

**National Indigenous
Day of Prayer**

Pentecost 4

Sunday, June 20th, 2021



St. Luke's Garden, Ottawa.
"Truth, Healing, Reconciliation"



Land Acknowledgment

Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon.

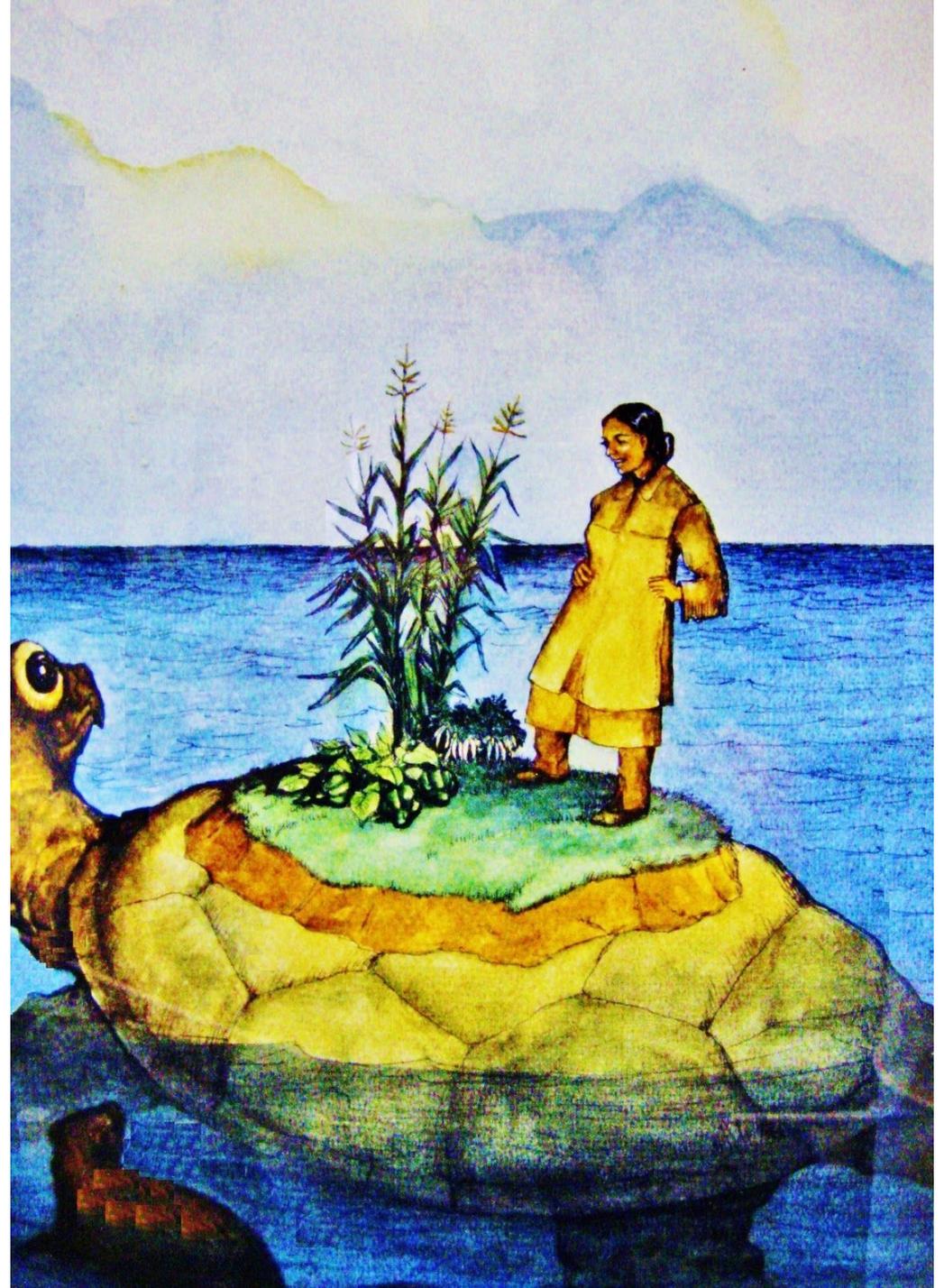
We recognize that we are on the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people, the Mohawk and Abenaki, the first people of this land. We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred in this land.

