

*The Cathedral Church of St. James  
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*June 21, 2020: National Indigenous Day of Prayer*

**Acknowledgment of Indigenous Territory**

*This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations – the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishnaabe, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.*

*We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami / Lake Ontario.*

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*In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.*

**Hymn – CP 576**

Text: Fred Kaan, alt. Music: Henry Purcell, *O God, thou art my God*,  
adapt. *The Psalmist*, 1842; Tune: Westminster Abbey

For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us, Father, into freedom; from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice, may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on human kind;  
for our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

*Officiant* 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.

## **Gloria**

*New Plainsong Mass – David Hurd*

*Officiant*  
*All*

Glory to God in the highest,  
And peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **Collect of the Day**

*Officiant*

Let us pray.

*Please remain standing.*

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.

*People*

Amen.

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

*Please be seated.*

### **The First Reading**

*Isaiah 40: 25-31*

*Reader*

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*

The word of the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

**Psalm** *Please remain seated.* *Psalm 19: 1-7, 14—Plainsong*

*Cantor* The hea-vens declare the glo-ry of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his han-di\_work.

*All* One day tells its tale to a-no-ther, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to a-no-ther.

*Cantor* Although they have no words or lan-guage, \*  
and their voices are not heard,

*All* Their sound has gone out in-to all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.

*Cantor* In the deep has he set a pa-vi-lion\_for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

*All* It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of\_it a-gain; \*  
nothing is hidden from its bur-ning heat.

*Cantor* The law of the Lord is perfect and re-vives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the in-no\_cent.

*All* Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be ac-cep-ta\_ble in\_your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my re-dee-mer.

## **The Second Reading**

*Philippians 4: 4-9*

*Reader* 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 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. 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.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*Cantor* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Cantor* The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

*People* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **The Holy Gospel**

*John 1: 1-18*

*Gospeller* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*Gospeller* 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.

*Gospeller* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Homily

### The Apostles' Creed

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*Officiant*

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

*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.

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### Offering Hymn – CP 575

Text: William Whitla; Music: Gustav Theodore Holst, *The Planets*; harm. adapt. *Hymns for Church and School*, 1964; Tune: Thaxted

Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;  
give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.  
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,  
the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.  
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron power;  
abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.

For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,  
for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.  
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;  
on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.  
O great Weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;  
dye our texture with your radiance, light our colours with your sun.

Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;  
your harmony is language: we are the words you speak.  
Our faith we find in service, our hope in other's dreams,  
our love in hand of neighbour: our homeland brightly gleams.  
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way—the path untried;  
your truth—the heart of stranger; your life—the Crucified.

### **Offering Prayer**

*Officiant* All things come of thee; and of thine own have we given thee.  
*People* Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**Anthem** Prayer of St. Francis

*Kola Owolabi*

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.  
Amen.

**The Thanksgiving Address**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*Please click [here](#) to follow along with the prayer and join in the responses.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*McNeil Robinson*

*Officiant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,  
*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.

## **Confession and Absolution**

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

*Please kneel, as you are able.*

*Officiant* Most merciful God,  
*All* 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.

*Bishop* 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.

## **The Peace**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## **Doxology**

*Officiant* Glory to God,  
*All* 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

*Bishop* The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*People* Amen.

## Hymn – CP 419

Text: *Song of Creation*; para. Carl. P. Daw, Jr.;  
Music: Melody *Kirchengesänge*, Berlin, 1566;  
arr. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; Tune: Mit Freuden Zart

Let all creation bless the Lord, till heaven with praise is ringing.  
Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir up the angels' singing.  
Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet!  
Make music, day, night, cold and heat:  
exalt the God who made you.

All living things upon this earth, green fertile hills and mountains,  
sing to the God who gave you birth; be joyful, springs and fountains.  
Lithe waterlife, bright airborne birds,  
wild roving beasts, tame flocks and herds:  
exalt the God who made you.

O men and women everywhere, lift up a hymn of glory;  
all you who know God's steadfast care, tell out salvation's story.  
No tongue be silent; sing your part,  
you humble souls and meek of heart:  
exalt the God who made you.

## The Dismissal

*Officiant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** Fugue on a Bird's Song

*Rachel Laurin*

*Officiant: The Very Reverend Stephen Vail –  
Rector of St. James Cathedral & Dean of Toronto*

*Homilist: The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil – Bishop of Toronto*

*Reader: The Reverend Andrew MacDonald – Associate Priest, St. James Cathedral*

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