



Christ Church  
Cathedral  
Ottawa

# National Indigenous Day of Prayer

Sunday | June 21<sup>st</sup> | 2026

10.30 am | Choral Eucharist | BAS

*Communion Service in F | Harold Darke*

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory  
of Douglas and Margaret Hayward

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## Welcome

Children are welcome to fully participate in the service  
and activity sheets are available at the entrance to the Cathedral.  
Sidespeople can provide headsets for those who need hearing assistance.

Please turn off or set mobile devices to silent mode.

*Our diocese was founded on the homeland of the Anishinaabe Algonquins.  
May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

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# The Gathering of the Community

**Prelude** | *Allegro (Sonata 5) | J.S. Bach*

## Announcements

**Hymn 381** | *Praise, my soul*

## Honouring the Four Directions

*The congregation is invited to turn in the four directions as indicated.*

We turn to face East:

to your symbol colour red, the hue of revelation; to your animal symbol the Eagle, strong and nurturing; to your lessons calling us to the balance of your Spirit in harmony with others; to invoke your wisdom and grace, the goodness of the ages, we pray:

**Come to us, Great Spirit.**

We turn to face South:

to your symbol colour gold for the morning star; to your symbol Brother Sun that enlightens our intellect and brings light on our path to live responsibly; to your lessons calling us to balance of mind in the spirit of humility; to invoke your spirit of illumination and far sighted vision; help us to love you and one another with our whole heart, our whole mind, and our whole soul, we pray:

**Come to us, Great Spirit.**

We turn to face West:

to your symbol colour black, still and quiet; to your animal symbol the Thunderbird; to your symbol the thunder mighty and purposeful; to your lessons calling us to balance our emotions in the spirit of gentleness and honesty; to invoke your spirit of introspection, seeing within; give us your strength and the courage to endure, we pray:

**Come to us, Great Spirit.**

We turn to face North:

to your symbol colour white of clarity and brightness; to your animal symbol the Swan which brings us in touch with Mother Earth and growing things; to your lessons calling us to balance of our body in the spirit of a good sense of humor; to invoke your spirit of

innocence, trust and love; help us to open our eyes to the sacredness of every living thing, we pray:

**Come to us, Great Spirit.**

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 to the Holy Spirit who inspires us to action,

**Come to us, Great Spirit.**

## Collect of the Day

Enfolding God, Trinity of love, you are our source, our goal, our life: may we be born again in you, no more to live alone and unconnected, but, sharing the Spirit's breath, be carried to your heart; through Jesus Christ, who lifts us up. **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### First Reading | *Isaiah 40:25-31*

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

"To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God"? Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm | 150

*Hallelujah! Praise the Lord in the holy temple. Praise God in the firmament of divine power. Praise the lord for mighty acts. Praise God for excellent greatness. Praise the lord with the blast of the ram's horn. Praise God with lyre and harp. Praise the lord with timbrel and dance. Praise God with strings and pipe. Praise the lord with resounding cymbals. Praise God with loud clanging cymbals. Let everything that has breath. Praise the Lord, Hallelujah!*

## Second Reading | *Philippians 4:4-9*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual | *O thou the central orb | Charles Wood*

*O Thou the central orb of righteous love, Pure beam of the most high, Eternal light of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move, As stars about thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight gives measur'd grace to each, Thy power to prove. Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, Our nature all shall feel eternal day, In fellowship with Thee, transforming day to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.*

## Holy Gospel | *John 1:1-18*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Read from the First Nations Version, the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Long ago, in the time before all days, before the creation of all things, the one who is known as the Word was there face to face with the Great Spirit. This Word fully represents Creator and shows us who he is and what he is like. He has always been there from the beginning, for the Word and Creator are one and the same. Through the Word all things came into being, and not one thing exists that he did not create. Creator's life shined out from the Word, giving light to all human beings. This is the true Light that comes to all the peoples of the world and shines on everyone. The Light shines into the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it or put it out. Into the wilderness of the Land of Promise (Judea) came a man named Gift of Goodwill (John). He was sent by the Great Spirit to tell what he knew about the Light so everyone could believe. He was not the Light but came to speak the truth about the Light. The true Light that shines on all people was coming into the darkness of this world. He came down into this world, and even though he made all things, the world did not recognize him. Even his own tribe did not welcome or honor him. But all who welcome and trust him receive their birthright as children of the Great Spirit. They are born in a new way, not from a human father's plans or desires, but born from above—by the Great Spirit. Creator's Word became a flesh-and-blood human being and pitched his sacred tent among us, living as one of us. We looked upon his great beauty and saw how honorable he was, the kind of honor held only by this one Son who fully represents his Father—full of his great kindness and truth. Gift of Goodwill (John) told what he knew about him and cried out with a loud voice, "The one I have told you about is here! He comes after me, but is much greater—my elder! He has more honor, for even though he is thought to be younger, he existed before I was born." From the fullness of his being we have all had many gifts of kindness poured out on us. Drawn from the Water (Moses) gave us our tribal laws, but the gift of great kindness and truth came from Creator Sets Free (Jesus), the Chosen One. No one has ever seen the Great Spirit, but the one Son, who is himself the Great Spirit and closest to the Father's heart, has shown us what he is like.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Sermon

Hymn 305 | *God is our song*

## Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers

Let us pray.

