

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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*"It is important for all of
Canada to understand the
magnitude of the truth of this
experience..."*

*"I can hear not only the pain
and the anguish, but also the
anger that no one believed the
stories they had told."*

The Honourable Murray Sinclair



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DESCRIPTION OF VISUAL ELEMENTS

Among the various visual elements illustrating Indigenous cultures, the circle is at the center which represents being together in a spirit of reconciliation. The orange colour represents truth-telling and healing. The First Nations, Inuit and Métis are represented in the image.

*Smoke is used in different ways by all three Indigenous groups in Canada. Whether it is to smoke fish and meat, to burn sage and tobacco or for sacred ceremonies, it is a significant symbol in Indigenous culture.

DESCRIPTION OF THE THREE ICONS



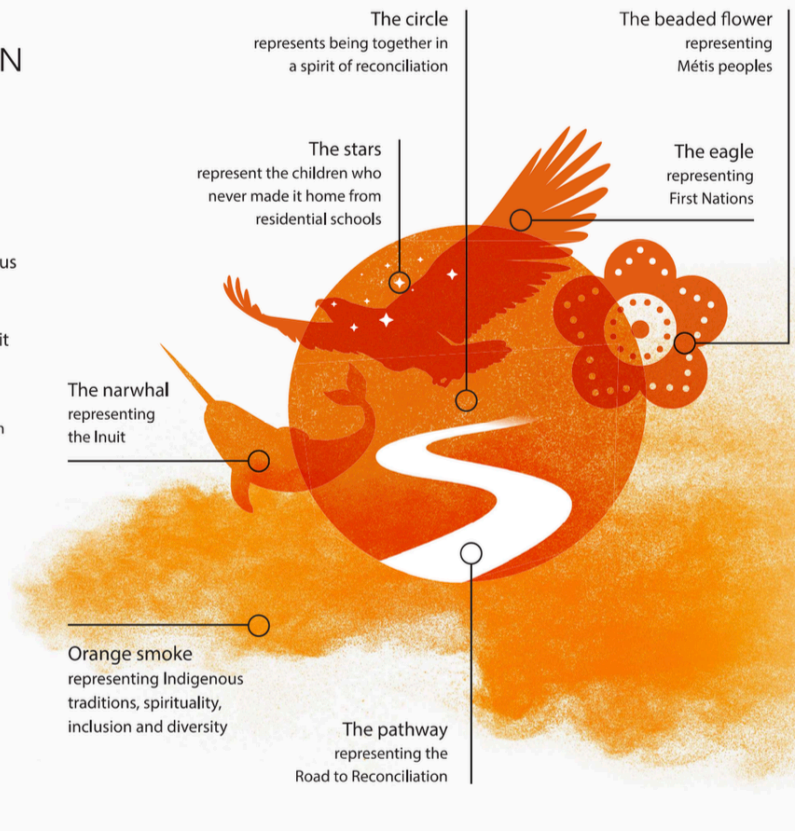
The eagle to represent the First Nations



The narwhal to represent the Inuit



The beaded flower to represent the Métis peoples





**Diocese of
New Westminster**
ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA



St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

Doing God's Love Since 1899

September 28, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Truth and Reconciliation Sunday

10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist

Celebrant: The Reverend Christine Rowe

Sermon: Jenn Ashton

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WELCOME

We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. We ask that you please turn all cell phones and other electronic devices to silent or "off". Thank you.

After the service, we invite everyone (especially newcomers!) to join us for coffee or tea, and visit our Welcome Table downstairs in the Lounge. This is a place where you can learn more about the various activities and groups here at St. John's, find contact information, ways to get involved and have fun! We look forward to getting to know you better!

The Anglican Church

As Anglicans we believe that God is eternal, the earth maker, the pain bearer, the life giver; source of all that is and shall be; father and mother of us all. We learn that God is one, yet revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer - a Holy Trinity.

We believe that Christians learn about God in the Bible, in the teaching of the Church summed up in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, and through sharing in the living community of faith. We believe Jesus Christ was incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. We are an Apostolic Church, meaning that Bishops are a part of our leadership and we can trace our line of Bishops back to the 12 Apostles.

As Anglicans we get to know God by God's initiative in our thinking and understanding: by experiencing and reflecting on the wonder and mystery of creation, birth and death, love, forgiveness and the need to find meaning and worth beyond ourselves.

