



The Anglican Church of Canada

Evening Prayer
and
Installation of the General Secretary

Thursday, November 5, 2020
7pm Eastern Time

Chapel of the Holy Apostles, Church House, Toronto
Online at www.anglican.ca/cogs

Welcome

Welcome as Anglicans from across Canada and the world in Evening Prayer for the opening of the November meeting of the Council of General Synod and the installation of the new General Secretary, The Ven. Alan T. Perry.

This service is being held in the Chapel of Holy Apostles at the offices of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, Church House, in Toronto. This service is produced following COVID-19 workplace guidelines and protocols of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, and the dioceses of Toronto and Edmonton.

Primary liturgical participants

<i>Presider</i>	The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada
<i>Preacher</i>	The Ven. Alan T. Perry General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Canada
<i>Organist</i>	Mr. Jeremy Spurgeon Director of Music, All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton
<i>Cantor</i>	Ms. Catherine Kubash All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton
<i>Readers</i>	Mr. Scott Potter from Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Québec Member of the Council of General Synod Ms. Pat Lovell from Burlington, Ontario ELCIC Representative to the Council of General Synod
<i>Intercessions</i>	The Rev. Louise Peters Chaplain to the Council of General Synod

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

Gathering music

From All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton.

Adagio in E by Frank Bridge

Words of welcome

Words of welcome from the Primate to all assembled

The Greeting

The General Secretary will respond on behalf of the people.

The Primate O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;

People **Hear my voice when I cry to you.**

The Primate Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,

People **The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Alleluia!

O Gracious Light

Phos Hilaron

As the Primate lights the candle, join with the General Secretary in saying the following canticle

All **O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the ever-living Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

Psalm

Psalm 74

*The Primate will lead the reading of the Psalm, with Anglicans from around the world responding.
A list of all participants can be found at the end of the Order of Service.*

The Primate O God, why have you utterly cast us off?
why is your wrath so hot against the sheep of your pasture?

People **Remember your congregation that you purchased long ago,
the tribe you redeemed to be your inheritance,
and Mount Zion where you dwell.**

The Primate Turn your steps toward the endless ruins;
the enemy has laid waste everything in your sanctuary.

People **Your adversaries roared in your holy place;
they set up their banners as tokens of victory.**

The Primate They were like people coming up with axes to a grove of trees;
they broke down all your carved work with hatchets and hammers.

People **They set fire to your holy place;
they defiled the dwelling place of your name
and razed it to the ground.**

The Primate They said to themselves, "Let us destroy them altogether"
They burned down all the meeting-places of God in the land.

People **There are no signs for us to see; there is no prophet left;
there is not one among us who knows how long.**

The Primate How long, O God, will the adversary scoff?
will the enemy blaspheme your name for ever?

People **Why do you draw back your hand?
why is your right hand hidden in your bosom?**

The Primate Yet God is my king from ancient times,
victorious in the midst of the earth.

People **You divided the sea by your might
and shattered the heads of the dragons upon the waters;**

The Primate You crushed the heads of Leviathan
and gave him to the people of the desert for food.

People **You split open spring and torrent;
you dried up ever-flowing rivers.**

The Primate Yours the day, yours also the night;
you established the moon and the sun.

People **You fixed all the boundaries of the earth;
you made both summer and winter.**

The Primate Remember, O Lord, how the enemy scoffed,
how a foolish people despised your name.

People **Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts;
never forget the lives of your poor.**

The Primate Look upon your covenant;
the dark places of the earth are haunts of violence.

People **Let not the oppressed turn away ashamed;
let the poor and needy praise your name.**

The Primate Arise, O God, maintain your cause;
remember how fools revile you all day long.

People **Forget not the clamour of your adversaries,
the unending tumult of those who rise up against you.**

All **O God, when violence threatens and destruction seems at hand, help
us to remember that you maintain your cause and still rule your
universe through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

First Reading

Ezra 7:1-10

Read by Mr. Scott Potter

The Primate and General Secretary will respond on behalf of the people.

Reader A reading from the Book of Ezra

After this, in the reign of King Artaxerxes of Persia, Ezra son of Seraiah, son of Azariah, son of Hilkiah, son of Shallum, son of Zadok, son of Ahitub, son of Amariah, son of Azariah, son of Meraioth, son of Zerariah, son of Uzzi, son of Bukki, son of Abishua, son of Phinehas, son of Eleazar, son of the chief priest Aaron—this Ezra went up from Babylonia. He was a scribe skilled in the law of Moses that the Lord the God of Israel had given;

and the king granted him all that he asked, for the hand of the Lord his God was upon him.

