

ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL ANGLICAN CHURCH

Indigenous Day of Prayer Sunday

Sun, June 22, 2025, 9:30am Eucharist

- FULL TEXT VERSION OF LEAFLET -

- We welcome Noah Clarke, guest musician, to St. George's today -

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God.

Honouring the Four Directions

PLEASE STAND

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

Let us turn and welcome the east. (*We face the east*)

The colour of the East is yellow, for the rising sun, new life, Spring, birth and infancy, and beginnings of all kinds. We offer ourselves to the Creator, in thanksgiving for allowing us to see another new day.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Presider: Let us turn and welcome the south. (*We turn to the south*)

The colour of the South is red. It is the time of summer and youth, when things come into full bloom: bodies, fruits, and the heart. Because of the rapid pace of growth, it is also a time of struggle.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Presider: Let us turn and welcome the west. (*We turn to the west*)

The colour of the West is the black of darkness. It symbolizes the period of middle age and parenthood. The setting sun also symbolizes death: reminding us that as the sun sets at the end of the day, it will also rise again.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Presider: Let us turn and welcome the north. (*We turn to the north*)

The colour of the North is white, for winter and elders, and the beauty of the blanket of snow that covers the land. This is the direction of completion, where the knowledge collected in the mind blossoms into wisdom. Here our lessons are learned, and we move into action.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Presider: We turn to complete the circle and to look:

To God, our Creator who cleanses 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.

Opening Hymn: #385 Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness (vv. 1-3)

- 1 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
Gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
Bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name!

- 2 Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness;
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.
- 3 Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;
Truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

The Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

PLEASE BE SEATED

First Reading: Isaiah 40:25-31

Read by Mary Coppard

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 85 (*Tune: Mozart - 435*)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

Favour, Lord, you've shown your land; Jacob's fortunes you restored.
You forgave your people's sin, pardoned their iniquity.

Let me hear what God will say for you speak peace to your own,
To the ones you call your saints, those who turn their hearts to God.

Love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace embrace.
Faithfulness springs from the ground; justice will look down from heav'n.

God will give us what is good, bounteous harvests we'll receive.
Righteousness before God goes and prepares for God a path.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-9 (FNV)

Read by Noel Semple

(from the First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament)

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Philippi.

Always dance with joy before our Honoured Chief! I will say it again: dance with joy! Let everyone see how kind and thoughtful you are. Our Honoured Chief is close at hand. Do not let your hearts be weighed down with anything. Instead, with every step you take, send your voice to the Great Spirit, asking him for the things you need. And in all your prayers remember to give him thanks. Then the peace and harmony of the Great Spirit, which goes far beyond our small and weak ways of thinking, will watch over your hearts and minds through the Chosen One, Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*). Last of all, my sacred family members, if anything can be seen as good and honourable,

think deeply about these things. Things that are true and noble, upright and pure, full of beauty and worthy of respect. Follow the way of life you have seen in me, the things you have learned from me, heard from me, and received from me. Keep walking in the traditions I have passed on to you. Then the Great Spirit of Peace will continue to walk with you on this road.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND



The Holy Gospel: John 1:1-18 (FNV)

(from the First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament)

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.**

Long ago, in the time before all days, before the creation of all things, 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 He Shows 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 honour 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 fathers' 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 honourable he was, the kind of honour 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 honour, 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.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon: Fr. Andrew

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

Affirmation of Faith (*Iona Community*)

PLEASE STAND

Presider: As we stand, I invite those who would like to make a profession of Christian faith to join with me in these words from the Iona Community.

People: **We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of the one God,
Maker and Sustainer of earth, sea, and sky.
Born of Mary's womb,
Faithful to the God of Abraham and Sarah,
Jesus healed the sick, served the poor, and proclaimed heaven on earth.
Condemned by the religious, crucified by the state,
He died
But transformed even death and rose to life everlasting.
He blessed the disciples with the Holy Spirit
And sent them forth, east and west, north and south.
We commit ourselves
To Jesus,
To one another as brothers and sisters
And to God's mission in the world.
In the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Presider: Having reaffirmed our faith, let us offer our prayers to God.

A Litany for the Healing & Restoration of our Church

From the Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land, 2017

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,
Have mercy on us.

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

Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,
Have mercy on us.

From our failure to recognize and respect the revelation of your truth and love in the First Peoples of this land,
Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our participation in the systematic oppression of indigenous sovereignty, language, culture and spirituality,
Saviour, forgive and heal us.

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, forgive and heal us.

From our complicit tolerance of the decimation of Indigenous family structures leaving children vulnerable to abuses of every kind,
Saviour, forgive and heal us.

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, forgive and heal us.

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.
Hear us, O Christ.

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

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth of every peoples the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our lips, that we may speak of the beauty of every tongue and dialect proclaiming the wonderful works of God.

Hear us, O Christ.

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.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our minds that we may witness to your Good News in our neighbourhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hands, that we may forever shun violence and embrace the work you give us to do.