Everyone is welcome at St. John's, whether you were raised Anglican, or followed another faith, or you have no faith background at all. We hope you find what you are looking for in our service today.

Our Service Today

This liturgy (the words we say) comes from the Book of Alternative Services, and is the common, contemporary Anglican liturgy.

As we proceed through the service, this bulletin will help you recognize when to stand and when to sit, when to speak and when to sing, when to pray silently and when to pray aloud. We invite you to read aloud with us anytime the bulletin says **All**.

Truth and Reconciliation Sunday

Today we also remember the victims and survivors of Canada's Residential Schools as we honour The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation /Orange Shirt Day, coming up on September 30. The Diocese of New Westminster has provided us with the additional liturgy in today's service.

Chapel Candles

At any time during the service, you are welcome to prayerfully light a candle in the chapel in honour of a loved one, or in a prayer of concern.

Ministering today at our 10:00 a.m. service:

Celebrant:	The Reverend Christine Rowe
Sermon:	Jenn Ashton
Liturgical Assistant:	Jill Parsons, Chaplain
Crucifer and Altar Server:	Hazel Breakey
Choir Director:	Christie Smith
Music Director:	Galina Martyniuk, piano and organ
Readers:	Diane Johnson, Bob Hardy
Intercessor:	Maria Morellato
Eucharistic Administrators:	Bob Hardy, Linda Harrison
Welcome Table:	Leeann Price

Flowers in the Sanctuary

The official Flower Calendar is in the Narthex. Please sign up for the Sunday that you would like to donate Altar Flowers, even if you signed up somewhere else previously. If you have any questions, please contact Donna in the office.

The Offertory Plate sits at the back of the church:

We do not "pass the plate" at St. John's. We invite you to place your donation on the Offertory Plate at the back of the church anytime. During the Offertory Hymn the plate is brought forward to the altar.

Your thoughtful and generous gifts to St. John's enable our worship and ministries to our community. One-time or recurring donations can be made by visiting our website www.stjohnnv.ca, or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone.



Prelude & Announcements

Processional Hymn - They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

We stand for the Processional Hymn, as the ministry team enters the sanctuary.

Territorial Acknowledgement

Celebrant We acknowledge with respect that we worship on the traditional territories of the Squamish - Mother of the Wind, the Tsleil-Waututh - People of the Inlet, and the Musqueam - People of the River Grass. Let us pray that we may live more deeply into the calls to action from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

All May the living Christ lead us all on pathways of reconciliation and peace. Amen

Honouring the Four Directions

This meditation on the Four Directions is drawn from the Indigenous teachings of the medicine wheel with words from the writings of Richard Wagamese who was an Ojibwe Canadian author and journalist from the Wabaseemoong Independent Nations in Northwestern Ontario.

Leader Come Great Spirit, as we gather in your name.

We begin in the East:

The East is where the sun rises,
where the sunlight first appears, and our day begins.

The East is the place of Humility.

The Old ones say Humility is the foundation of everything.
Humility is the ability to see yourself as an essential part,
but still just a part, of the greater whole.

In the Ojibway world "humility" means "like the earth."

The Earth, our Mother, is the ultimate humble being.

When Mother Earth is given the ability,
everything and everyone is allowed the same opportunity
to grow, to become what they can be.

Leader May we be open to Humility.

We pray:

All COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.

Leader Please turn clockwise and focus on the South.
 The South is the place of Trust.
 Trust develops as a spiritual by-product of innocence.
 The Ojibway say innocence is learning
 to look at the world with Wonder.
 When you see the world with Wonder
 you see and live in a learning way.

Trust also gives us the ability to open ourselves to teachings.
 Teachings give us the opportunity,
 the gateway to becoming who we have been created to be.
 May we practice Trust.

We pray:

All COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.

Leader Turning clockwise we focus on the West.

The West is where the sun sets
 and the day as we experience it comes to an end.
 It is natural that the West is seen as the place of Introspection.
 On the Medicine Wheel Introspection is the "looks within place."
 Humility from the East, and Trust from the South
 offer many teachings.
 Introspection is the way of seeing how these apply to our lives.
 It is both a place of Vision and a Resting place.
 It is also a place of Courage
 as the hardest place to look, is within.
 It is a place where the story, the song we have created so far

Leader can be reviewed and unnecessary things be let go.
Introspection is meant to give us Balance.