Some of the people of Israel, and some of the priests and Levites, the singers and gatekeepers, and the temple servants also went up to Jerusalem, in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes.

il arriva donc à Jérusalem le cinquième mois ; c'était la septième année du roi. En effet, le premier jour du premier mois, lui-même fixa le voyage depuis Babylone, et le premier jour du cinquième mois, il arriva à Jérusalem, car la bonne main de son Dieu était sur lui. Esdras, en effet, avait appliqué son cœur à chercher la Loi du Seigneur, à la mettre en pratique et à enseigner les lois et les coutumes en Israël.

La parole du Seigneur

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle

The Song of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis) CP 266

From All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton.

Cantor: Ms. Catherine Kubash

Lord, let your servant go in peace:
your promises have been fulfilled;
your saving power has been displayed
before the face of all the world.
My eyes have seen salvation's dawn;
the Sun of life ascending bright;
your people's glory evermore,
the nations' everlasting light.

*Text: Luke 2:29-32; para. Paul Gibson,
Music: Song CP 34 Lord, Let Your Servant Go in Peace*

Second Reading

Luke 13:18-30

Read by Ms. Pat Lovell

The Primate and General Secretary will respond on behalf of the people.

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Luke

Jesus said therefore, “What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.

And again he said, “To what should I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.

Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, “Lord, will only a few be saved?” He said to them, “Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then in reply he will say to you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’ But he will say, ‘I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!’ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

Holy wisdom, holy word.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Ven. Alan T. Perry

Affirmation of Faith

All **Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind,

and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

There is no commandment greater than these.

Installation of the General Secretary

The Prolocutor, The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan and Deputy Prolocutor, Ms. Judith Moses, join via video.

The Primate Beloved in Christ
today we gather
to install Alan Perry as General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Canada,
in accordance with his appointment by the Council of General Synod.

Prolocutor Alan, it will be your task:
to be the Chief Operations Officer of the General Synod;
to make the necessary arrangements for meetings of the General Synod
and the Council of the General Synod;
and to act as secretary to both bodies.

*Deputy
Prolocutor* Alan, it will also be your task:
to serve ex-officio on all national committees, councils,
boards and commissions;
to be assistant to the Primate in her capacity as
President of the General Synod;
and to pray for the mission of Christ's Church.

The Primate Alan, will you commit yourself to this ministry,
as determined by the Constitution,
Rules of Order and Procedure, Canons,
and resolutions of the General Synod?

The General

Secretary I will, with God's help.

Primate I install you as General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Canada, entrusting you with this ministry.

As a sign of the leadership and authority granted to you receive this copy of the Handbook of the General Synod.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Shepherd of Israel,
you lead your people like a flock.
Now strengthen your servant Alan
to care for your church
in faithful integrity
and gentle humility,
Grant Alan the gifts needed for both administrative
and pastoral responsibilities with
wisdom in all things.
for the sake of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Intercessions

Intercessions are led by the Rev. Louise Peters, Chaplain of the Council of General Synod

Please join with Anglicans from across Canada and the world in the response to the bidding: In your generous mercy hear us and bless us.

Leader Let us now offer our prayers to the Source of all Life.

In response to the bidding, Surrounded by saints and angels, the community responds:

In your generous mercy hear us and bless us.

Leader Creator of the Universe, we come to you this night as your beloved church. We join with the saints and all who have gone before us, as a communion of fellowship to pray for your faithful people. Continue to bless and uphold your church throughout the world, that by your Spirit it may be a light in the darkness, a refuge in the storm, a haven of hope in frightening times. We pray for Linda our Primate, for Susan our national Lutheran bishop, for Alan as he begins his new ministry in your name. We pray for the Anglican Church of Canada remembering especially those communities who in time

of challenge, strive to be faithful and resilient. Bless your church and your people that through us Christ may be known.

Surrounded by saints and angels,

People **In your generous mercy hear us and bless us.**

Leader Source of all goodness, we pray for the world, praying for peace and justice in restless, violent and uncertain times. Where there is division and fracture, bring unity and healing. Where there is warfare and destruction, bring peace and restoration. Where there is fear, bring calm and gentleness. Assist those who lead and govern, that wisdom and justice and peace may prevail. Help us to care for each other. Bless our world and the whole human family.

Surrounded by saints and angels,

People **In your generous mercy hear us and bless us.**

Leader God of all healing, we pray for all in need of your strength and hope. We pray for the sick—and I invite you to name in silence or aloud, those who are on your heart and for whom you pray....

