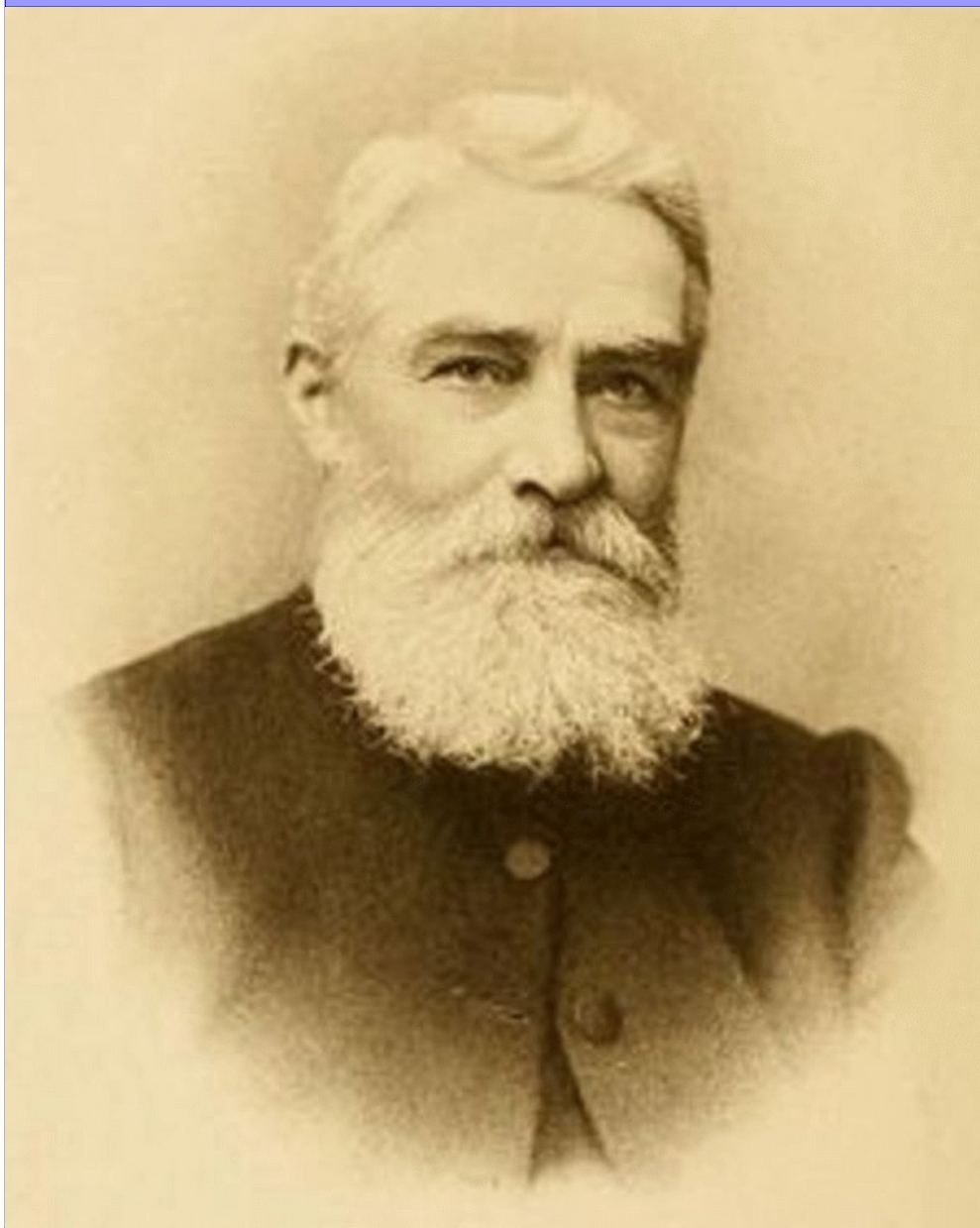




**VESPERS
on the
Memorial of Edmund James Peck
Missionary to the Inuit
1924**

2026 September 10

As members of a parish within the Diocese of New Westminster, we acknowledge that we are gathered from a variety of locations within the traditional, unceded ancestral territory of the Coast Salish people, including but not limited to, the halq'-emylém speaking Kwantlen, Kwikwetlam, Musqueam, Tseilwatuth, and Tsawwassen nations.