We pray:

All COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.

Leader We turn clockwise to the North.

The North is the place of Wisdom.
To be truly Wise is to understand that
knowing and not knowing are one.
Each has the power to transform.
Wisdom is the gathering of teachings gleaned,
bit by bit, from our lifetime journey.
Our goal is to share those teachings around us
while we are still here.
We are all on the same journey,
and we become more by giving that wisdom,
that treasure away.

We pray:

All COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.

Leader 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 the Holy Spirit who inspires us to action.
We pray:

All COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME. Amen

*Diocese of New Westminster
National Indigenous Day of Prayer 2021*

The Gathering of the Community

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

All And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God,
**All to you all hearts are open,
all desires are 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.**

The Collect for Orange Shirt Day

Celebrant Creator God, Sunkwiyatisu and Gitchi Manitou,
**All Of peace, justice, and concord;
Open our ears, our eyes, our lungs, and our hearts,
Give us the spirit of condolence.
Instill in us the Good Mind.
Let us seek your justice in a broken world,
Let us search for understanding in your Creation.
Help us to be reconciled to you and to each other.
In the self-giving ethic of the Cross,
Let us be emptied of hatred and apathy,
Greed and selfishness.
Fill us with the wideness and wildness of your Spirit,
In the name of your First Son, Jesus Christ,
We ask all this. Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading: Read by Diane Johnson.

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Jeremiah 32:1-3A, 6-15

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1-6,14-16

Please remain seated for the saying of the Psalm together.

Liturgical

Assistant I will protect you, and bring you to honour.

**All He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,
 abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
 He shall say to the Lord,
 "You are my refuge and my stronghold,
 my God in whom I put my trust."**

**He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter
and from the deadly pestilence.
He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings;
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
Of the plague that stalks in the darkness,
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.**

**Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honour.
With long life will I satisfy him,
and show him my salvation.**

Liturgical

Assistant Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.

**All As it was in the beginning,
 is now and will be forever. Amen.**

The Second Reading: Read by Bob Hardy.

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy.

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time - he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

1 Timothy 6:6-19

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Gradual Hymn - God of Grace and God of Glory

Before the reading of the Gospel, we sing the first two verses of the Gradual Hymn. Please stand for the Gradual Hymn and the Gospel if you are able.

We turn to face the Liturgical Assistant as they read the Gospel from the centre of the sanctuary. Then we sing the last part of the Gospel Hymn facing the altar.

The Gospel — Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Liturgical Assistant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Liturgical Assistant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.'

But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'

He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.'

Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.'

He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'

He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Luke 16:19-31

Liturgical Assistant

The Gospel of Christ.

All

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, we sing the last verse of the Gradual Hymn.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Jenn Ashton

Indigenous Cultural Sensitivity Leader

St. Clement's Anglican Church

(Sermon presented in video format)

Time for Reflection

Remembering the Children Prayer

**All God of our Ancestors,
 who holds the spirits of our
 grandmothers and grandfathers
 and the spirits of our grandchildren,
 Remembering the Children,
 we now pledge ourselves to speak the Truth,
 and with our hearts and our souls
 to act upon the Truth we have heard
 of the injustices lived, of the sufferings inflicted,
 of the tears cried,
 of the misguided intentions imposed,
 and of the power of prejudice and racism
 which were allowed to smother
 the sounds and laughter of the forgotten children.**

**Hear our cries of lament
 for what was allowed to happen,
 and for what will never be.
 In speaking and hearing and acting upon the Truth
 may we as individuals and as a nation
 meet the hope of a new beginning.**

**Great Creator God
 who desires that all creation live in harmony and peace,
 Remembering the Children
 we dare to dream of a Path of Reconciliation
 where apology from the heart leads to
 healing of the heart
 and the chance of restoring the circle,
 where justice walks with all,
 where respect leads to true partnership,
 where the power to change comes from each heart.
 Hear our prayer of hope,
 and guide this country of Canada
 on a new and different path. Amen.**

One Woman's Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of the Church, as we say,

**All I believe in God,
creator of the universe
dwelling forever beyond time and space.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ
who came to live among us
and let us see what God is like.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
sent from God through Jesus
to be our guide and comforter.**

**Therefore I believe in love,
in hope, compassion, joy and faith,
and forgiveness and eternal life.**

Frances Somerville

Prayers of the People - Hear Our Prayer

You are invited to sit, kneel, or stand, whichever is most comfortable for you for the prayers of the people.

