

**June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

# **National Indigenous Day of Prayer**

*The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Psalm 19:1*



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Please stand and sing our opening hymn

## Opening Hymn How Great Thou Art

HOW GREAT THOU ART  
CP 423

Trad. Swedish

I, O Lord my God, when I in awe - some  
3 won - der con - si - der all the works thy hand hath made,  
6 I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing  
8 thun - der, thy power through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.  
11 Then sings my soul, my Sa - viour God, to thee: How great thou  
14 art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sa - viour God to  
17 thee: How great thou art, how great thou art!

- 2 **When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; Refrain**

**3 But when I think that God, his son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin;        *Refrain***

**4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation  
and claim his own, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!”        *Refrain***

### **The Gathering of the Community**

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

**People     And also with you.**

Presider     In this time and place, we gather on the ancestral beaver hunting grounds of the Algonquin, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaran peoples; the traditional lands of the Anishnaabe Peoples, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Lenni-Lanape Peoples; and the current communities of the Chippewa of the Thames First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames, and Munsee-Delaware Nation.

**People     From many places and peoples we come to this time of prayer.**

Presider     We uphold our common stewardship of creation and our common birthplace of God's earth.

**People     We respect our place on this land and move forward in love and peace.**

Presider     Almighty God,

**People     to you all hearts are open, all desires 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 Words That Come Before All Else**

Dr. Olive Elm – Oneida Elder

### **The Collect of the Day**

Presider     Let us pray. (silence)

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice

and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life.

**People**      **Amen.**

*“Christian Education” – The children are invited to the Assembly Room for the church school.*

*Please be seated*

**A Reading** from the Book of Isaiah:

Reader: Ian Balana

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. *(Isaiah 40:25-31)*

Reader      The word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** *Amazing Grace sung in Oneida by Janice Nimham*

*Please stand as the Gospel procession begins*

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

Reader      The Lord be with you.

**People**      **And also with you.**

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

**Homily**      The Venerable Dr. Rosalyn (Ros) Kantlaht'ant Elm

**Anthem** Where the Roses Never Fade *sung in Oneida by Janice Nimham*

*Please stand*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

Presider      Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,  
All              **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 of Intercession

led by Gideon Wieggers

A Litany for the Healing and Restoration of our Church

From the *Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land, 2017*

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

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

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

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

Leader From our participation in the systematic oppression of indigenous sovereignty,  
language, culture and spirituality,  
**People 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,  
**People 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,  
**People 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,  
**People 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.  
**People Hear us, O Christ.**

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

**People** **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.

**People** **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.

**People** **Hear us, O Christ.**  
Leader Touch our hands, that we may forever shun violence and embrace the work you give us to do.

**People** **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.

**People** **Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

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

*Silence is kept.*

Celebrant Most merciful God,  
**People** **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.

**People** **Amen.**

*Please stand*

## The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*Please offer one another a sign of the peace before we all sing the hymn*

## Offertory Hymn Just As I Am

WOODWORTH  
CP 615

William Bradbury  
1816-1868

I. Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was  
7  
shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to  
12  
thee, O Lamb of God I come, I come.

- 2 **Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 3 **Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 4 **Just as I am, and waiting not  
to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 5 **Just as I am – thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down—  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

## Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Simple tone*



*Celebrant:* **ALL SING:**  
The Lord be with you: And also with you.

*4* *Celebrant:* **ALL SING:**  
Lift up your hearts: We lift them to the Lord.

*6* *Celebrant:* **ALL SING:**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant 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.

People **Together with angels and ancestors, eagle and bear, salmon and beaver, pine and trillium, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song**

*We all sing the Sanctus:*

5 I. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might, -  
9 heav'n and earth\_ are full of your glo-ry. Ho - sa - na in\_\_ the high - est.  
13 Bles - sed\_ is he who comes\_\_ in the name of the Lord.\_\_\_\_ Ho -  
sa - na in\_\_ the high - est. Ho - san - na in\_\_ the high - est.

**Celebrant** 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.

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.

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 sing:

Organ:

A - men, A - men, A - - men.

## Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

*Priest:* As our Sa-viour taught us, let us pray:

People

4  
Our Fa - ther in heaven, hal-lowed be your name, your king - dom come,  
7  
your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread.  
9  
For-give us our sins As we for-give those who sin a - gainst\_ us.  
11  
Save us from the time of trial, and de - li - ver us from e - vil.  
13  
For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

The choir sings the **Agnus Dei**

Philippe de Monte 1521-1603

from the Missa Emitte Domine Sapientia [Send forth Wisdom]

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: Miserere nobis / Dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us / Grant us peace.*

## The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

## Communion Anthem:

### Serenity

James MacMillan (b. 1959)

O salutaris Hostia  
quae caeli pandis ostium.  
Bella premunt hostilia;  
da robur, fer auxilium.