Hear us, O Christ.

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.

And now, gathering all our prayers, cares and petitions into one, we pray as our Saviour taught us:

All: 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.

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: **And also with you!**

(We encourage you to share peace with those around you as you are comfortable.)

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

We share God's banquet of love for this community of faith

Offertory Hymn: #447 Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

- 1 Lord, we hear your word with gladness: you have spoken-- we rejoice:
Words of love and life and freedom--help us make their truth our choice!
Now in holy celebration for your Word we worship you;
Spoken, written, known in Jesus, ours today to prove anew.
- 2 May we hear with understanding, by your Spirit taught and led;
May the springs of all our being by your living Word be fed;
May our hearts accept with meekness all the grace your light makes known;
May obedience mark our footsteps till we make each word our own!

- 3 You have spoken; yours the fullness, ours the wealth of this your Word:
Debtors, then as living letters, we must make our gospel heard!
By your Spirit's power transform us; shed your saving light abroad
Till our lives by love in action show our world the truth of God!

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider: God the Creator is here.

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

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider: Let us give thanks to God.

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

The Presiding Celebrant acclaims the life-giving power of God in the story of salvation and calls on us to join all creation in the song of the angels. We then sing verses 1-3 of the Sanctus following:

(Sing in harmony)

1.Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God of pow'r and might!
2.Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Glo - ry fills the heav'n and earth!
3.Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Bless - ed is he who comes
4.Glo-ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!
5.Glo-ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Ho-san - na in the high - est!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Ho-san - na in the high - est!
in the name of the Lord, Ho-san - na in the high - est!
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Ho-san - na in the high - est!
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! A - men, A - men!

The Presiding Celebrant recounts God's continuing love in the history of humanity and in the sending of his son, Jesus Christ. We join Jesus as he celebrates his Last Supper and acclaim his giving of himself in the gifts of bread and wine. After the words over the cup and the elevation of the chalice, we sing the following:

People: (verse 4) **Glory, glory, glory! Glory be to you, O Lord!**
Glory, glory, glory! Hosanna in the highest!

The Presiding Celebrant calls on the Holy Spirit to bless the gifts and strengthen us until we come to share the joys of eternity. We praise God's endless love and at the elevation of the bread and cup we sing the following:

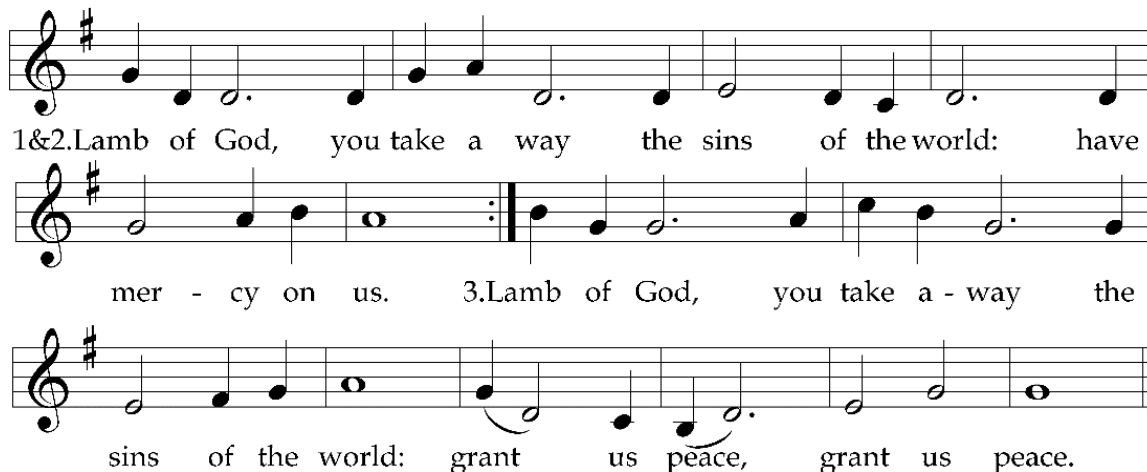
People: (verse 5) **Glory, glory, glory! Glory be to you, O Lord!**
Glory, glory, glory! Amen, amen!

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Song for the Breaking of Bread



1&2. Lamb of God, you take a way the sins of the world: have
mer - cy on us. 3. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: B. Senchur
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Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

PLEASE BE SEATED

*All who seek God in Christ are welcome to receive the sacrament of holy communion.
If you would prefer a blessing, simply fold your arms across your chest to indicate this.
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

Prayer after Communion

PLEASE STAND

Doxology

Presider: Glory to God,

People: **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: CP #330 O Praise Ye the Lord (vv. 1, 3, 4)

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

- 1 O praise ye the Lord! Give praise in the height;
Rejoice in God's Word, ye angels of light;
Ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,
And worship before him in brightness arrayed.
- 3 O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord re-echo around;
Loud organs, God's glory proclaim in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story of what God hath done.

- 4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
Be ever outpoured all ages along;
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
For grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

Blessing & Dismissal

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