

Deacon Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Postlude *Carillon in B flat* Louis Vierne

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour – Please join us for coffee and cold drinks in Cronyn Hall.

Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer – Today we pray for the Parishes of St. Alban's, Delhi; Parish of Long Point Bay; St. John's, Port Rowan; Memorial Church, Port Ryerse; St. John's, Woodhouse; St. James', Paris; and St. Paul's, Port Dover.

Intercessions – Ann & Ellis, Marg, George, Debbie, Gerry, Kaari Marie, Gary, Harvey, Linda, Tom, Sara, Ann, Clifford, Jim, Gord, Barb, Margaret, Mary, Carrol, Keith.

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Today's Liturgical Leaders

Presider – **The Very Reverend Dr. Kevin George**
Preachers – **Donna Isaac-Day and Pam Fullerton**
Gospeller and Intercessor – **The Reverend Pat Henderson**
Lay Administrants – **Marsha Lemon, Mary Mitches**
Greeters – **Ozioma Chukwunenye, Johnson Donkok**
Children's Ministry – **Heather Clark**
Wardens – **Gord Rolleston, Ann Tonkin**
Live Stream – **Jade Vajna**
Sound Technician – **Daniel Aldcroft**
Bell Ringer – **Stephanie Allen**

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Bishop of Huron
The Very Reverend Kevin George
Dean of Huron & Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral
The Reverend Pat Henderson
Deacon
Ian Sadler
Organist & Director of Music

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