A Litany for the Healing and Restoration of our Church

From the Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land, 2017

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

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

Life-giving Spirit, whose love and truth fills the world and searches the depths of our lives,

Have mercy on us.

Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,

Have mercy on us.

From our failure to recognize and respect the revelation of your truth and love in the First Peoples of this land,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our participation in the systematic oppression of Indigenous sovereignty, language, culture and spirituality,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our role in the Indian Residential Schools designed to eliminate the unique society, wisdom and beauty of the Indigenous peoples of this land,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our complicit tolerance of the decimation of Indigenous family structures leaving children vulnerable to abuses of every kind,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our continued acceptance of unjust legal, educational, health and social structures that continue to oppress and destroy the lives of many Indigenous people,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

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.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our eyes, that we may see the sacredness in all creation.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth of every peoples the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our lips, that we may speak of the beauty of every tongue and dialect proclaiming the wonderful works of God.

Hear us, O Christ.

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.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our minds that we may witness to your Good News in our neighbourhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

Hear us, O Christ.

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

Hear us, O Christ.

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 Church: We pray for Archbishop John Stephens our Metropolitan, and Archbishop Shane Parker, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. We pray for Archbishop Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop and Presiding Elder of the Sacred Circle. Also, we pray for Patrick our Priest, and for Christine our Celebrant today. For Jill in her discernment, work and studies to become an Anglican Priest. For St. Stephen the Martyr, Burnaby - Archdeacon Ruth Monette; The Vancouver School of Theology, The Reverend Richard Topping, Principal, The Reverend Rob James, The Reverend Alisdair Smith, faculty, staff, and students. For Primate Brent Alawas, Bishop Benny Lang-akan and the Clergy and People of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines. Our companion parish, St. John the Evangelist Mission and Outstations, Pasnadan, The Reverend Tristan Bati-el.

The Local Community: City & District of North Vancouver, Queen Mary Community School, Lookout Housing and Health Society of the North Shore.

The World:

Christians around the world are invited to give particular attention to praying and caring for God's creation as part of the global Season of Creation, observed from September 1 to October 4 every year. As the Season of Creation continues, please continue to pray for the environment and the creatures that share this planet with us.

Holy One,
You have created the universe by your eternal Word,
and have blessed humankind in making us stewards of the earth.
We pray for your world,
that we may share and conserve its resources,
and live in reverence for creation
and in harmony with one another. Amen

Those in Need: For those who are sick, hospitalized and in need of our prayers. This week, our prayers are requested especially for these members and friends of our St. John's faith community: Laurie Stringer, Mir and his family, Madeline Cooper, Celia, Alex, Patrick, Simon Drake, Kelly.

The Dearly Departed: We pray for all who have passed on from this life and live forever in our hearts.

In Thanksgiving: In our cycle of prayer, we pray for these members of our faith community: Bob and Nancy Hardy, Janet Harris, Linda Harrison, Julia Harwood and Tyler Blake, Ann Hasle, Joan Hodgson, Jo Lynne Hoegg, and their families.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,
 God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
 God welcomes us
 and invites us to this table.
 Let us confess our sins,
 confident in God's forgiveness.

(A prayerful silence is kept)

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

All Amen.

Sharing of The Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant May the peace of Christ always be with you.
All And also with you.

*The members of the community may greet each other in the name of the Lord.
Many of us will simply smile and say "Peace be with you".*

The Offertory

*The Offertory Plate can be found at the back of the church by the double doors,
and you may place your donation there anytime before or during the service.
Your thoughtful and generous gifts enable our worship and ministry to our
community and the world. We sincerely thank you.*

*We stand for the Offertory Hymn. After the Offertory Hymn, the Offertory Plate
will be presented to the altar.*

Offertory Hymn - All Things Bright and Beautiful

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

The liturgical assistants set the Altar and prepare the gifts of bread and wine for the Eucharist. The Offertory Plate, that holds your money and other gifts for the needs and responsibilities of the Church, is then brought forward to be blessed before the Altar.