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, as we approach you in prayer, help us walk in beauty and balance, open our hearts and minds, and speak the truth. We pray for all our relatives in the circle of life throughout all creation; for your community, the Church, the Body of Christ; and for those chosen to be our leaders and teachers, especially Archbishop Shane, Archbishop Anne, and Bishop Kathryn—be with us to:  
**teach us and show us the way.**

We call upon the earth, our mother and home: with its beautiful depths, soaring heights, and deep waters, its vitality and abundance of life—we ask it to:  
**teach us and show us the way.**

We call upon the mountains and tundra, the high green valleys and prairies filled with wildflowers, the snows and the summits of intense silence—we ask that they:  
**teach us and show us the way.**

We call upon the land that grows our food: the nurturing soil, the fertile fields, the abundant gardens and orchards—we ask that they:  
**teach us and show us the way.**

We call upon the forests: the great trees reaching to the sky with earth in their roots and the heavens in their branches—the fir and pine, the cedar and maple—we ask them to:  
**teach us and show us the way.**

We call upon the creatures of the fields, forests, and waters: the wolves and deer, the eagle and bear, the great whales and the fish—we ask them to:

**teach us and show us the way.**

We call upon all who have walked this earth before us: our ancestors and friends who dreamed the best for future generations, and upon whose lives our lives are built; and with thanksgiving—we call upon them to:

**teach us and show us the way.**

Creator, you made the world and declared it to be good: the beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass speaks to us; the summit of the mountains, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the waters speak to us; the faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrops on the flower speak to us. But above all, our hearts soar, for you speak to us in Jesus the Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers. **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

Confession lets us set down the heavy things we carry with us, putting us in right relationship with God and with one another.

For all that separates our hearts from God and all that closes our eyes to God's love:

**Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.**

For what we have done, left undone, and what has been done on our behalf:

**Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.**

For the pride that prevents us from forgiving others, as we have been forgiven:

**Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.**

The Lord enrich you with grace and nourish you with many blessings; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## Offertory Hymn 576 | *For the healing of the nations*



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# The Celebration of the Eucharist

## Prayer Over the Gifts

Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation. Feed us with the Bread of Life, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

God the Creator is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God the Creator.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to offer our thanks and praise.**

God the Creator, our Great Spirit, from the depths of our hearts we give you thanks. We say thank you, 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 rain comes, to the coldness of the North. We unite with all creation from the four directions to join in the everlasting thanksgiving and praise for the gift of Jesus Christ.

With hearts lifted, we join with the angels, the saints, and all our ancestors: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

O Great Spirit, our Creator from whom all holiness comes, we come before you again today. Just as in generations past, like our grandmothers and grandfathers, we come to worship you and acknowledge your greatness. We marvel at your creation.

You sent Jesus into creation because people had turned away from you and no longer loved each other, bringing death and destruction. Sharing our living and dying, Jesus opened our eyes and our hearts to understand that we are all relatives and that you are our Great Spirit the Creator. Stretching out his arms upon the cross, he became a perfect

offering for all, uniting in beauty all that is, with all that has been, and with all that ever will be.

On the night Jesus was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; gave thanks, 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."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

In this ceremony which Jesus gave us, we celebrate our salvation. In our offering of praise and thanks, we stand in the memory, strength, and love of Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Remembering, we make our offering.

By your Holy Spirit, make our gifts holy, so that they may be spiritual food and drink. Make us holy, so that we respectfully receive this feast and serve you in each other.

Surrounded now by saints and angels, with the heavenly community which gives you worship forever, may we also live in unity and live as relatives to all.

United in Christ with all who stand before you on earth and heaven, we worship you, God the Creator, our Great Spirit, in songs and dance of infinite praise. Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

In the language of your heart, let us pray.

**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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

Whoever comes to me shall not hunger,  
**and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.**

So, come to the 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.**

## Agnus Dei

## Communion

*All are welcome to come to the altar rail. If you wish prayers for healing before receiving Communion, please carry an Order of Service with you; to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest; for a gluten-free wafer, hold out one hand; for a regular wafer, hold out two hands. Please do not dip the bread in the wine.*

**Motet** | *Irish Blessing* | Philip Stopford

*May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of his hand. May the sun make your days bright. May the stars illuminate your nights. May the flowers bloom along your path; your house stand firm against the storm. And until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.*

## The Sending of the Community

### Prayer after Communion

Great Creator, you have fed us with bread from heaven. Continue to renew us in your truth, to give light to our minds, strength to our bodies, and seal us with your Holy Spirit. We ask this in Christ's name. **Amen.**

### Pledge of Transformation

For love, which heals wounds,  
**we will stand.**

For generosity, which opens space for hope,  
**we will stand.**

For nurturing, which builds a culture of peace,  
**we will stand.**

For compassion, which seeks the best for all,  
**we will stand.**

For respect, which enables us to love with difference,  
**we will stand.**

For humility, which allows healthy relationships with others,  
**we will stand.**

Together for hope,  
**we will stand.**

## Chorister Recognition

## Blessing and Dismissal

Send us anywhere you would have us go, only go there with us. Place upon us any burden you desire, only stand by us to sustain us. Break any tie that binds us, except the tie that binds us to you. And the blessing of God; the Creator, who made and knows us; the Saviour, who redeems and befriends us; and the Spirit, who enlightens and sustains us, be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 425** | *Joyful, joyful we adore thee*

**Postlude** | *Carillon de Westminster* | *Louis Vierne*

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## Readings Next Sunday | June 28<sup>th</sup>

### Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

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