



OUTDOOR SERVICE

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The National Indigenous Day of Prayer

The Cathedral Church of Saint George

21 June 2026 • 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to St George's Cathedral

We're so glad you're here. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, this Cathedral is a house of prayer for all people, and you are always welcome. We hope that following the service you will stay for a time of fellowship with lemonade and ice cream in the shade. If this is your first time here, please do make yourself known to a member of the clergy. We are thrilled that you have decided to worship with us this morning and hope to welcome you again! Please note that water and accessible washrooms are available in the Cathedral via the Wellington Street entrance – a sidesperson can direct you.

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that in Kingston we are situated on traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Huron Wendat peoples. We seek a new relationship with the original peoples of this land, one rooted in and based upon honour and deep respect.

About this Service

June 21 marks the National Indigenous Day of Prayer in the Anglican Church of Canada. On this sacred day, we gather on the Cathedral lawn to offer our prayers and thanksgiving, rejoicing in the beauty of God's creation.

This service includes the celebration of Holy Communion, as it does each Sunday at 10:30am, but in a more relaxed and informal setting. Please feel free to participate in whatever way is most comfortable for you – whether remaining seated throughout or following the liturgical directions to stand as able.

Leading the Service

The Reverend Dr. Reagan Gale, *preacher*
The Very Reverend Douglas Michael, *presider*
Mark Hauser & John MacFarlane, *musicians*

Sunday School Children & Youth, *readers and intercessors*
Derek Falkner & Gerald Courage, *servers*
Jim Anderson & Honourary Associate Priests, *lay ministers*
Heather Buchan & Brian Hinchey, *sidespeople*

Eucharistic Prayer

Book of Alternative Services: Eucharistic Prayer #4

Service Propers

The Anglican Church of Canada (2024): The Most Rev. Chris Harper, The Rev. John Morrell

The Gathering *of the* Community

Gathering Hymn | Sung by all.



Morning has broken
Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
Fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from Heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where his feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight,
Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light
Eden saw play.

Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's re-creation
Of the new day!

The people are seated.

Words of Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

The people stand as able at the invitation of the Celebrant.

The Opening Acclamation

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

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

People **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis | Said by all .

Celebrant

Glory to God in the highest

People

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect for the National Indigenous Day of Prayer .

Celebrant

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.

People

Amen.

The people are seated.

The Proclamation *of the Word*

The First Lesson | 1 Samuel 17

God's people had some scary enemies, but the Philistines were the scariest of them all. And now the Philistines had come to fight them. The Philistines had a secret weapon, called "Goliath". Goliath was a terrifying soldier, and – worst of all – a GIANT! A giant so strong, and so tall, and so scary that no one had ever been able to fight him and live to tell the tale. So there they were: The Philistines standing on the top of one hill; God's people standing on top of the other. Every day, Goliath came out and shouted, "Send your best soldier to fight me! If he wins, we will be your slaves!" No one spoke, no one moved.

"Chickens!" Goliath bellowed. "Your God can't save you! I'll rip your heads off and have you on toast!" His beady, greedy eyes glowered at them hungrily from under his horrible helmet – as if any minute he really might just gobble them all up. And he laughed his terrible laugh. "Ha-Ha-Ha-Ha" it boomed, echoing horribly around and around the dry, dry valley.

Well, Goliath might just as well have been a green, slimy monster with three heads because God's people froze with fear. Their eyes glazed over; and they turned deathly pale. They knew if someone didn't do something quick, if someone didn't save them.

But God would do something. He would send someone to save them.

Now, you remember that David was the youngest son of Jesse? Well his brothers were soldiers in the army. One day, when David brought his brothers their lunches, he saw Goliath – and he saw how scared everyone was. “Don’t be afraid!” David said. “I’ll fight him for you!” “You’re only a little shepherd boy,” the king said, “and Goliath is a great soldier. How will you fight him?” “God will help me!” David said.

So the king gave David his royal armour to wear, but it was too heavy and too big and David couldn’t even walk. “I won’t need this”, David said. Instead, David picked out five smooth stones from the stream – one, two, three, four, five – took his slingshot and walked towards Goliath. Step. Step. Step.