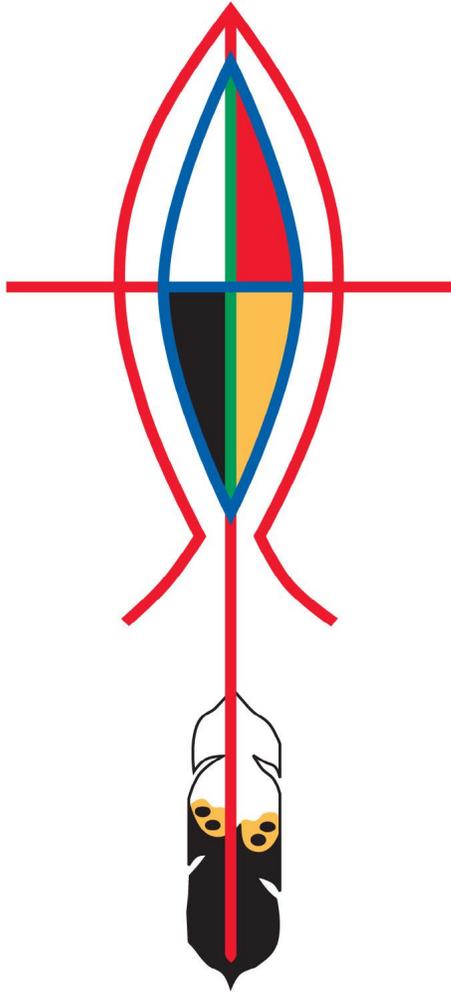
We are thankful for the gifts of the People of the land. Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.

God Who Gives to Life its Goodness (Common Praise #428)

God who gives to life its goodness,
God creator of all joy,
giver of all human freedom
God who blesses tool and toy:
teach us now to laugh and praise you,
deep within your praises sing,
till the whole creation dances,
for the goodness of its King.

God who fills the earth with beauty,
God who binds each friend to friend,
giver of all human talent,
God who wills that chaos ends:
grant us now creative spirits,
minds responsive to your mind,
hearts and wills your rule extending,
all our acts by love defined.





Honouring the Four Directions

Come Great Spirit, as we gather in your name.

We face East:

To your symbol colour Red, the hue of revelation;
To your animal symbol the Eagle, strong and nurturing;
To your lessons calling us to the balance of your Spirit in Harmony
with brothers and sisters;
To invoke your wisdom and grace, the goodness of the ages,
We pray: ***COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.***

We turn to face South:

To your symbol colour Gold for the morning star.
To your symbol Brother Sun that enlightens our intellect and brings
light on our path to live responsibly;
To your lessons calling us to balance of Mind in the Spirit of
humility;
To invoke your spirit of illumination and far-sighted vision;
Help us to love you and one another with our whole heart,
our whole mind, and our whole soul,
We pray: ***COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.***

We turn to face West:

To your symbol colour Black, still and quiet.

To your animal symbol the Thunderbird;

To your symbol the Thunder mighty and purposeful;

To your lessons calling us to balance our emotions in the spirit of Gentleness and Honesty;

To invoke your spirit of introspection, seeing within;

Give us your strength and the courage to endure,

We pray: ***COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.***

We turn to face North:

To your symbol colour white of clarity and brightness.

