



ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL

National Indigenous Day of Prayer

SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST 2020

Good morning! Everything you need for worship today is found in this leaflet.

You can participate in worship by either live-stream Sunday morning at 10:30am, or at a later time.

Access to this worship service is found on our website: www.stgeorgesonthehill.ca

You can also subscribe to our YouTube channel.

If you have children, you may wish to watch the Godly Play story for today.

Information about Christian Education, Pints of View, and Church by Candlelight can all be found on our website.

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Prelude

Welcome

Indigenous Land Acknowledgment (video by the Youth of St. George's)

We would like to acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional Indigenous territories. These territories include the Wendat, Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nations, and the Métis Nation. The treaty that was signed for this particular parcel of land is collectively referred to as the Toronto Purchase and applies to lands east of Brown's Line to Woodbine Avenue and north towards Newmarket. We also recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples on this land, and we pray that we may live and work together in a spirit of peace and mutual respect.

The Gathering of the Community

Honouring the Four Directions

Leader: Come Great Spirit, as we gather in your name.

We 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 brothers and sisters; To invoke your wisdom and grace, the goodness of the ages, We pray:

People: Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Leader: 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:

People: Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Leader: 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:

People: Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Leader: 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:

People: Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Leader: 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 the Holy Spirit who inspires us to action:

People: Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Song of Praise: #615 Just as I Am

(Tune: Woodworth)

**Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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 of the Day

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. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word of God *(please be seated)*

First Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Philippi.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection.)

Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.
Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Trad. Sri Lanka

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

'Saranam, Saranam'
Trad. Sri Lanka

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 be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

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Sermon: The Reverend Canon Doctor Andrew Sheldon

(After the sermon, please keep a period of silence for reflection.)

Choir Anthem: Dwell Thou in Me

M.W. Choplin

The Apostle's Creed *(Please stand)*

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.**

A Litany for the Healing and Restoration of our Church *(video by the youth and children)*

Leader: Holy Creator, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being, Have mercy on us.
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, Saviour,

People: **Forgive us and heal us.**

Leader: From our participation in the systematic oppression of indigenous sovereignty, language, culture and spirituality, Saviour,

People: **Forgive us 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, Saviour,

People: **Forgive us and heal us.**

Leader: From our complicit tolerance of the decimation of Indigenous family structures leaving children vulnerable to abuses of every kind, Saviour,

People: **Forgive us 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, Saviour,

People: **Forgive us 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. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Recessional Hymn: #529 God, My Hope on You is Founded

(Tune: Michael)

(Please join in singing)

**God, my hope on you is founded; you my faith and trust renew:
Through all change and chance you guide me, only good and only true.
God unknown, you alone call my heart to be your own.**

**Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown, betray our trust;
Though with care and toil we build them, tower and temple fall to dust.
But your power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.**

**Daily does the almighty Giver bounteous gifts on us bestow;
God's desire for us delights us, pleasure leads us where we go.
Here at hand, love takes stand, joy awaits God's sure command.**

**God's great goodness lasts forever, deepest wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light, and life attending, beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore from God's store new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising for the gift of Christ the Son.
Christ, you call one and all; those who follow shall not fall.**

Blessing

Dismissal

Presider: Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Postlude: We Are Not Alone

P. Choplin