Goliath walked towards David. THUD. THUD. THUD. “You?” Goliath peered down at the small boy. “I’m little!” David shouted up to him. “But God is great!” Goliath laughed an even terrible laugh than usual. “HAAAA – HA – HA – HAAAA!” it went. With just one swing of giant sword, Goliath could finish the boy off. But David kept going, “It isn’t how strong you are or how many swords and spears you have that will save you – it is God who save you! This is God’s battle. And God always wins his battles!” David put a stone in his sling, swung it around – and let it go. The little stone flew WHIZZ like a bullet through the air and struck Goliath THUD right between the eyes. Goliath stopped laughing. He stumbled...and staggered...and CRASH! Fell dead.

When the Philistines saw Goliath was dead, they ran away. And when God’s people saw them running away, they cheered. God has saved his people. David was a hero!

Many years later, God would send his people another young Hero to fight for them. And to save them: But this Hero would fight the greatest battle the world has ever known.

<i>Reader</i>	The word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 | The people repeat the refrain as indicated.

Reader 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.

***People* The statutes of the Lord rejoice the heart.**

Reader 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.

***People* The statutes of the Lord rejoice the heart.**

Reader 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.

People **The statutes of the Lord rejoice the heart.**

Reader 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.

People **The statutes of the Lord rejoice the heart.**

Reader 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.

People **The statutes of the Lord rejoice the heart.**

Reader 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.

People **The statutes of the Lord rejoice the heart.**

The Second Lesson | 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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able.

Refrain

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be
sung from moun - tains high. Sing a new song
un - to the Lord, sing-ing al - le - lu - ia.

Verses

1. Shout with glad - ness! Dance for joy! O come be -
2. Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior
3. Glad my soul for I have seen the glo - ry
fore the Lord. And play for God on
now has come. † He has turned your
of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the
D.C.
glad tam - bou - rines, and let your trum - pet sound.
sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.
dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

The Holy Gospel | Luke 15: 1-10

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

A large crowd had surrounded Jesus to hear him speak. Among them were the Pharisees, who strictly observed and upheld the Jewish law. The Pharisees were horrified to see tax collectors and people who were law-breakers gathered around Jesus. They muttered to each other against him. “This man even eats with these sinners,” they said.

But Jesus welcomed everyone, explaining that he had come to care for outcasts and all these who needed him. Then he told a story, which compared God to a shepherd. “God,” he said, “is like a good shepherd with a flock of a hundred sheep. If he sees that one sheep is lost, that shepherd will leave the ninety-nine others and search the mountainside for his lost sheep. When he finds it, he will return home full of joy. He will rejoice more over the return of the one that had strayed than over all the rest of the flock that remained safe in the fold. “For it is the will of God that no one, however, humble, shall be lost.”

Jesus then told the people another story about how much each person matters to God. “Again, think of the woman who has ten pieces of silver: if she discovers one is missing, she lights her candle and searches the house until she finds it. And when she has found it, she will call her friends and neighbours together so they may rejoice with her. “Look,” she said to them. “How happy I am to have found the coin that was lost!” “Just so, there is great joy among the angels in heaven when even one person turns away from wrong-doing.”

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Sermon | The Rev. Dr. Reagan Gale

Silence may be kept. The people stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

People **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten
of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things
were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:**

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come
Amen.

The people adopt a posture of prayer as they wish.

The Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant

Most merciful God,

People

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.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

The people stand as able.

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.



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The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able.



This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought.

3 This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!

2 This is my Father's world:
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

Terra Beata
arr. Franklin L. Sheppard 1852-1930

Maltbie D. Babcock 1858-1901

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant

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.

People

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus | Said by all.

People **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

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

People

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Communion

Celebrant

The gifts of God for the People of God.

People

Thanks be to God.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion in this church. Please move forward at the direction of the ushers. You may receive the bread in open and outstretched hands, responding: "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you prefer not to receive wine from the common cup, you may simply touch the base of the chalice, again responding: "Amen." Should you wish to receive a blessing, please indicate that to the priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

The Prayer After Communion

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

The people stand as able.

The Blessing

Celebrant May the Creator watch over you.
May the Spirit guide and lead you.
May Jesus be present in all that you do.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you, within you and surrounding you and those you love, this day and always.

People **Amen.**

Final Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able.



Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

3 Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

4 Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Kelvingrove
Traditional Scottish melody

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The Dismissal

Deacon

Go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

People

Thanks be to God.

All are invited to join us for the parish picnic following the service.

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