

# SUNDAY MORNING ONLINE WORSHIP

June 21, 2020 at 10 a.m.

National Indigenous Day of Prayer

St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Kamloops BC

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*Pat Rustand is at the piano today; Dean Ken leads the music; Lincoln McKoen, Bishop Elect reflects on NIDP; Dennis Saddleman shares two poems; Amy Charlie leads us in the Lord's Prayer*

*Music is played as folks gather online*

Welcome and Territorial acknowledgement

Melissa Green

Introduction

Established in 1996, National Indigenous Peoples Day falls annually on June 21. Occurring this year on a Sunday, we have a great opportunity to participate and share knowledge about indigenous persons' values, customs, languages, and culture. Acknowledging the systemic racism across our land, we can in a timely manner repent and return to the Lord and to those we have injured.

Although the three Indigenous Peoples groups in Canada—First Nations, Inuit, and Métis—share many similarities, they each have their own distinct heritage, language, cultural practices, and spiritual beliefs. There is much diversity among these peoples. National Indigenous Persons Day provides an opportunity to acknowledge the unique and outstanding achievements and contributions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit and to show pride in their accomplishments.

We are so grateful for the community of Anglicans who identify as indigenous in our Territory. We acknowledge their pain, and are inspired by their faith, resilience, wisdom and strength. Kukwstsetsemc

We begin today with an act of repentance, knowing that the healing and reconciliation journey must be accompanied by truth-telling and genuine contrition. Confession lets us set down the heavy things we carry with us, putting us in right relationship with one another & with God.

For all that separates our hearts from God and from all that closes our eyes to God's love...      silence

For what we have done, left undone, and what has been done on our behalf...  
silence

For the pride that prevents us from forgiving others, as we have been forgiven...  
silence

We pray together **Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.**

HYMN      Music: MV 1

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach

beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

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## COLLECT

Dean Ken

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.**

## 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. 40:25-31

Hear what the Spirit says to all people

Thanks be to God

## PSALM 19

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 offence.**

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

## A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

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. 4:4-9

Hear what the Spirit says to all people      **Thanks be to God**

HYMN      CP 621

1. Before the world began one Word was there;  
grounded in God he was, rooted in care;  
by him all things were made;  
in him was love displayed;  
through him God spoke and said, 'I am for you.'

2. Life found in him its source; death found its end;  
light found in him its course, darkness its friend,  
for neither death nor doubt  
nor darkness can put out  
the glow of God, the shout: 'I am for you.'

3. The Word was in the world which from him came;  
unrecognized he was, unknown by name;  
one with all humankind,

with the unloved aligned,  
convincing sight and mind: 'I am for you.'

4. All who received the Word by God were blessed;  
sisters and brothers they of earth's fond guest.  
So did the Word of Grace  
proclaim in time and space  
and with a human face, 'I am for you.'

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## 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 4 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. 1:1-18  
The Gospel of Christ     **Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

Reflection

Bishop Elect Lincoln McKoen

Two Poems, written and read by Dennis Saddleman (Word Warrior)

Aboriginal Day  
Reborn

Prayers of the People

Dean Ken

Local intentions are offered first, after which we pray . . .

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 is now shared by Pastoral Elder Amy Charlie in her own language.

Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving

Dean Ken

On behalf of myself, wardens and committee members, I acknowledge the generous financial support of so many through these challenging times. To those who contribute electronically, through envelopes received by post or in other ways, I say THANK YOU and offer this short blessing in relation to your generous gifts.

O God, the protector and giver of all, bless those gifts given which support your ministry in Anglican tradition and practice in and through St. Paul's. As we know and live into Your blessing O God, may others be similarly blessed. In Christ's name we pray, **Amen.**

Announcements and 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 Savior, who redeems and befriends us; and the Spirit, who enlightens and sustains us, be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Great God, your love has called us here  
as we, by love, for love were made.  
Your living likeness still we bear,  
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.  
We come, with all our heart and mind  
your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains  
of broken trust and chosen wrong,  
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,  
by social forces swept along,  
by powers and systems close confined,  
yet seeking hope for humankind.

Great God, in Christ you call our name  
and then receive us as your own,  
not through some merit, right or claim,  
but by your gracious love alone.  
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat  
and find you kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel, and break the bread,  
and humble us, and call us friends.  
Suffer and serve till all are fed,  
and show how grandly love intends  
to work till all creation sings,  
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Great God, in Christ you set us free  
your life to live, your joy to share.  
Give us your Spirit's liberty  
to turn from guilt and dull despair  
and offer all that faith can do  
while love is making all things new.

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*A short postlude is played*