

Gathering Table
a Faith Community
in the Anglican Church of Canada

National Day for Truth And Reconciliation
[Observed]

Fourth Sunday in Creation Season

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26th, 2021

Presider & Preacher:
The Rev'd George Porter, D. Phil.

10:00 am

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For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; relationship with the land is at the centre of life and spirituality. We are gathered as treaty people on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg of the Fort William First Nation and acknowledge this people's stewardship of this land through the ages.

Music before the Service: Holy One
(Broken Walls Drummers)

Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. *(John 16:20)*

Opening Music: CP 215

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

The Gathering of the Community

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Please stand, as you are able, for the Gathering of the Community

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

And also with you.

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.

Let us continue in prayer together, saying:

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our time within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the centre of the sacred circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we

grow in your Spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen

Canticle for Reconciliation

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old is passing, the new is coming! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Amen.

The Collect

Creator, from you every family in heaven and on 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
(Please be seated for the readings.)

**First Reading is from The Book of
Numbers 11: 4 – 6, 10 – 16, 24 - 29**

⁴ The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat!

⁵ We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic;

⁶ but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.

¹⁰ Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased.

¹¹ So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me?”

¹² Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’?

¹³ Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’

¹⁴ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me.

¹⁵ If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

The Seventy Elders

¹⁶ So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.

This is the Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124

If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel now say;

If the Lord had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us;

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us; Then would the raging waters have gone right over us.

Blessed be the Lord! he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

**Second Reading is from The Letter of James
James 5: 13 –20**

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

This is the Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

A Gradual: You Say

Please stand, as you are able, for the reading of the Gospel.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

**The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark 9: 38-50**

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Sermon: George

A Time of Reflection: Lord, Hear Our Prayer

*Please stand as you are able for the Prayers, Confession,
Absolution and the Peace*

Prayers of the People

(Please observe a time of silence.)

God of our Ancestors, who holds the spirits of our
grandmothers and grandfathers, parents and children and
grandchildren – of all our relations – in this time we

remember the children who never came home and those who emerged wounded. We remember the disappeared and murdered, and all who live with trauma. We ask for courage and integrity for ourselves to speak the truth, for ears to hear truth, no matter how hard and, with our hearts and our souls, to act upon truth we have heard of injustices lived, of sufferings inflicted, of tears cried, of the misguided intentions imposed, damaging people, culture and the land. Give us the courage of vulnerability to hear the truth of the power of prejudice and racism, which were allowed to smother the sounds and laughter of the erased. Hear our cries of lament for what was allowed to happen, and for what will never be. In speaking and hearing and acting upon the truth may we as individuals and as a nation move together toward the hope of a new beginning. Great Creator, who desires that all creation live in harmony and peace, remembering, we dare to dream of a path of reconciliation where apology from the heart leads to healing of the heart and the chance of restoring the circle, where justice walks with all, where respect leads to true partnership, where the power to change comes to each heart. Hear our prayer of hope, and guide this country of Canada, our church and traditional peoples on a new and different path to the wholeness of beloved community.

We remember those who have asked us to pray for them.

We remember those who have died. We give thanks for the lives of all those of every language, race and nation who have born witness to a true gospel hope of new life and new

creation.

Restore us, Good Lord, for your mercy is great.

Amen

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to God's table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

**Most holy and merciful Father,
we confess to you, to one another, and to the whole
communion of saints of every generation, that we have
sinned by our own fault 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**

Almighty God have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

(During this time, please refrain from moving about and observe physical distancing)

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

Offertory: Amazing Grace (Anishinabe)

Please be seated through the Eucharistic Prayer and distribution of Communion.

Prayer over the Gifts

Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation. Feed us with the Bread of Life, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Eucharist
Eucharistic Prayer 5 **BAS pgs 204-206**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you.

By your power you sustain the universe.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you:

this is the cup of my blood the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.”

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

Fraction Sentence

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We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the
one bread.**

These are the gifts of God for all the people of God.
Thanks be to God

Receiving Holy Communion

This is the table of Christ made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, whether you have much faith or little, have tried to follow or afraid you have failed. Come because it is Christ's will that those who want to meet him, might meet him here.

Our tradition says that to receive any part of the Eucharist is to receive the full grace of the Sacrament.

During this time we ask that you remain seated or standing where you are. The bread only will be distributed to you by the Presider or by a designated Eucharistic Assistant.

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
have mercy on us;**

**Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
have mercy on us;**

**Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
grant - us peace.**

The Prayer After Communion

**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, tender humility to our
hearts, sealing us with your Holy Spirit in respect and
reconciliation. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.**

Doxology

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**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.**

The Blessing

May the Creator guide us as we continue in the work of

healing, justice, and right relations for the generations it will take to address the truth, bring healing and reconciliation. Now the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us now and forever more. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Music: Praise the Father (dance)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve our risen Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

Please note that there is a 'treasure chest' at the back of the church where offerings can be left when leaving the church.

At the conclusion of the service, please remain seated until an usher dismisses you. If you are helping with post-service cleaning or counting, please remain seated until ushers indicate it is safe to move about.

Readings for the 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 2: 18 – 24 .

Psalm 26

Hebrews 1: 1 – 4, 2: 5 – 12

Mark 10: 2 - 16

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

Season of Creation

The Episcopal Church

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC The Rt. Rev. Lincoln Mckoen, Bishop, and the clergy and people of The Territory of the People

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the North Region of the British Columbia Synod

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

St. Michael and All Angels , Thunder Bay, and The Rev. Enid Pow

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members:

Janis Medwid, Arlene Meservier, Carl and Elizabeth Mickelson, Adrienne Morris, Tom and Dora Morris, Charles and Marion Morris, Rosalie Hardisty Morris, Mark Myers, Dorothy Nesbitt, Len Norris, Garth and Brenda O'Neill, Cindy Papassay, Henry Parise, Marjorie (Midge) Peel, Richard Pepper, Sheila Pepper, Nancy and Bob Polhill, George and Nancy Porter, Dr. Michelle Proudfoot, Alex, Sarah, Evelyn and Emerson Pyne,

Please Pray For: Our young people in Junior High School, High School, College and University who are struggling academically, social and mentally, as well as with understanding their own identities.

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Put *GOD* first, and you will never be last.

Reminder about Visitations:

Pastoral care visits will be continue to be restricted to emergency situations – please call the office or the Rectory if such a situation arises.

Gathering Table Prayer Chain

During this time of social isolation and uncertainty, it is more important than ever to pray for one another. If you would like to be a part of the Gathering Table prayer chain or you have any needs or concerns that you would like placed on the prayer chain please contact

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Sunday Sermons: Sunday service can be viewed on the Gathering Table website <http://gatheringtable.ca> and on the Gathering Table Facebook page. The whole service will be live streamed at 10 a.m. Sunday at the link <http://gatheringtable.ca> **Please Note** You may be visible on the online stream

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Caring Hearts

2021 Drive Thru
Moose Hall (drive thru)
Saturday, October 16th, from 11-3pm.

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<https://emptybowls-thunderbay.square.site/>

to order your ticket, and choose which kind of soup you would like, or get your empty bowl without soup.





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Organist (Vacant)

Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2021

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.” *Micah 6:8*