



Holy Trinity Anglican Church
National Indigenous Day of Prayer
Sunday June 21, 2026
11:00 am

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The Reverend Diana Boland, Vicar

The Reverend Tianna Gocan, Curate

Joel West, Children, Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator

Ian Sadler, Organist and Director of Music

Neil F. Young, Contemporary Musician

Peter Ryde, Chimer

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Sonata No. 6 in D - Felix Mendelssohn

The Words Before Anything Else

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.

Now our hearts are one.

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.

With the earth our hearts are one.

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.

With the waters our hearts are one.

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.

With the fish our hearts are one.

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

With the plants our hearts are one.

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.

With the food plants our hearts are one.

We give thanks to Creator for the medicine herbs of the world. They are instructed to take away sickness and help heal us.

With the medicine herbs our hearts are one.

We gather to thank all the animal life of the world, they have much to teach us.

With the animals our hearts are one.

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.

With the trees our hearts are one.

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.

With the birds our hearts are one.

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.

With the four winds our hearts are one.

We give thanks for the thunderers, with lightning and thundering voices they bring water that renews life.

With the thunderers our hearts are one.

We gather to give thanks to the sun, which each day travels from east to west, bringing the light of the new day.

With the sun our hearts are one.

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.

With the moon our hearts are one.

We give thanks for the stars that are spread across the sky like jewelry. They light the darkness and guide us home.

With the stars our hearts are one.

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.

With the ancestors our hearts are one.

We give thanks especially this morning for the Creator, and all the gifts of creation.

With Creator our hearts are one.

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. **Amen**

Processional Hymn #527

How Firm a Foundation

Opening Prayers

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Land Acknowledgement

Celebrant We gather here today on the ancestral hunting grounds of the Anishinabek, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaron peoples, in the territory of the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum and the Huron Tract Treaty.

People **From many places and peoples, we come together as one for prayer and worship.**

Celebrant We acknowledge the injustices that Indigenous Peoples have endured since colonization.

People **We commit ourselves to justice and reconciliation.**

Celebrant We honour Indigenous Peoples' wise stewardship of land and water.

People **We will strive to sustain and renew the life of the earth. Amen**

Collect for Purity

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Gloria

#686

The Collect of the Day

The flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
~ **Derrick Gocan** ~
beloved grandpa and friend,
by Mother Tianna.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 40: 25-31

Jack Nahrgang

Psalm

19

Cantor: Carrie Bockus



Second Reading Philippians 4: 4-9

Frank Etwell

Gradual Hymn #239

Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now

The Gospel John 1: 1-18

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Canon Tom Patterson

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Phil Guest

Response: **Lord Hear Our Prayer**

Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

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Peal of the Bells

Peter Ryde

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn #501

Through All the Changing Scenes

Prayer over the Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer #1

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Sanctus and Benedictus

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The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread #2

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Agnus Dei

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The Communion

All Christians of any age are welcome to receive communion with this community of God's people. Gluten-free wafers are available. You are invited to drink from the common cup. If you are uncomfortable drinking from the cup, you may pass by the chalice bearer or stop and touch the cup or bow your head briefly. If you are not receiving communion but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you.

Communion Hymn #318

Rejoice Today with One Accord

Prayer After Communion

Doxology

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #529

God, My Hope on You Is Founded

Dismissal

Postlude:

Allegro in C - Felix Mendelssohn

NOTICES FOR JUNE 21st

Sunday School

We will be offering Sunday school for our children aged 4+ during both the 9:30 and 11am services. Sunday school will take place on the 21st and 28th of June, then we will break for summer, and return in September (more details will come out closer to the time).

In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to get in touch regarding supporting our Children & Youth ministry as a volunteer, please reach out to Joel at his church email jwest@holyltrinitystratford.ca or send him a text at 226-880-1578.

Mother Allie McDougall's Induction Service

All are welcome to attend Mother Allie McDougall's Induction Service on Wednesday June 25th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Walkerville. The address is 1983 St. Mary's Gate, in Windsor.

Tuesday Food Bank Wish List – 41 Mornington St.

Our “treat” table is looking a little bare lately. Here are some things we’d be glad to have:

- Munchies: chips, nuts, pretzels, popcorn, etc.
- Boxes of cookies or crackers
- Pop tarts
- Jello and pudding mixes
- Muffin and cake mixes
- Condiments and salad dressings

Mistletoe Market Crafts Request

Attention knitters, sewers and crafters, our annual Mistletoe Market will be happening in November 2026. Your donations would be welcomed and appreciated. Please contact Robin Rutherford at robinrutherford2@icloud.com for further information.

Holy Trinity Parish Office Summer Hours

The office will be closed on Monday June 22nd. Regular hours remain the same otherwise.

ACW Meeting & Luncheon – Thursday June 25th

The June Meeting for ACW will be a thank you luncheon for all those wonderful helpers at the sale, and our usual Birthday Celebration complete with games, prizes, and lots of fun.

- Coffee and chats start at 10:00 a.m. followed by a brief business meeting at 11:00 a.m.
- Games at 11:30 a.m. – prizes, and lots of fun, followed at noon by a birthday luncheon complete with a wonderful Birthday Cake.

Everyone is invited to join us as we celebrate together our many adventures, and endeavours, and making it to ____ years of age. Please RSVP to Karen (519-273-5398) by June 21, to be sure our cook knows how much food to prepare for our fantastic party.

Women Building Faith:

An hour, once a month.

The 2nd Wed. of the month: 10:45 AM to 12 noon.

In the Club Room at Holy Trinity, 41 Mornington St. In Stratford.

*July 8, Facilitator on the topic of “Love, Loss, and Life”:

Louise McColl

*August 12, Facilitator: Rev. Elaine Clark Siberry

*Sept. 9, Facilitator: Gail Cuthbert Brandt

*Oct. 14, Facilitator: Lori Colbeck

*November 4, Facilitator: Katherine Maclean

An rsvp is not required but if you would like to facilitate one of our gatherings, contact Karen Hunt Mitchell at carinalamama@gmail.com

Upcoming Readings – Sunday June 28th

Genesis 22: 1-14

Psalm 13

Romans 6: 12-23

Matthew 10: 40-42

Chancel Team #2