Doxology

**All Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant Eternal God,
**All in Jesus Christ we behold your glory.
Receive the offering of your people gathered before you,
and open our hearts and mouths
to praise your great salvation,
the same Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.**

Please remain standing as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving/Eucharistic Prayer 2 (DoNW)

Celebrant May God be with you.
All And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them up to God.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
All It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant	<p>We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time, you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, male and female, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you call us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with saints and angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:</p>
All (sung)	<p>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.</p>
Celebrant	<p>Glory and honour and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favour upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.</p> <p>Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.</p>

Celebrant

He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.
On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it,
and gave it to them, and said:
"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:
"Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.
In the fullness of time bring us,
with St. John the Evangelist and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honour, glory and praise,
for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us to pray, let us sing,
**All (sung) 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 forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread
 to share in the body of Christ
**All We, being many, are one body,
 for we all share in the one bread.**

The Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God, for the people of God.
All Thanks be to God.

Please be seated as the Communion is prepared.

All who love God and desire Christ are welcome to receive communion. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the Eucharistic Administrator know if you wish to receive one. Please note intinction, (dipping the bread into the wine), is not permitted.

Communion Hymns

- This is the Body of Christ**
- I Come With Joy**
- God of the Sparrow**

The Eucharistic administrators will first serve Communion to the choir. Then they will stand at the front of the church and the congregation will come forward in two lines down the centre aisle to take Communion. If you want to come forward for a blessing, please line up for the minister and cross your arms over your chest.

Celebrant Takes Communion

After the congregation has been served, the celebrant takes Communion at the altar, saying the following.

Celebrant: The body of Christ, food for our journey.
The blood of Christ, the cup of love.

And now I invite you here, and you at home, to put your hand over your heart and accept the communion of God.

All Amen.

The communion hymns continue as the Liturgical Assistants clear the altar.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Father in heaven,
**All strengthen the unity of your Church,
so that we who have been fed with holy things
may fulfil your will in the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Doxology

Celebrant 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.**

The Blessing

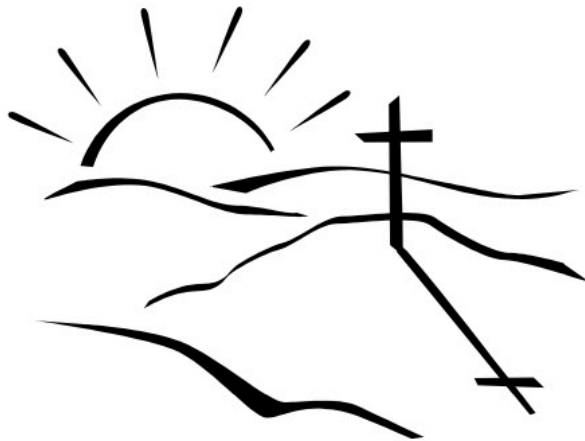
Recessional Hymn - You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

Dismissal

Liturgical Assistant
All

Words of Dismissal.
Thanks be to God.

There is a brief musical postlude for those who wish to stay.



Thank you for blessing us with your presence today.
Please do join us downstairs in the Lounge
for our tea and coffee fellowship.

Faithful Friends

Activity Page for Any Age

♥ Reconciliation Sunday Activity Page

Today we remember that all people are part of God's family. If you could share one word of peace or friendship, what would it be?

◀ Music

Which hymn or song today made you think about peace, healing, or friendship?

☺ Word Play – Reconciliation Scramble

Unscramble these letters to form words or phrases connected to reconciliation:

SIETUCJ _____

HURTT _____

RAOEGN HTRSI _____

VOEL _____



Draw a Picture

Draw a picture of two friends holding hands, or of people caring for the land together.

Today we honour the **National Day of Truth and Reconciliation**, which falls on September 30th each year, and we pray for the victims and the survivors, and the generations to follow who continue to experience the trauma.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission put forward 94 Calls to Action, naming all levels of government as well as all churches involved in the Canadian Residential School system.

From the 94 Calls to Action:

59. We call upon church parties to the Settlement Agreement to develop ongoing education strategies to ensure that their respective congregations learn about their church's role in colonization, the history and legacy of residential schools, and why apologies to former residential school students, their families, and communities were necessary.

We encourage our parish members and our visitors to educate yourself on Canada's tragic and violent past towards the Indigenous Peoples of this great nation - people who have cared for the land, the water, the air, and those that live there, since time immemorial.

Learning Resources:

National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation

<https://nctr.ca>

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-day-truth-reconciliation.html>

Anglican Church of Canada - Truth and Reconciliation

<https://www.anglican.ca/tr/>