To your animal symbol the swan which brings us in touch with Mother Earth and growing things;

To your lessons calling us to balance of our Body in the spirit of a good sense of humor; To invoke your spirit of innocence, trust and love; Help us to open our eyes to the sacredness of every living thing,

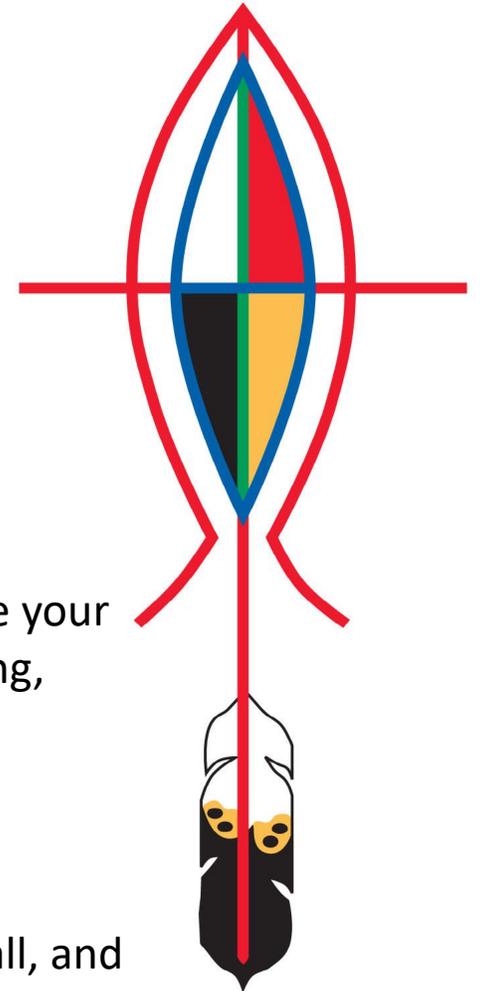
We pray: ***COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.***

We turn to complete the circle and to look:

To God, our Creator who cleanses our Mother Earth with snow, wind and rain;

To Jesus Christ, the Peacemaker who fills us with the wideness of mercy and Lovingly embraces all, and the Holy Spirit who inspires us to action:

COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.





1 Rejoice today with one accord,
sing out with exultation;
rejoice and praise our mighty Lord,
whose arm hath brought salvation.
His works of love proclaim
the greatness of his name;
for he is God alone,
who hath his mercy shown:
let all his saints adore him!

2 When in distress to him we cried
he heard our sad complaining;
O trust in him. what'er betide,
his love is all-sustaining.
Triumphant songs of praise
to him our hearts shall raise:
now every voice shall say,
"O praise our God alway";
let all his saints adore him!

(CP #318)

A Litany for the Healing and Restoration of our Church

From the Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land, 2017

Holy Creator, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,
Have mercy on us.

Risen Christ, through whom the whole creation is reconciled to God,
Have mercy on us.

Life-giving Spirit, whose love and truth fills the world and searches
the depths of our lives,
Have mercy on us.

Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,
Have mercy on us.

From our failure to recognize and respect the revelation of your truth and love in the First Peoples of this land,
Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our participation in the systematic oppression of indigenous sovereignty, language, culture and spirituality,
Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our role in the Indian Residential Schools designed to eliminate the unique society, wisdom and beauty of the indigenous peoples of this land, **Saviour, forgive and heal us.**

From our complicit tolerance of the decimation of Indigenous family structures leaving children vulnerable to abuses of every kind, **Saviour, forgive and heal us.**

From our continued acceptance of unjust legal, educational, health and social structures that continue to oppress and destroy the lives of many indigenous people, **Saviour, forgive and heal us.**



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.

Our First Reading Isaiah 2:2-4

(First Nations Version)

In the last days, The Great Spirit will be the one to stand between many nations to show them the pathway of peace. His guidance will teach them how to make their weapons of war into tools to work the ground and grow good medicine. Their spears will be made into planting sticks and their tomahawks will be used to trim the vines.

Nations will no longer lift up the arrow and the bow to fight against other nations. They will never learn the ways of war, but will walk together on a path of peace.



Psalm 133

Proper 15 A

Response

Andrew Moore

cf. v. 5 The Lord's bles-sing is life for e - ver.



- 1 Behold how good and pleasant it is
to dwell together in unity. R
- 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head,
running down upon the beard. R
- 3 Even on Aaron's beard,
running down upon the collar of his clothing. R
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon
running down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has promised his blessing:
even life for evermore. R





Our Second Reading

(First Nations Version of the New Testament)

A New Sacred Lodge

Ephesians 2:19-22

Now we are all his holy people and members of one nation. No one is outside of this great family that our Father is creating. We are all related to one another and initiated into Creator's Lodge that is built together with wooden poles – the message bearers and prophets of old. Creator Sets Free (Jesus) is the main pole binding us together, like branches being weaved into his Sacred Lodge. Joined together in this way, we all become a dwelling place for his Spirit.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church/ Thanks be to God.

