

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa



THE NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY OF PRAYER / THE BIRTH OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

June 24th, 2018 at 10.15 am

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 465

Gather Us In

GATHERING

We meet in the name of the true and living God,
in this sacred circle, through which all creation is related.

We give thanks to the Creator for this community, for our calling, and for this good land upon which we live and gather, first inhabited, and still unceded, by the Algonquin peoples.

**Teach us, O God, to walk softly on your lands,
to use with care your gifts to us, and to love with tenderness
all our sisters and brothers who have been born of your goodness.**

DRUM SONG

A celebration of the gift of life

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

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.

Almighty God. You called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Give your people the wisdom to see your purpose, and the openness to hear your will, that we too may witness Christ's coming and so prepare his way; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 19:1-4, 7-8



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.

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 SECOND READING

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.

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Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 415

All Things Bright and Beautiful

THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

HOMILY

HYMN 44

I Believe in God Almighty

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we are able, we stand and, facing the East, we offer our prayers, saying:
Creator of all, **Hear our prayer.**

Prayers are offered in the Four Directions.

THE PEACE

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

OFFERTORY HYMN 575

Let Streams of Living Justice

THE 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 CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Creator is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Open your hearts to God's Spirit.

We pray for our hearts to be filled.

Let us give thanks to the Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Creator God, from the depths of our hearts we give you thanks.
From the rising sun in the East, to the soft rains of the South;
from to the setting sun in the West, to the cleansing cold of the North;
we come together to lift our hearts to you in thanksgiving, for the first fruits
of this season, and for the gifts of reconciliation, healing and new life
that you give to us through Jesus you Son.

Therefore, we unite with all creation, with angels and saints, with guardian
spirits and all our relations, to join in their everlasting praise, as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav'n and earth are
 full of your glo - ry, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Great Spirit, you are the Holy One who made the sun and the moon, the stars and the planets. You are the Holy One who made all that lives on the face of the earth, all our relations. We marvel at your creation.

You prepared many ways to your heart for all your peoples, through the prophets and leaders of Israel, and through all whose love for you opened their hearts and minds to your wisdom, and prepared the way for your Son's walk on the earth. Through your Spirit he took on flesh and blood, and was born of the Virgin Mary. He taught us to give of ourselves, in love for you and one another. Because of your everlasting love for us, he gave of himself, even to suffering, and carried the burdens of your people. You fulfilled your love for us through his resurrection, reconciling us to you forever.

Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, Jesus took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said: "Take this all of you and eat it. This is my body which is given for you."

Háw'aa Saláanaa.*

When supper was ended, he took the cup. Again, he gave you thanks and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take this all of you and drink it. This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you, and for all, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me." **Háw'aa Saláanaa.***

Creator, Great Spirit, Holy One, we offer you this living bread and this life saving cup, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of Mother Earth, to make them holy, so that they might become for us the Body and Blood of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. As we offer ourselves to you, in union with all whom you join together in Jesus, may your Spirit move ✠ mightily among us and powerfully within us.

Let not our ears grow deaf to your call, but open them to hear your voice in the wind. Let not our eyes grow dim because of selfishness and sin, but open them to see your gifts in all creation. Let not our hearts grow cold with bitterness, but soften them to grow in brightness and strength, and to grow in love for you and all your creation.

Guide our footsteps that we may walk a straight path in truth and kindness. Bless our hands that we will always reach out with love to one another. Bless us with wisdom to follow the right directions, so that we may have the courage we need to face each new sunrise and sunset, as we strive to complete our circle.

Remembering all of our "Nonnies and Chinnies"**, Blessed John the Baptist, Blessed John the Evangelist, and all our relations who have begun their heavenly life, may we join in union with them, and with all your saints, to give you glory through your Son Jesus the Christ. Through Jesus, with Jesus, and in Jesus, in the unity of the Spirit who draws us together, all glory and honour are yours, for ever and ever. **Háw'aa Saláanaa. Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther in heav'n, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come, your
will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly
bread, for - give us our sins, as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil, for the
king - dom, the pow'r and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Silence is kept.

Let your Church be the salmon that bears its fruit in dying.

**If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
If we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Háw'aa Saláanaa. Amen. *

Please request a gluten-free wafer if required or a blessing if desired.

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

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, and seal us with your Holy Spirit. We ask this in Christ's name. **Amen.**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DRUM SONG

A travelling song

BLESSING

May the grace of Jesus Christ our risen Lord, the love of God who raised him from the dead, and the power of the Holy Spirit who fills the world with new life, bless you ☩ and keep you, this day and for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 598

Go to the World

DISMISSAL

Go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

<i>Presider & Preacher</i>	Cdr (ret'd) the Very Reverend Baxter Park
<i>Assisting Priest</i>	BGen (ret'd) the Venerable John Fletcher
<i>Deacon</i>	The Reverend Dr Caroline Ducros
<i>Organist</i>	Barb Hallam-Price
<i>Drummers</i>	Members of the Aylmer Drumming Circle

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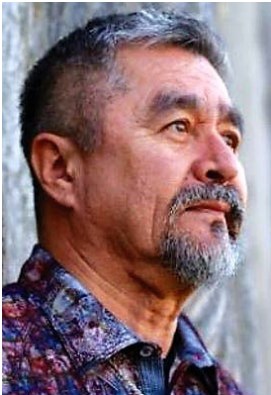
*"Háw'aa Saláanaa" means "Thank you Jesus" in the Haida language.

**Nonnies and Chinnies", is how the Haida words for "Grandmothers and Grandfathers" are pronounced.



We welcome, as our guest Presider and Preacher this morning, Commander (ret'd) the Very Reverend Baxter Park, Dean Emeritus, of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland, and retired Royal Canadian Navy Command Chaplain.

As a member of a founding family of the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation in Newfoundland, and adopted member of the Raven Clan of the Haidia First Nation, Baxter served as Indigenous Affairs advisor for three Chaplains General, and as their representative to the Defence Aboriginal Advisory Group. He also served on the Eco-justice Committee of our National Church and as a member of the Council of General Synod.



The image on the cover of this week's bulletin is of a lithograph by the renowned West Coast indigenous artist, Henry Roy Vickers, entitled "Easter 1985".

Vickers grew up in an Anglican Church community in the Tsimshian village of Kitkala, BC. He has received many awards and honours for his art and community involvement. Among them are included: the Order of British Columbia; the Order of Canada; hereditary chieftainship; and the several hereditary names he has received from Northwest Coast First Nations.