

St. John the Divine Anglican Church



Sunday June 21st, 2020
National Indigenous Day of Prayer
Service of the Word

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*Take a deep breath.
And again.*

The Gathering of the Community

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

All: And also with you.

Leader Let us pray.

**All We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's
 Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing.
 Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past,
 and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Leader Dear friends in Christ,
 as we turn our hearts and minds
 to worship almighty God,
 let us confess our sins.

**All Most merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us,
 that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Leader Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
 that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you
 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Leader May the Peace of God be with you.
All **And also with you.**

The Collect 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.

Act of Praise: When Long Before Time

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When long before time and the worlds were begun,
when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,
and all was deep silence and night reigned supreme,
and even our Maker had only a dream...

. ...the silence was broken when God sang the Song,
and light pierced the darkness and rhythm began,
and with its first birth cries creation was born,
and creaturely voices sang praise to the morn.

The sounds of the creatures were one with their Lord's,
their harmonies sweet and befitting the Word;
the Singer was pleased as the earth sang the song;
the choir of the creatures reechoed it long.

Though, down through the ages, the Song disappeared,
its harmonies broken and almost unheard,
the Singer comes to us to sing it again:
our God is with us in the world now as then.

The Light has returned as it came once before;
the Song of the Lord is our own song once more;
so let us all sing with one heart and one voice
the song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.

To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise;
to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise;

to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,
be glory forever, through life and through death.

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The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 40:25-31

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.

Psalm 19

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The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
**it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices
like a champion to run its course.**

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end
of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
**the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the
innocent.**

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
**the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the
eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends?
cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion
over me;
**then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great
offence.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your
sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

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 honorable, 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.

Acclamation: Hallelujah

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sung through 4 times

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

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Gospel: Gospel: John 1:1-18

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.

Sermon

The Apostle's Creed

Leader Let us confess our faith 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**

The Prayers of the People A Litany for the Healing and 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.

Amen.

Offertory Hymn: You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

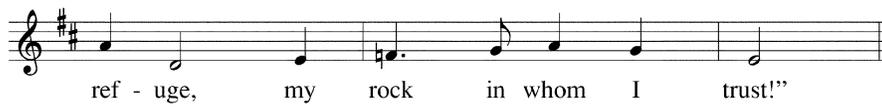
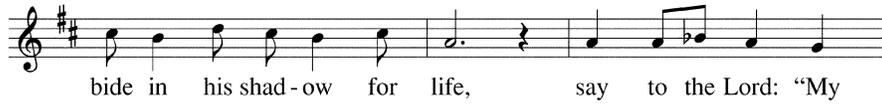
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On Eagle's Wings

Verse 1



Refrain



Last time to coda ⊕ *To verses*

Verse 2

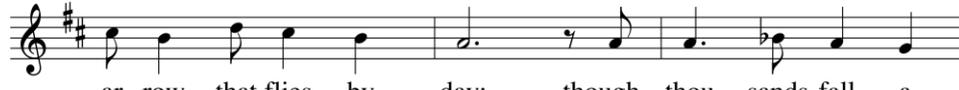


D.S.

Verse 3



3. You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the



ar - row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a -



bout you, near you it shall not come.

D.S.

Verse 4



4. For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand to



guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will



bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

D.S.

⊕ Coda



And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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Leader
All Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,
**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 forever. Amen**

Leader
All 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, forever and ever. Amen**

Leader May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the
Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

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St. John the Divine Prayers for June 21st, 2020

The Church

St. John the Baptist, Sardis - The Reverend Allan Carson, The Reverend Larry Adkins
St. John the Divine, Squamish- The Reverend Cameron Gutjahr

Immediate Prayer Requests

Muriel, Elizabeth, Susan, Eleanor, Lori, Tyler Olfert, The Howe Sound Women's
Centre, the residents of Hilltop House, the residents of Shannon Falls and the
patients of Squamish General Hospital.

In this time of COVID-19, we pray for all who are sick, for all who are grieving, for
health care professionals, researchers and emergency personnel.

Reverend Cameron's Reflection

It has been a year (+ about a week) since my ordination as a priest, and a year (– about a week) since I began my ministry here with you at St. John the Divine. I give thanks to God for both these things, and all that has come out of the last 12 months.

Ordination is one of those things that are considered a sacrament in the Anglican Church – a special sign of God's grace – which includes baptism, Eucharist, confirmation, marriage, reconciliation, and the anointing of the sick.

On this (approximately) one year anniversary of my ordination and the beginning of my ministry here with you, I have been wondering about what ordination as a sacrament means. One thing it does *not* mean is that I'm magic. It also doesn't mean that I am a professional Christian. Those are jokes, but sometimes we treat clergy as if that *is* what ordination means.

I think that an important distinction is that sometimes we focus on sacraments as if they are for one person – the person being baptized, confirmed, married, or ordained. However, as I have reflected on this, I wonder if sacraments are not so much about the individual, the self, but about community, the whole.

In baptism, the Church welcomes a child of God into the community of faith, whose shared baptismal promises are for the blessing of the world. In the Eucharist, the Church feasts together, sharing communion – community – with the faithful through the ages, and with God – fed and strengthened for the blessing of the world.

So, I wonder then, in ordination, if the Church raises up from among ourselves co-labourers, to fill some of the many roles within the body of Christ, so that all of us together may be a blessing for the world.

Thank you for the past year, my co-labourers. I am excited to be doing the work of the Church with you in this place.

Thanks be to God!

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