

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE HOLY EUCHARIST



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND
RECONCILIATION**

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Smudging will take place outside on the front lawn starting at 9:40am. This is voluntary for those who wish it.

Opening Hymn: 407 Many and Great, O God, are Your Works

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A capella, with drum, as choir and congregation enter the church and form a circle around the outside of the pews in the Nave.

1 Many and great, O God, are your works, maker of earth and sky.
Your hands have set the heavens with stars;
your fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at your word the waters were formed; deep seas obey your voice.

2 Grant unto us communion with you, O star-abiding one.
Come unto us and dwell with us;
with you are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life in you.

Seven Directions Prayer (led by Kathryn Fournier)

The crucifer will lead Kathryn Fournier and choir members, followed by congregation up the side aisles to the front of the nave to form a circle. People already in the pews are invited to join the rest of the congregation in the circle in the side aisles if they are able.

(facing east, toward the front of the church)

From the East, the direction of the rising sun, we receive peace, light,
wisdom and knowledge. This is the place of new beginnings in our lives.
We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

(facing south)

From the South comes warmth, guidance, and the fullness of life. This is
the place of warm rains, purifying the waters to sustain all living things.
We are grateful for these gifts, O God

(facing west)

From the West comes the sunset, reminding us to find balance of our work and rest. This is where we are reminded of our dreams and our visions.

We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

(facing north)

From the North comes the cold and mighty wind, the white snows and the teachings of the elders, giving us strength and endurance.

We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

(facing upward)

From the heavens we receive darkness and light, Brother Sun and Sister Moon, the sacred air of our breath and messages from your winged creatures.

We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

(facing downward)

From Mother earth we come and to Mother earth we will return. We are grateful for your creation that is home to us. May we walk in good paths., renewing the face of Mother earth.

We are grateful for these gifts, O God

(facing the centre and each other)

From the centre of the great wheel of creation comes your light and love, O God. It is from you that we receive the very gift of life, in ourselves and in one another. We acknowledge your love for us and your presence with us each and every day. Guide us in harmony and beauty, creating community with all of creation.

We are grateful for your creation, O God. Amen

Adapted by Kathryn Fournier from MAMOW BE-MO-TAY TAH Let us walk Together, published by the Canadian Council of Churches for the Canadian Ecumenical Anti-Racism Network, 2009.

Join in singing Hymn 407 Many and Great, O God, are Your Works again as we move to our respective pews.

Apostolic Greeting

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

Glory to God

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Refrain:



Children's Talk

The Collect of the Day

Creator God,
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.**

(Collect for Orange Shirt Day, Anglican Church of Canada, <https://www.anglican.ca/tr/resources-for-national-day-for-truth-and-reconciliation/collect-for-orange-shirt-day/>)

Children go to Sunday School

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7 (Ron Clow)

A reading from the Book of Exodus

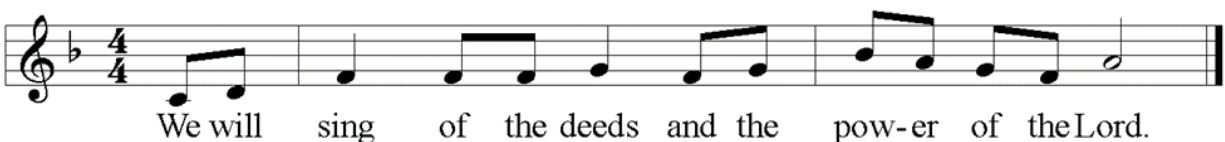
From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 78:1-4, 12-16

Setting: Gordon Johnston



1 Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done. **R**

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.
14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers. **R**

Epistle: Philippians 2:1-13 *First Nations Version* (Josiah Davies)

A reading from the Letter to the Philippians

As you walk the road with the Chosen One, have you gained from him courage for the journey? Have you found comfort in his love? Do you share together in his Spirit? Has his tenderness and mercy captured your heart? If so, then have the same kind of thoughts. Love with one heart. Join together in one Spirit. And walk side by side on one path. This will make my heart leap for joy.

But when you do these things, make sure you do them for the right reasons. Do not let selfish ways take you down a path of bragging or trying to look better than others. Instead, let humility be your guide as you honour others above yourself. Each of you should look to the needs of others, not just to your own.

Think about yourselves in the same way Creator Sets Free (Jesus) the Chosen One thought about himself.

Even though Creator Sets Free has always been the same as the Great Spirit and shared everything equally with him, he did not even think of holding on to this in a selfish way.

