



Evening Prayer  
*on the occasion of the*  
National Indigenous Day of Prayer

A Celebration for Indigenous People of  
Turtle Island

*Saturday, June 19, 2021*  
*9pm Eastern Time*

*Online at [www.anglican.ca/nidp](http://www.anglican.ca/nidp)*

## *Welcome*

Join with the Office of the National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop in an online video worship service to celebrate the National Indigenous Day of Prayer. The service will include contributions from across Turtle Island and beyond.

This service is produced following COVID-19 workplace guidelines and protocols of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada.

## *Primary liturgical participants*

*Presider*                      The Most Rev. Mark MacDonald  
   National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop

*Preacher*                      The Rt. Rev. Christopher Harper  
   Bishop of Saskatoon

*Additional liturgical participants are noted within the Order of Service.*

## *Words of welcome*

*Words of welcome from Archbishop Mark MacDonald to all assembled.*

## *Honouring the Seven Directions*

*A Seven Directions Prayer, written by the Ven. Paul Sneve (Lakota) Archdeacon, Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota. The seventh direction written by the late Rev. Canon Ginny Doctor.*

- Rosie  
Tailfeathers*            Let us turn our hearts to the West  
From there the Thunders bring us cleansing rain  
Grandfather God, heal us and our relatives
- The Rev.  
Manasee Ulayuk*        Let us turn our hearts to the North  
Winter comes to us from there and calls us to rest  
Grandfather God, restore our strength
- Rev. Gerald Giles*     Let us turn our hearts to the East  
The morning Sun begins each day there  
Grandfather God awaken us and help us to walk with a renewed life
- Elaine Burnside*        Let us turn our hearts to the South  
Where the warm winds come from to give us comfort and joy  
Grandfather God soothe our aching souls
- Rev. Canon  
Murray Still*            Let us turn our hearts to the Sky  
From there our Creator sees all around us  
Grandfather God help us to trust you to lead us
- Ingrid Johnson*         Let us turn our hearts to the Earth  
From there quiet wisdom comes to teach us  
Grandmother God hear us as we pray
- Dixie Bird*                Let us turn our hearts inward, to ourselves  
To find strength to be and do those things Creator calls us to do.  
Grandfather God, be with us on our journey to completeness.

## Hymn

*Led by the Rev. Tanis Kolisnyk.*

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Amen.

## *The Gathering Prayer*

*Led by Archbishop Mark MacDonald.*

*Archbishop Mark* Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the Centre of this Sacred Circle through all of which all 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.**

## *Collect of the Day*

*Led by Archbishop Mark MacDonald.*

*Archbishop Mark* 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**

## *First Reading*

Isaiah 40:25-31

*Read in Moose Cree by Norman Wesley (Cree).*

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Isaiah

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.

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

## *Psalm*

Psalm 126

*Read by Sandra Fox and The Rt Rev. Sidney Black (retired). Flute music by Sister Helena Marie.*

*Bishop Sidney*      When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dreamed.

*Sandra Fox*        Our mouths were filled with laughter,  
our tongues with songs of joy.

Then it was said among the nations,  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

*Bishop Sidney*      The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we are filled with joy.

*Sandra Fox*        Restore our fortunes, Lord,  
like streams in the Negev.

*Bishop Sidney*      Those who sow with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.

*Sandra Fox*        Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow,  
will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

*Bishop Sidney*      Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

*Sandra Fox*        As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without  
end. **Amen.**

## Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-9

*Read by the Rev. Dr. Raymond C. Aldred.*

*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 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,

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

How Great Thou Art

*Sung in Inuktitut by the Iqaluit Faith and Worship Team.*

Oh Lord, my God, when I, in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee:  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I 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;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee:  
How great thou art, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art, how great thou art!

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;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee:  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art, how great thou art!

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 then proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee:  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art, how great thou art!

## *The Gospel*

*Read by The Ven. Lydia Constant.*

John 1:1-18

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel of John

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.

*All*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Homily*

The Rt. Rev. Christopher Harper, Bishop of Saskatoon

*The Strawberry Story*

Written by the Rev. Canon Ginny Doctor

*Narrated by Donna Bomberry.*

*Offertory Hymn*

Give Us One More Sacred Circle

*Sung by the Youth of Sacred Circle 2012.*

Give us one more Sacred Circle  
That's all I ask of you  
With the kindness and faith that's all we need  
That is through the love and trust you give  
So please be there and help us forgive, please Jesus  
Respect the peace you are giving today  
Walking through the dreams you give us strength  
Our Elders are wise and that's what makes an effective Church  
So please be there and give the Youth more meeting places  
One more meeting place

## Prayers

*These prayers are an adaptation of the Great Thanksgiving written by Archbishop Mark and others  
Prayers are led by John Haugen and Judith Moses.*

Please join in the response to the bidding: **Loving Creator, we give our thanks.**

*Judith Moses* Whenever we join together, we should give thanks. So let us join our hearts and minds together and think of all creation and the Creator's gifts.