We remember those who are isolated and alone. For those who live in desperate conditions because of lack of resource, the aftermath of civil unrest, displacement, homelessness, domestic violence. We pray for the hungry and impoverished, for refugees and prisoners. Be with those who are separated from loved ones, for whom this pandemic has increased their loneliness and feelings of helplessness. Be with the exhausted. Comfort and hold the anxious and depressed, the unemployed and the overworked, the addicted. Help us each where we are, as seed and yeast, to be a presence of prayer and comfort to all those in need.

Surrounded by saints and angels,

People **In your generous mercy hear us and bless us.**

Leader God always present, we pray with thankful hearts for all those who do your work of love and grace in the world. Continue to bless and inspire those in our home communities and in the global family who build up and who help. We pray especially for those who work for food security, for farmers and all who provide. Bless and keep all medical services workers, scientists and researchers. For teachers and child-care workers, first responders and those who put their lives at risk for the safety and care of others. We thank

you God for all who work to bring justice and reconciliation. For those who restore new sight to our blindness, who shake our complacency and who dismantle our privilege. Keep sending the wise teachers that we need. Keep us open to your transforming grace.

Surrounded by saints and angels,

People **In your generous mercy hear us and bless us.**

Leader Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal One, we are indeed surrounded by saints and angels, and we praise you for the communion of the faithful who join us as we pray. We give you thanks for the lives of the saints and the witness they provide as we make our own journey in faith. Remind us that we are never alone. We thank you for those who have gone before us, praying for all who have died, that they may be received in your glory and restored into your likeness. Be with those who are grieving and give strength to those who mourn. Be especially close to those who will die this night, that they may know and feel your presence.

Surrounded by saints and angels,

People **In your generous mercy hear us and bless us.**

Leader Generous God, we thank you for the abundant blessings that you give. For our faith that sustains. For community that supports. For beauty that reflects your presence and for those who share in its revelation—the artists, the elders, the children, the musicians and poets, the pets and companions. For family and friends, and for those who pray for us when our faith is fragile.

I invite you now in silence or aloud to name those gifts and blessings for which you are thankful.....

Open us to see more clearly the works of your grace and the presence of your generous spirit in our daily lives, that this night and always, we may render thankful hearts and sing your praises in interesting times.

Surrounded by saints and angels,

People **In your generous mercy hear us and bless us.**

Leader Loving One, receive the prayers we offer you this night. All this we ask in the name of son Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Collect

The Primate Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the mystical body of your Son, grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer is recited by Anglicans from across Canada. A list of all participants can be found at the end of the Order of Service.

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

All **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.**

Dismissal

The General Secretary will respond on behalf of the people.

The Primate Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A Primatial Blessing

Closing Hymn

From All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton.

Soprano: Ms. Catherine Kubash

The Day Thou Gavest CP 29

The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank Thee that Thy church, unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.

As over each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; Thy throne shall never
Like earth's proud empires, pass away:
Thy kingdom stands, and grows forever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway

Postlude

From All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton.

Processional in D by David N. Johnson

Additional liturgical participants

Canon Ian Alexander—*Psalm and Intercessions*

The Ven. G. Douglas Fenton—*Psalm and Intercessions*

The Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully—*Psalm*

Mr. Joe Vecsi—*Psalm*

The Rev. Marnie Peterson—*Psalm and Intercessions*

Ms. Shannon Cottrell—*Psalm*

The Rt. Rev. Joey Royal—*Psalm*

The Most Rev. Gregory Kerr-Wilson—*Psalm*

Ms. Hanna Goschy—*Psalm*

Dr. Michael Siebert—*Psalm and Intercessions*

The Most Rev. David Edwards—*Psalm*

The Rev. Louise Peters—*Intercessions*

Canon Noreen Duncan—*Intercessions and Lord's Prayer*

Prof. Norman Doe—*Intercessions and Lord's Prayer*

Ms. Noel Yuen—*Intercessions and Lord's Prayer*

The Rev. Prof. Dr. Patricia G. Kirkpatrick—*Intercessions and Lord's Prayer*

Mr. Luke Gobbett—*Intercessions and Lord's Prayer*

The Rev. Canon Paulette Bugden—*Intercessions and Lord's Prayer*

Ms. Dale Drozda—*Intercessions and Lord's Prayer*

Canon Mary Conliffe—*Intercessions and Lord's Prayer*

Ms. Josie De Lucia—*Lord's Prayer*

Ms. Sheba McKay—*Lord's Prayer*

Musicians

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