Instead, he emptied himself, became nothing, and gave up all he had. Then, having been born as a human being, he took on himself the lowly form of a servant.

As a True Human Being, he lowered himself even more by *following the guidance of the Great Spirit*, even when death was waiting for him *at the end of the trail*, death on a tree-pole -- the cross!

Because Creator Sets Free did this, the Great Spirit gave him an honoured place above all others and bestowed on him a name greater than all other names, so that all who live in the spirit-world above, on the earth below, and underneath the earth will bow their knees to Creator Sets Free in honor of his name. Then everyone, in their native language, will shout out loud that Creator Sets Free the Chosen One is Grand Chief *over all the earth*. This will bring honour and praise to our Father the Great Spirit.

My much-loved family, you have always followed my guidance, not only when I was with you but much more now that I am away. So then, with great respect, you must walk the path Creator has given you for being set free and made whole. For the great spirit is creating in you the desire and strength to do what pleases him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia (Moosonee Service)

Music: *Moosonee Service*, David Buley, 2010. © 2010 Rublemusic Co.

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32 *First Nations Version*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When Creator Sets Free (aka Jesus) arrived at the lodge, the head holy men were waiting for him. They and the ruling elders of the people came to him.

“By what right do you do these things?” they challenged. “Who gave you this right?”

“First you must answer one question for me,” he challenged back, “and then I will tell you what gives me the right. The purification ceremony performed by Gift of Goodwill (John), was it from the spirit-world above, or did it come from human beings?”

They put their heads together and talked it over. “If we say it is from the spirit-world above, he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say it is from human beings, we fear what this crowd would do, for they are sure Gift of Goodwill was a prophet.”

So they answered him, “We do not know.”

“So then,” Creator Sets Free said to them, “neither will I tell you what gives me the right to do these things.”

Then he told them a story.

“How do you see it?” He asked them. “A man with two sons came to one of his sons and said, ‘Son, will you work in my vineyard today?’ At first the son told him ‘No’, but later changed his mind and went to work.

Then the man went to his other son and asked him the same. He told his father, ‘Yes, I will,’ but never went.

Creator Sets Free looked right at the spiritual leaders and asked, “Which of the two sons did what his father wanted?”

They said to him, “The first one.”

“I speak truth from my heart,” he said to them, “tribal tax collectors and those who sell sexual favours will find their way onto Creator’s good road ahead of you! Gift of Goodwill came to show the good way, but you refused to hear him. You saw how the tribal tax collectors and those who sell sexual favours put their trust in him, but not even this changed your mind to believe him.”

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The 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 of the People: (Andrea Teekasingh)

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

an adaptation of the Coventry Litany for Reconciliation

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

Silence

From the hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class
from class, people from people,
Creator, heal us.

From the covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not
their own,
Creator, heal us.

From the greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,

Creator, heal us.

From our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

Creator, heal us.

From our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,

Creator, heal us.

From the lust which dishonours the bodies of human beings,

Creator, heal us.

From the pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not God,

Creator, heal us.

Silence

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Preparation of the Gifts

Hymn: 415 All Things Bright and Beautiful

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Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,

all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

1 Each radiant flower that opens,
each vibrant bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their lively wings. **R**

2 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruit in the garden,
God made them every one. **R**

3 The rocky mountain splendour,
The loon's wild, haunting call,
The great lakes and the prairies,
The forest in the fall. **R**

4 God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is the Creator,
who has made all things well. **R**

The Prayer over the Gifts

Our loving God,
we bring you these gifts of bread and wine,
nourishing signs of your faithful care for our needs
through the rich diversity and bounty of Earth.
Through these gifts, we offer you our true wealth:
our lives, our talents, our commitment to serve you
through our loving service to each other and to your Creation.
Transform our gifts and our energies into your
true Bread of Life for our world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus and in the power of your Holy Spirit where we live now and forever.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

from Worship in the Vision of a New Agape (2004), with some language modified to reflect our context

The Creator is with you.

And also with you.

Open your hearts to God.

We pray for our hearts to be filled.

Let us give thanks to the Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Creator God

from the depths of our hearts we give you thanks.

From the rising sun in the East,

to the soft rains of the South,

to the setting sun in the West,

to the coldness of the North,

we come together to lift our hearts to you,

in thanksgiving for the first fruits of this season,

and for the gift of reconciliation, healing

and new life that we have through your gift of Jesus.

We unite with all creation and with the angels,

guardian spirits, the saints and all our relations

to join in everlasting thanksgiving and praise as we sing:

(sung, Moosonee setting)

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.