The Preparation

Officiant

Today we honour the memory of Edmund James Peck, an Anglican priest who died in 1924 after almost forty years in the eastern Arctic serving the Inuit and helping them to know Christ. Peck started life in the workers' tenements of Manchester and entered the Royal Navy while he was still a child. He planned to make the Navy his life, but a series of near-fatal illnesses and shipboard accidents led him to experience what he called "the movements of grace." His experience of Christ made him decide to give his life to spreading the word of eternal life, and in 1876 he volunteered for work in the Canadian Arctic. His first post was at Little Whale River on Hudson's Bay, where he spent seven years before being sent further north to minister to the Inuit around Fort Chimo. He then opened a mission on Baffin Island, where he laboured — as he put it, "itinerated" — among the Inuit until his retirement in 1921. He died at Toronto, on this very date, three years later. Peck was as handy with wood, bolts, and iron as he was with the New Testament and the Prayer Book, and he built the Anglican Church in the eastern Arctic not only spiritually by his preaching but also physically with his own hands. The Inuit

The Preparation (Cont'd)

were impressed by Peck's readiness for hard work and still more by his honest interest in their culture and conditions — but still the reason for his presence often puzzled them. He obviously had no goods to trade, so they wondered what he was doing at the trading posts. Early in his career at Little Whale River he overheard one Inuit give this explanation to another: "Him? Oh, he fell down from heaven to save the Innu." Peck laughed at the thought that he had come from heaven — but he gave his whole life to make the rest of the saying come true.

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O God, make speed to save us,
O Lord, make haste to help us.

From the rising of the Sun to its setting
your glory is proclaimed in all the world.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.
Amen.

Act of Praise

O Light, Whose Splendour Thrills
Common Praise 16

Officiant or Cantor

O Light, whose splendour thrills and gladdens with
radiance brighter than the sun, pure gleam of God's
unending glory, O Jesus, blest, Anointed One;

as twilight hovers near at sunset, and lamps are lit,
and children nod, in evening hymns we lift our voices
to Father, Spirit, Son: one God.

In all life's brilliant, timeless moments, let faithful
voices sing your praise, O Son of God, our life
bestower, whose glory lightens endless days.

The Psalm

Psalm 107: 23 - 32

Psalmist

Some went down to the sea in ships *
and plied their trade in deep waters;

They beheld the works of the Lord *
and his wonders in the deep.

Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, *
which tossed high the waves of the sea.

They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; *
their hearts melted because of their peril.

They reeled and staggered like drunkards *
and were at their wits' end.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.

He stilled the storm to a whisper *
and quieted the waves of the sea.

The Psalm (Cont'd)

Then were they glad because of the calm, *
and he brought them to the harbour they were bound for.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.

Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people *
and praise him in the council of the elders.

The Psalm Prayer

O God, the divine seeker, you are light to the lost, bread to the hungry, deliverance to the captive, healing to the sick, eternal vision to the dying, and harbour to every soul in peril. Gather the wanderers from every corner of the world into the community of your mercy and grace, that we may eternally praise you for our salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Reading

Matthew 28: 16 - 20

Reader

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Response

*After a brief period of reflection
the Reader says:*

Blessed are the meek for they shall
inherit the Earth.

Thanks be to God!

Affirmation of Faith

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Let us affirm our faith as we recite “Hear, O Israel”

**Hear, O Israel,
The Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

There is no commandment greater than these.

Intercessions, Petitions & Thanksgivings

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Lord God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus has untied our burdens and healed our spirits. We lift up the prayers of our hearts for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world, responding to the bidding “Gracious God” with “**Hear our Prayers**”.

In the Anglican Communion cycle, we pray for the Diocese of Bida – The Church of Nigeria, The Rt Revd Jonah G. Kolo, Bishop. Gracious God, **Hear our Prayers**.

In the Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian cycle, we pray for the theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Northern Lights: Arthur Turner Training School, the Centre for Christian Studies, the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, Henry Budd College for Ministry, Saint John’s College, Dr. William Winter School for Ministry, James Settee College for Ministry; for the Season of Creation which continues in the month ahead and a renewed commitment to a healthy relationship with the Earth. Gracious God, **Hear our Prayers**.

Intercessions, Petitions & Thanksgivings (Cont'd)

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In our Diocesan cycle, we pray for The West Point Grey Neighbourhood Ministry; St. John the Baptist, Sardis - The Revd Matt Koovisk. Gracious God, **Hear our Prayers.**

In this parish of Holy Trinity Cathedral, we pray for Shane, our Primate; Chris, the National Indigenous Archbishop; John, our Metropolitan; Stephanie, our Priest; Bishop Benny Langan and the people of Northern Philippines; our sister Parish of St. Gabriel the Archangel in Lubon. Gracious God, **Hear our Prayers.**

Receive these, our prayers, that we may love you with our whole being and willingly share the concerns of our companions on the journey. **Amen.**

The Collect

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God of our salvation,
whose servant Edmund James Peck made the
testimony of the Spirit his own and gladly proclaimed
the riches of Christ among the Inuit people,
give the joy of your gospel to us also, that we may
exalt you in the congregation of all peoples and praise
you in the abundance of your mercies;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant

Believing in the promises of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we 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,
and 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 Sending Forth

Deacon (or Officiant)

Let us go forth into the night, rejoicing
in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Officiant

May the peace of God, which passes all
understanding, keep our hearts and minds in
Christ Jesus.

Amen.