

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY OF PRAYER



Sunday, June 21, 2026

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

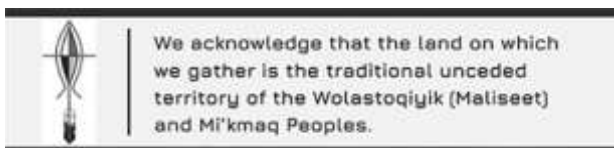
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The liturgy is according to the *Book of Alternative Services*, adapted by the following, provided by the Anglican Church of Canada:

Collect of the Day for the National Indigenous Day of Prayer,
Prayers of the People (The Church of the Four Winds, Portland, Oregon),
Prayer over the Gifts, and the Prayer after Communion.

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP

Welcome and Scripture Sentence

Processional Hymn “*All Things Bright and Beautiful*” **CP 416**

Greeting

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Presider

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

People **And also with you.**

Collect for Purity

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Presider

All Almighty God,
**to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

“Glory to God on high” CP 365

- 1 Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly king.
We give you praise,
almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.
- 2 Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
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the Father's only Son. the sacrificial Lamb,
who saves the world from sin, have mercy Lord.
Beside the Father's hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.

3 You only are the Lord. You only are most high.
You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.
And now you reign
with Father and with Spirit one in glorious light.

Text Glory to God; para. Paul Gibson (1932-2022)

Music DARWALL, John Darwall (1731-1789)

Collect of the Day for National Indigenous Day of Prayer

Presider

Let us pray.

Presider

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 WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

First Reading Isaiah 40:25-31

A reading from Isaiah.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift 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.
 27 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’?
 28 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.
 29 He gives power to the faint,
 and strengthens the powerless.
 30 Even youths will faint and be weary,
 and the young will fall exhausted;
 31 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. [NRSV-A]

Hear God’s word for God’s people.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
 and the firmament shows his handiwork.
 2 **One day tells its tale to another, ***
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
 3 Although they have no words or language, *
 and their voices are not heard,
 4 **Their sound has gone out into all lands, ***
and their message to the ends of the world.
 5 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.
 6 **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.
 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
 the testimony of the Lord is sure
 and gives wisdom to the innocent.
 8 **The statutes of the Lord are just**

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

9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *

the judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

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

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

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

13 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 offense.

**14 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

A reading from Philippians.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ 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. ⁹ 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. [NRSV-A]

Hear God's word for God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn *"In Christ Alone"*

- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

- 2 In Christ alone! Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save;
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

- 3 There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

- 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

"In Christ Alone"

Words and Music Stuart Townend

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Gospel [John 1:1-18](#)

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵(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.") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known. *[NRSV-A]*

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon Fr. Keith Joyce
The Nicene Creed
The Prayers of the People

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Presider

Let us bring our prayers to the Lord, as we kneel or sit to pray.

Silence is held briefly.

Presider

Creator and Redeemer, as we approach you in prayer, make us walk in beauty and balance, make us open our hearts and minds, make us speak the truth. We pray first for your Community, the Church, the Body of Christ. We pray for all our relatives in the circle of life throughout all Creation; for those chosen to be our leaders and teachers.

Layreader

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God, we call upon the earth, our Mother and home, with its beautiful depths, soaring heights and deep waters, its vitality and abundance of life, and together we ask that it
Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the mountains and tundra, the high green valleys and prairies filled with wildflowers, the snows, the summits of intense silence, and we ask that they:
Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the land which grows our food, the nurturing soil, the fertile fields, the abundant gardens and orchards, and we ask that they:
Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the forests, the great trees reaching strongly to the sky with earth in their roots and the heavens in their branches, the fir and the pine, the cedar and the maple, we ask them to:
Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the creatures of the fields and forests and the waters, our brothers and sisters the wolves and deer, the eagle and bear, the great whales and the fish. We ask them to:
Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon all those who have lived on this earth, our ancestors and our friends, who dreamed the best for future generations, and upon whose lives our lives are built, and with thanksgiving, we call upon them to:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon you, Sacred Spirit, to pour your healing upon those for whom we now pray and others we mention, silently or aloud [*pause*], as we remember their family members, friends, care givers, and those who provide medical care. Help us to be a caring expression of the body of Christ, as we call upon you to:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the good hearts of the world's peoples, nations, cultures and races, for the care of the displaced and disenfranchised on this planet, we call upon you to:

Teach us and show us the way.