Creator, Gchi Minidoo, Great Spirit,
You are the Holy One who made the sun,
the moon, the stars, and the planets.
You are the Holy One who made all that lives
on the face of the earth, all our relations.
We marvel at all your creation.

Blessed are you who prepared many ways to your heart
for all your peoples, through the prophets and leaders of Israel,
and through all those whose love for you,
opened their hearts and minds to your wisdom,
preparing the way for your Son's walk on the earth.

Through your Spirit he took on flesh and blood
and was born of the virgin Mary.
Because of your everlasting love for us,
he gave of himself, even to suffering.
He carried the burdens of his people.
He taught us to let go of ourselves.
He fulfilled your love for us through his resurrection,
and reconciled us to you forever.

Before your son, our Lord, Jesus,
was given up to death, a death he freely accepted,
he took bread and gave you thanks.
He broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples and said:
Take this all of you and eat it.
This is my body which will be given up for you.
Chi Miigwech, Jesus. Thank you, Jesus.

When supper was ended, he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks and praise,
gave the cup to his disciples and said:
Take this, all of you, and drink it.

This is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.

Chi Miigwech, Jesus. Thank you, Jesus.

Creator, Great Spirit, Gchi Minidoo, Holy One,
we offer you this living bread;
and we offer you this life saving cup,
as we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

(sung, Moosonee setting)

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

Creator, Great Spirit, Holy One,
let your Spirit move among us
and come upon these gifts of Mother Earth
and make them Holy,
so that they will become for us the Body and Blood of your son,
our Lord Jesus Christ.
Look upon your people as we offer ourselves up to you
in union with all whom you join together
by your Holy and Great Spirit.

We thank you for allowing us
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Creator, Great Spirit, Holy One
from whom all holiness comes,
remember us your children, your little ones.
Let not our ears grow deaf to your voice,
but open them to hear your voice in the wind.
Let not our eyes grow dim with sin,
but open them to see your gifts in all creation.

Let not our hearts grow cold with bitterness,
but soften them to grow in brightness and strength,
to grow in love for you and all your creation.

Guide our footsteps
that we may walk a straight path in truth and kindness.
Bless our hands
that we will always reach out with love to one another.
Bless us with wisdom to follow the right directions,
so that we may have the courage we need
to face the sunrise and the sunset
as we strive to complete our circle.

Remember our Grandmothers and Grandfathers
and all our relations that have begun their heavenly life.
Guide those who look after the spiritual life of your people,
especially Shane, our Primate, Anne, our Metropolitan,
Kathryn, our Bishop, and all who minister in your church.
Make us worthy to share eternal life with Mary,
the mother of Jesus,
Anna his grandmother,
with the leaders of the people,
the apostles, martyrs, saints,
St. Kateri and all our relations.
May we join in union with them
and give you glory
through your Son Jesus the Christ.

Through Jesus, with Jesus, and in Jesus,
in the unity of the Spirit who draws us together,
all glory and honour are yours, for ever and ever.

Miigwech. Thank you.

Great Amen (sung)

The Lord's Prayer

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
Now and for ever.
Amen.**

New Zealand Prayer Book (Night Prayer alt.)

The Breaking of the Bread #2

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

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God *(Moosonee setting)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

Holy Communion

For gluten-free wafer, simply indicate to the priest when you come forward.

If you prefer a blessing, just fold your arms across your chest.

Communion Hymn: 60 I Come with Joy

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1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

Anthem: Ispiciwin ~ arr. Andrew Balfour

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.**

Proper for National Indigenous Day of Prayer

THE SENDING OF THE COMMUNITY

Announcements

Doxology

Glory to God,
**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.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn: 428 God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness

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1 God who gives to life its goodness,
God creator of all joy,
Giver of all human freedom,
God who blesses tool and toy:
Teach us now to laugh and praise you,
Deep within your praises sing,

Till the whole creation dances
For the goodness of its King.

2 God who fills the earth with beauty,
God who binds each friend to friend,
Giver of all human talent,
God who wills that chaos end:
Grant us now creative spirits,
Minds responsive to your mind,
Hearts and wills your rule extending,
All our acts by love refined.

Dismissal

Go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Trumpet Air ~ Bert VanderHoek

~ Everyone is invited to stay for Fellowship Hour in the Trinity Room after Service ~

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Presider/Preacher: Rev Maria Nightingale

Greeter: Marilyn Tough

Reader/Intercessor: Linda Thom

10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST (BOOK OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICES)

Presider: Rev Tim Kehoe

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