

St. Luke's Table

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY of PRAYER

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

Psalm 19: 1



A View of the Mountain Pass called the Notch of the White Mountains (Crawford Notch), Cole, Thomas, 1801-1848

Good Morning and Welcome!

A service of Morning Prayer from the Supplementary to the Book of Alternative Services with Propers for National Indigenous Day.

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The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn



The Grace

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

And also with you.

Call to Worship

Let us pray,

**Christ our true and only Light:
receive our prayers and songs,
and illumine the secrets of our hearts
with your healing goodness,
that no evil desires may possess us
who are made new
in the light of your heavenly grace. Amen.**

(source: Gelasian Sacramentary)

Confession

Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us set down the heavy things
we carry with us, putting us in right relationship
with one another and with God.

**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.**

Absolution

The Lord enrich you with grace,
and nourish you with many blessings;
the Lord defend you in trouble
and keep you from all evil;
the Lord accept your prayers,
and absolve you from your offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Amen.

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 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

First Reading

Isaiah 40: 25-31



Spirit of Truth, Watts, Mary S.

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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 19 (alternating verses)

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 offense.

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

**Gracious creator of heaven and earth,
your Word has come among us
as the true Sun of righteousness,
and the good news of his birth
has gone out to the ends of the world.
Open our eyes to the light of your law,
that we may be purified from sin
and serve you without reproach
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Life.
Amen.**

Second Reading:

Philippians 4: 4-9



Saving Grace, Bega, Cornelis Pietersz.,
approximately 1631-1664

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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn



The Good News

Gospel of Christ
according to
John 1: 1-18



Word of God Window, Harmon, Robert

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.

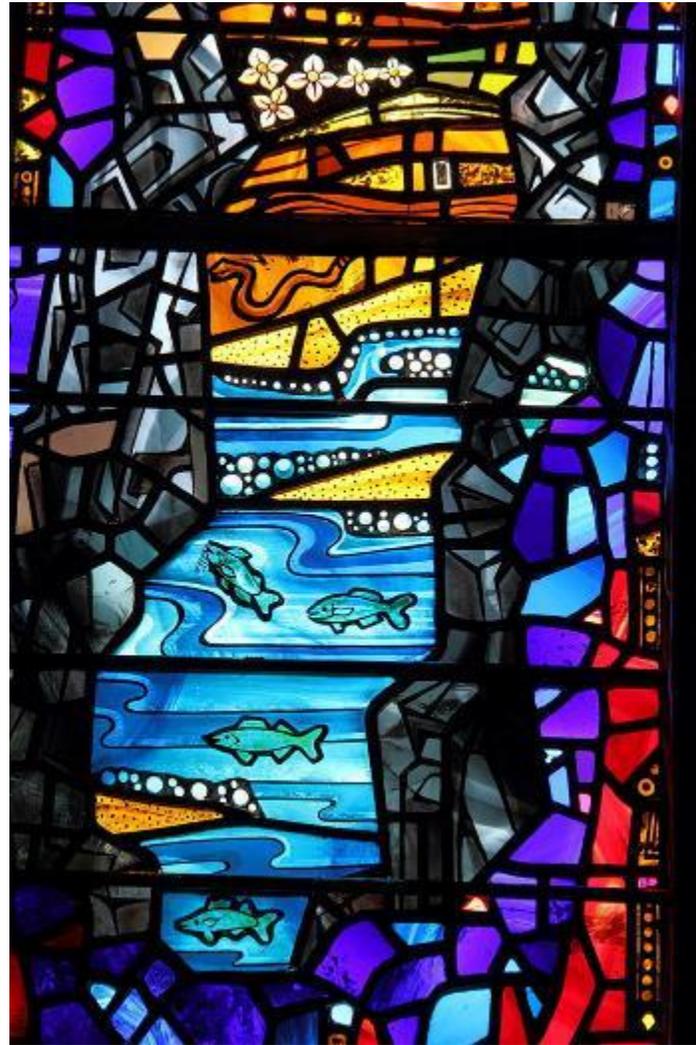
He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will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

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon



Beauty of Creation,
LeCompte, Rowan and Irene Matz LeCompte

The Creed

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.

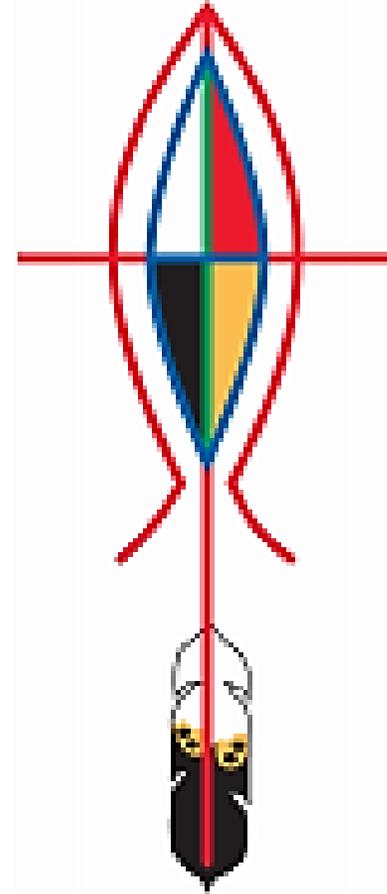
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

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.**

Prayers of the People



Honouring the Four Directions

Offertory Hymn



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.

A Litany for Healing and Restoration of our Church*

Holy Creator, in whom all things in heave and earth have their being. **Have mercy on us**

Risen Christ, through whom the whole creation is reconciled to God. **Have mercy on us**

Live-giving Spirit, whose love and truth fills the world and searches the depths of our lives. **Have mercy on us**

*From the Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land, 2017

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 systemic 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 very kind. **Saviour, forgive and heal us**

From our 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Doxology

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

Send us anywhere you would have us go,
only go there with us.

Place upon us any burden you desire,
only stand by us to sustain us.

Break any tie that binds us,
except the tie that binds us to you.

And the blessing of God; the Creator,
who made and knows us;
the Saviour, who redeems and befriends us;
and the Spirit, who enlightens and sustains us,
be with you this day and always. Amen.

(Blessing attributed to The Rt. Rev. John Shelby Spong)

Closing Hymn



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