

The Gathering of the Community

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8.12

Leader Let us remember before God our selfish ways, the things we have done wrong, the sorrows we have caused, the love we have not shown.

Silence for reflection is kept.

All **Most merciful Father,
forgive us our sins against you
and against each other.
Strengthen us to overcome our weaknesses,
that we may live in love
as you would have us live,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

The priest says,

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.**

National Indigenous Day of Prayer

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God's love has been poured into our hearts.

We dwell in him and he in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,

And speak of all his marvellous works.

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty,

Who was and is and is to come!

Canticle VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO. Psalm 95.

COME, let us sing unto the LORD: / let us
heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,
/ and show ourselves glad in him with
psalms.

For the LORD is a great God, / and a great
King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth: /
and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: / and his hands
prepared the dry land.

O COME, let us worship, and fall down, / and
kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God; / and we are the
people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

TO-DAY, O that ye would hear his voice: /
'Harden not your hearts as in the Provocation,
and as in the day of Temptation in the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted me, / proved me,
and saw my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with that generation,
and said, / "It is a people that do err in their
hearts, for they have not known my ways";

Unto whom I swear in my wrath, / that they
should not enter into my rest.’

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and
to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be, / world without end. Amen.

Reader: A reading from the book of Genesis

Genesis 21:8-21 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Hagar and Ishmael Sent Away

⁸The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac.^[a] ¹⁰So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” ¹¹The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹²But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” ¹⁴So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

¹⁵When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of

him.” ¹⁹Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

²⁰God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. ²¹He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to us now

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 86.1-10, 16–17

1 Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, *
for I am poor and in misery.

2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; *
save your servant who puts his trust in you.

3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; *
I call upon you all the day long.

4 Gladden the soul of your servant, *
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, *
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, *
and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, *
for you will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, *
nor anything like your works.

9 All nations you have made will come and
worship you, O Lord, *
and glorify your name.

10 For you are great;
you do wondrous things; *
and you alone are God.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *

give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favour,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Romans 6:1b-11

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Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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BENEDICTUS. St Luke 1. 68.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel; / for
he hath visited, and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, /
in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets, /

which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies, /
and from the hands of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers,
/ and to remember his holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our
forefather Abraham, / that he would grant us

That we being delivered out of the hands of
our enemies / might serve him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before him, / all
the days of our life.

AND thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet
of the Highest: / for thou shalt go before the face
of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto
his people/ for the remission of their sins;

Through the tender mercy of our God; /
whereby the day-spring from on high hath
visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and
in the shadow of death, / and to guide our feet
into the way of peace.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and
to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever

shall be, / world without end. Amen.

The Gospel: The Lord be with you,

Response: **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ Matthew 10:24-39

²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

Whom to Fear

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.^[a] ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Not Peace, but a Sword

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed

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.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

We give thanks for the blessings in our lives [*silence*]. For our churches and for their ministries. For all those whose gifts to our churches make these ministries possible.

We thank you, Lord.

As we celebrate Father's Day, we give thanks for fathers.
We thank God for everything good our fathers and others who have had a fatherly influence on us have added to our lives, including the times they provided a good example, good advice, good care, good strength, good gentleness, good fun.
We pray for your grace and healing for those for whom Father's Day is painful.
We pray for all fathers who are caring for children, that you give them calm strength and patient wisdom as they bring them up, teaching them to love you and to love their neighbours.

Lord, hear our prayer.

As we celebrate National Indigenous People's Day during COVID-19, we pray prayers provided by the Rev. Leigh Kern, Diocesan Coordinator of Indigenous Ministries

Creator of all life- we lift our hearts to you
in gratitude for all the medicines and teachings of this season of life.
We take this moment, to center ourselves. (*pause for a breath*)
We raise our hearts in gratitude for the gift of breath.
We thank you Living Spirit- for the gift of our bodies,
the lands and waters and relationships that sustain us.

In the shadow of your wings, we are held
Shelter us, in your loving mercy.

We pray for those who are sick, exhausted, shut in,
For healthcare workers, long term care workers,
for all who are vulnerable in this pandemic.
For those who are sick, on Reserve or remote communities,
or in cities underserved,
for all living without access to clean drinking water
or other basic necessities of health.
For those who are without shelter,
for those who don't have enough to eat
For those who are struggling to survive,
for their safety and protection.
In the shadow of your wings, we are held
Shelter us, in your loving mercy.

For our national Indigenous Archbishop Mark MacDonald,
for the Indigenous House of Bishops,
and all healers, traditional teachers, Elders, priests, deacons, lay and community
leaders.
For the self-determining Indigenous Church, and all its leaders.
For Toronto Urban Native Ministry, and Reverend Evan Smith, Reverend Leigh Kern
and Sandra Campbell.
For all on the front lines of healing and justice.
For the flourishing of our ministries and guidance of your Holy Spirit.
For our local Chiefs and Indigenous leadership and governance,
for all in leadership and authority, for the creativity of your vision.
In the shadow of your wings, we are held
Shelter us, in your loving mercy.

For those who have died from COVID-19
For all who have died alone
For all whose lives have been cut short by violence
For recent fatal victims of police brutality,
especially Chantel Moore and all murdered Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit
peoples.
For all who mourn and grieve lost loved ones.
[Moment of Silence]
For justice and healing at every level of our relationships and society.
For the healing of the legacy of Indian Residential Schools and policies of child
apprehension.
For the vulnerable, for prisoners, refugees, and all who are afraid.
In the shadow of your wings, we are held
Shelter us, in your loving mercy.

For all engaged in building trusting relationships and alliances across difference.
For the liberation of our hearts and minds from all forms of racism.
For the fire of your Spirit to enkindle renewal across this land.
Open our hearts, O God, grant us compassion, help us see our interdependence,
let love transform our communities.
We thank you, source of life, mother of our souls,
for our creation and all the nourishment of Mother Earth.
In the shadow of your wings, we are held,
Shelter us, in your loving mercy. Amen.

The Collect

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 in 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 Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to pray,

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.**

Hymn

May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace. **Amen.**

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