*O saving Victim  
who opens the door of heaven.  
Enemies, who are at war press in on us;  
Give strength, and bring help.*

God grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change;  
courage to change the things I can;  
and wisdom to know the difference.

(O salutaris Hostia...)

Living one day at a time  
and accepting hardship as the way to peace;  
trusting that he will make all things right  
if I surrender to his will.

Uni trinoque Domino  
sit sempiterna gloria:  
Qui vitam sine termino,  
nobis donet in patria.

*To the God, one in three  
May there be everlasting glory,  
Our God, who gives us life without end  
In our homeland.*

*Text: O Salutaris Hostia - 13th Century prayer of St. Thomas - trans. L. Williams  
English text: The Serenity Prayer - Reinhold Niebuhr*

## We all sing the Communion Hymn Let There Be Light

CONCORD  
CP 572

R. Fleming  
1921-1976

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Let There Be Light'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first two lines of lyrics, and the second staff contains the next two lines. The lyrics are: 1. Let there be light, let there be un - der - stand - ing, 2. O - pen our lips, o - pen the minds to pon - der, let all the na - tions ga - ther, let them be face to face. o - pen the door of con - cord o - pen - ing in - to grace.

- 3 **perish the sword,  
perish the angry judgement,  
perish the bombs and hunger,  
perish the fight for gain;**
- 4 **hallow our love,  
hallow the deaths of martyrs,  
hallow their holy freedom,  
hallowed be thy name;**
- 5 **let there be light,  
open our hears to wonder,  
perish the way of terror,  
hallow the world God made.**

*Please stand*

### **Prayer after Communion** (*silence is kept*)

Celebrant Let us pray.  
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.

**People Amen.**



## Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the congregation in these or similar words:

Deacon      Go forth in the name of Christ.

People      **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**    Trumpet Tune in D

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

## Coffee Hour

After the service please join us for coffee and cold drinks.

Youth Group meets in the Guild Room.

## Today's Liturgical Leaders

Celebrants – The Very Reverend Dr Kevin George, The Reverend Hana Scorrar

Preacher – The Venerable Dr. Rosalyn (Ros) Kantlaht'ant Elm

Gospeller – The Reverend Pat Henderson

Organist & Director of Music – Laurence Williams

Servers – Tristan Fair, Clark Home, Stephanie Allen

Lay Administrants – Florence Perkes, Gord Rolleston

Greeters – Ann Tonkin, Bette Ferguson

Intercessor – Gideon Wieggers

Welcome Minister – Benita Onebunne, Doreen Kyomugisha

Live Stream – Olakunle Aoko

Bell Ringer – Stephanie Allen

Warden – Jim Ferguson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Flowers** are placed in memory of Jean and Doug Houston given by Bette Ferguson and Sandra Whicher.

**Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer** – Today we pray for the parishes of Trinity, Aylmer; St. John's, Glencoe; and Trinity, Port Burwell.

## Know your Cathedral tours – Thursdays @ 2pm

Our Guided Tours continue. Guests will gain a new perspective and get transported through history as our guides highlight the buildings unique architectural design, its rich heritage, its beautiful stained-glass windows, its proud military connection, and point out the exquisite embroidered linens, the labyrinth and icons throughout the church.

Please join our Tour Leader, Allan Nagata, at the Great West Doors on June 25 for a tour on *History of the Cathedral and the City*.

## Music at Saint Paul's:

**Continuing this Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>: 6 past 6!** A variety of concerts for the early evening, coming to St. Paul's, with wine and cheese served afterwards. **See poster below**

### June 24 – Children's Choir Choral Evensong @ 5:30pm

Our Chorister Choir will sing Evensong on Wednesday, June 24.

Congregation members are encouraged to come and support this event.

The Evensong will last around 20 minutes (it is a shortened version of the Book of Common Prayer Evensong) and is a lovely way to finish the day.

### June 24 – Compline @ 7:00 pm

...and if Choral Evensong wasn't enough for you, we are continuing our very successful Compline service. Sung to chant around the Labyrinth, come and bathe in the beauty of this 25-minute contemplative service that harks back to an age-old Christian tradition. Chairs, Yoga mats and candles provided!



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