**All** **Loving Creator, we give our thanks.**

*John Haugen* Let us think of our Mother, the Earth, upon whom we walk and who supports us and nurtures life in all its forms. We think of the minerals, the fungi, and bacteria that give life to soil, bodies and systems. We pray we can learn to walk on Earth with more respect.

**All** **Loving Creator, we give our thanks.**

*Judith Moses* Let us think of the reasons why we are gathered. For this place in which we gather, and for all of the animals and plants that call this place home.

**All** **Loving Creator, we give our thanks.**

*John Haugen* Let us think of the whole human family whose livelihood and well-being depends on the wellbeing of the Earth. We lift up the men, women and children who are displaced from their homes.

**All** **Loving Creator, we give our thanks.**

*Judith Moses* Let us turn our minds to the sacred waters of the world, the great oceans, aquifers, lakes, rivers and streams, the life and spirit that lives in the waters and those that give itself to be our food.

**All** **Loving Creator, we give our thanks.**

*John Haugen* Let us now turn our thoughts to the plant life of the Creator's world. That which is below ground; the roots and vegetables. That which puts just its head above the ground: the grasses, medicines, plants and bushes. All of the many kinds of good fruit the Creator has given us. And finally, the great trees of the forest that we know of as the "Standing Ones."

**All**                    **Loving Creator, we give our thanks.**

*Judith Moses*        Let us think of all our kindred animals, those that crawl, walk, swim and fly. We give thanks for those that provide food for us, those that sustain cycles in their work and living, those that provide companionship and beauty.

**All**                    **Loving Creator, we give our thanks.**

*John Haugen*        Let us think of the birds of the air. The feathered ones that are the messengers between us and the Creator.

**All**                    **Loving Creator, we give our thanks.**

*Judith Moses*        Let us think of the relationships that sustain life in this beloved community. We think of the “Three Sisters,” corn, beans and squash who nurture, guard and sustain as they grow together These relationships are gifts from the Creator and our sustenance.

**All**                    **Loving Creator, we give our thanks.**

*John Haugen*        Let us think of Jesus, the Peacemaker, the Creator’s son who suffered and died for us so that we will have eternal life and know the true meaning of reconciliation.

**All**                    **Loving Creator, we give our thanks.**

## *Remembering the Children Prayer*

*Led by Archbishop Mark MacDonald.*

*Archbishop Mark*    God of our Ancestors,  
who holds the spirits of our grandmothers and grandfathers  
and the spirits of our grandchildren,  
Remembering the Children,  
we now pledge ourselves to speak the Truth,  
and with our hearts and our souls  
to act upon the Truth we have heard  
    of the injustices lived,  
    of the sufferings inflicted,  
    of the tears cried,  
    of the misguided intentions imposed,  
    and of the power of prejudice and racism

which were allowed to smother the sounds and laughter  
of the forgotten children.  
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  
meet the hope of a new beginning.  
Great Creator God who desires that all creation live in harmony and  
peace, Remembering the Children  
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 from each heart.  
Hear our prayer of hope,  
and guide this country of Canada  
on a new and different path. **Amen**

## *Blessing*

*Archbishop Mark* 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 upon you and remain with you now and  
forever. Amen.

## *Doxology*

*Offered by Mindy Smokestack (Hawai'i)*

then

*Archbishop Mark MacDonald in Ojibwe*

## *Navajo Beauty Way Prayer*

*From the women of the Episcopal Church in Navajoland.*

*Read by the Rev. Canon Cornelia Eaton, Canon to the Ordinary, Episcopal Church in Navajo at Sheep Camp Navajoland.*

*Rev. Eaton*

In beauty may you walk  
All day long may you walk  
Through the returning seasons may you walk  
On the trail marked with pollen may you walk  
With grasshoppers about your feet may you walk  
With dew about your feet may you walk  
With beauty may you walk  
With beauty before you, may you walk  
With beauty behind you, may you walk  
With beauty above you, may you walk  
With beauty below you, may you walk  
With beauty all around you, may you walk  
In old age wandering on a trail of beauty, lively may you walk  
In old age wandering on a trail of beauty, living again, may you walk  
It is finished in beauty  
It is finished in beauty.

## *To follow*

A special programme, *The Best of Gospel Jamboree*, follows.

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