Spirit Island, Jasper National Park



“We Won’t Forget You” recorded and filmed with students from Sk'elep School of Excellence in Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, Kamloops, British Columbia.

John 1:1-14 (First Nations Version of the New Testament)

Long ago, in the time before all days, before the creation of all things, the Word was there, face to face with the Great Spirit. This Word fully represents Creator and shows us who he is and what he is like. He has always been there from the beginning, for the Word and Creator are one and the same. Through the Word all things came into being, and not one thing exists that he did not create.

Creator's life shined out from the Word, giving light to all human beings. This is the true light that comes to all the peoples of the world and shines on everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it or put it out.

Into the wilderness of the Land of Promise (Judea) came a man name *He Shows Goodwill* (John). He was sent by the Great Spirit to tell what he knew about the Light, so everyone could believe. He was not the Light but came to speak the truth about the Light. The true Light that shines on all people was coming into the darkness of the world.

He came down into this world, and even though he made all things, the world did not recognize him. Even his own tribe did not welcome or honor him. But all who welcome and trust him receive their birthright as children of the Great Spirit. They are born not from a human father's plans or desires, but born from above – by the Great Spirit.

Creator's Word became a flesh and blood human being and pitched his sacred tent among us, living as one of us. We looked upon his great beauty and saw how honorable he was, the kind of honor held only by this one Son who fully represents his Father – full of his great kindness and truth.

The Sermon by
Janet Allingham



The Bentwood Box: Carved by Coast Salish Artist Luke Marston. The Truth and Reconciliation Bentwood Box is a lasting tribute to all Indian Residential School Survivors. The Box travelled with the TRC to all of its official events.

Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth. (CP #575)

Give freedom's light to captives; let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading; the workers claim their rights,
The mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron power.
Abolish ancient vengeance. Proclaim your people's hour.

For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end.
For love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together: knit our lives as they are spun.
On your loom of life enrol us till the thread of life is run.
O great Weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one.
Dye our texture with your radiance, light our colours with your sun.

Your city's built for music: we are the stones you seek.
Your harmony is language. We are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service, our hope in other's dreams.
Our love in hand of neighbour. Our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice, your way – the path untried:
Your truth – the heart of stranger, your life – the Crucified.



Prayers of the People (led by the Rev. Sinpoh Han)

Creator and Redeemer, as we approach you in prayer, make us walk in beauty and balance, make us open our hearts and minds, make us speak the truth. We pray first for your Community, the Church, The Body of Christ. We pray for all our relatives in the circle of life throughout all Creation; for those chosen to be our leaders and teachers.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God,

We call upon the earth, our Mother and home, with its beautiful depths, soaring heights and deep waters, its vitality and abundance of life, and together we ask that she:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the mountains and tundra, the high green valleys and prairies filled with wild flowers, the snows, the summits of intense silence, and we ask that they:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon upon the land which grows our food, the nurturing soil, the fertile fields, the abundant gardens and orchards, and we ask that they:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the forests, the great trees reaching strongly to the sky with earth in their roots and the heavens in their branches, the fir and the pine, the cedar and the maple, we ask them to:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the creatures of the fields and forests and the waters, our brothers and sisters the wolves and deer, the eagle and bear, the great whales and the fish. We ask them to:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon all those who have lived on this earth, our ancestors and our friends, who dreamed the best for future generations, and upon whose lives our lives are built, and with thanksgiving, we call upon them to:

Teach us and show us the way.

Prayers led by
Pamela Dillon

“Let my prayer
rise up
like incense
before
You.”