Presider

Creator, you made the world and declared it to be good: the beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass speaks to us; the summit of the mountains, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the waters speak to us; the faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrops on the flower speak to us. But above all, our heart soars, for you speak to us in Jesus the Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn “Morning Has Broken” CP 3

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider

God our Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation. Feed us with the Bread of Life, your son, and in whose name we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer *as indicated by the presider*

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread (# 3)

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The Communion

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"Lamb of God"

page 226, CP 690

The Congregation is invited to join in singing the following

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" CP 5

"God of the Sparrow" CP 414

Prayer after Communion

Presider

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.**

Doxology

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Presider

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

as given by the presider

THE CHURCH DEPARTS TO WITNESS AND TO SERVE

Dismissal

Go to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn "How Great Thou Art" CP 423

1 O Lord, my God

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when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds
thy hands have made.
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder;
thy power throughout
the universe displayed.

Chorus *Then sings my soul my Saviour God to thee:
 how great thou art, how great thou art!
 Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee:
 how great thou art how great thou art!*

2 When through the woods
 and forest glades I wander,
 and hear the birds
 sing sweetly in the trees.
 When I look down
 from lofty mountain grandeur
 and hear the brook
 and feel the gentle breeze. *Chorus*

3 And when I think
 that God His Son not sparing
 sent Him to die
 I scarce can take it in.
 That on the cross
 my burden gladly bearing
 He bled and died
 to take away my sin. *Chorus*

4 When Christ shall come
 with shout of acclamation
 and take me home
 what joy shall fill my heart.
 Then I shall bow
 in humble adoration
 and there proclaim
 my God how great thou art. *Chorus*

Text Carl Gustav Boberg (1859–1940) tr Stuart K. Hine (1899–1989)
Tune HOW GREAT THOU ART, old Swedish folk tune

Those serving to enable the church's worship today

<i>Bulletin preparation</i>	Lori Maker (Parish Office)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sherry D. & Marilyn Galbraith
<i>Greeters</i>	Margaret Penchoff & Ann Stone
<i>Sound System</i>	Chris Titus
<i>Lay Reader & First Reader</i>	Brenda Clayton
<i>Second Reader</i>	Patti Skidmore
<i>Prayer Leader</i>	Layreader
<i>Presider & preacher</i>	Keith Joyce
<i>Music</i>	The Choir
<i>Organist & Choir Director</i>	David Mitchell
<i>Building Care</i>	Shayne Galbraith
<i>Counters</i>	Terry Ricketts and Janet Brown

FOR OUR WORSHIP

Next Sunday – June 28 *Pentecost 5* Scripture readings
Genesis 22:1-14; *Psalm 13*; Romans 6:1-23; Matthew 10:24-42

FOR HEART AND MIND – to grow in faith and understanding

Today is the National Indigenous Day of Prayer in which we participate in the Church's desire to pray with and for the indigenous people of this land, and to remember that we are one in Christ with our indigenous brothers and sisters. It also helps us to participate prayerfully in Canada's National Indigenous Peoples Day, which also is today, June 21.

Notes on Today's Readings

Isaiah 40:21-31 The prophet speaks to a people, probably weary from years in exile, who are tempted to desert their faith in God. The prophet challenges them with a series of questions. Can God's domain be measured by human beings? Can anyone advise him? Isn't he greater than all the nations?

Philippians 4:4-9 Paul tried to finish his letter earlier, but certain concerns about the community and its members

intruded. In the Greek world, *rejoice* was used much as we say *goodbye*, but here Paul means *rejoice* literally.

John 1:1-18 John wrote his account of the gospel so that we “may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah [the Christ], the Son of God, and that through believing we may have life in his name”. John begins with a summary of the faith.

Background to the National Indigenous Day of Prayer

In 1971 the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada declared June 21 as a “National Indian Day of Prayer” and requested all dioceses to commend this day to parishes and congregations throughout Canada. In 1995, participants of the Sacred Assembly in Hull, Quebec – a national meeting of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people – revived an earlier campaign to observe June 21 as a national day to recognize the contributions of Indigenous Peoples to Canada. The summer solstice, the longest day of the year, falls on June 21. For generations, this was a sacred day for many Aboriginal people on which they celebrated their culture and heritage. On June 13, 1996, Governor General Romeo Leblanc declared June 21 National Aboriginal Day.

In Winnipeg in 1994, representatives of the Indigenous people gathered and made a Covenant to build a truly Anglican Indigenous Church in Canada, claiming their place and responsibility “as equal partners in a new shared journey of healing, moving towards wholeness and justice.”

In July of 2001, the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada commended for study and implementation the working document *A New Agape: A Plan of Anglican Work in Support of a New Partnership between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Anglicans*. This plan expresses the commitment of the Anglican Church of Canada to a new relationship with the Indigenous Peoples of Canada based on a partnership that focuses on the cultural, spiritual, social and economic independence of Indigenous communities.

Since the mid-1990s, the Faith, Worship and Ministry department and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples have worked together to develop worship resources for the National Aboriginal Day of Prayer, now the National Indigenous Day of Prayer. The observance was later added to the calendar in the *Book of Alternative Services* by the General Synod 2010 under the heading of “Other Major Feasts That Take Precedence of a Sunday”, reflecting its significance across the Anglican Church of Canada and the Church’s commitment to its ongoing celebration.

NOTICES

PRAYER

OUR PARISH PRAYER TREE

A team of volunteers is available upon request, to pray for you or your loved one (with their permission) daily, for two weeks. These prayers will be treated with the strictest confidence. Prayer-requests should be short and to the point, and will be passed on verbatim. The Lord knows what we need best! A follow-up of thanks or an update encourages our intercessors in their ministry. **To initiate the prayer-tree ministry please call your request to our “Captain”, Ngaire Nelson (672-8666)**

Parish Cycle of Prayer Week of June 21-27, 2026

Monday: Clinton and Carmen Webb
Tuesday: Barbara Webber
Wednesday: Allison and Nancy White
Thursday: Linda Whitehouse
Fri: Our Students and Graduates

*Please remember these parishioners and parish ministry
in your personal prayers this week.*

Prayer for folks in nursing or special care homes

Ginny Abbott, Frances Finley, Ann Hoben, Ruth Northeast, Arlene Trask

Prayer for those in hospital or sick at home

Andrew Aalund, Diane Basque, Margaret Boyer, Edith Chilton, Shelly Clark Collins, Linda Cunningham, Jo-Ann Diamond, Bonnie Dean, Wendy DeWitt, Ernest Ellingwood, Barb Ellis, Debbie Green, Grenville Ingraham, Kaye Mallory, Pam Melanson, Michael Penchoff, Susan Penchoff, Carol Price, Margaret Ann Reid, Lois Shaw, Bob Sherwood, Mykayla Spinney, Norm Toole, Dennis Totton, Joe Totton, Robbie Wong.

Saint John Mission to Seafarers Prayer Cycle

In June, we pray for Port Authorities that they may be blessed in managing the harbors of the world



Happy Birthday this Week to:

Kelsey Dunlop, June 22

Matthew Higgins, Terry Ricketts, June 23

Elinor Joyce, Tyler Thibodeau, Jillian Kearney, June 24

Keith Joyce, Andrea Scott, Steven Spinney, June 27

“Remember you are a Child of God through Baptism”

A PRAYER FOR FATHERS

Lord God Almighty,
who is the source and maker of family life,
we pray for fathers everywhere.

May they ever turn to you for wisdom and understanding. Guide them by your Holy Spirit in all that they are meant to be as men and fathers. Empower them as people of integrity, of tenderness and courage, and in strength of heart and mind to guide and protect.

Bless fathers in their times of success. Pick them up in their failures. Enable them to love their children as fathers whose lives are modeled on Jesus Christ. Help them to know that in you there is hope for being fathers in today's world. Make them men after your own heart through ever deepening relationships with you.

This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!