– Psalm 141:2



Collect of the Day

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



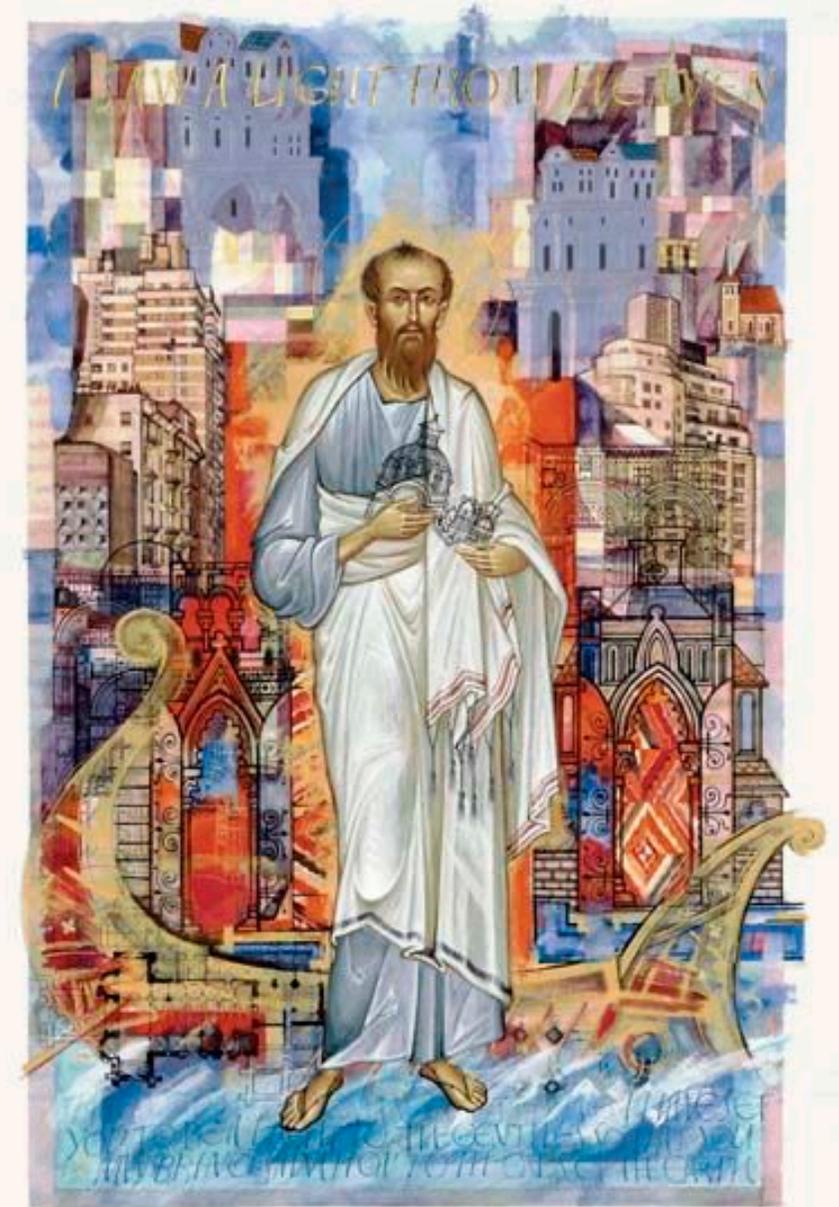
Jesus Christ, our leader, you are the Son of the Creator. Today we became your children, today we became your grandchildren. We will live as you have taught us. We will follow your commandments. Watch over us. Speak to us from the trees, from the grass and herbs, from the breeze, from the passing rain, from the passing thunder and the deep waters. Before us there is beauty, behind us there is beauty. Allow us to walk a long life in happiness completed in beauty. Amen.
(From the Liturgy of St. John's, Red Lake, MN)

The 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.

(Blessing attributed to The Rt. Rev. John Shelby Spong)



from The St John's Illuminated Bible
Life of St. Paul

1 **Now thank we all our God,** (CP #399)

with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and nourish us with grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
eternal now be given,
to Spirit and to Word,
who reign in highest heaven:
our ever faithful God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.



The Original People Leading to the Eighth Fire, the mural presents the stories of the indigenous peoples who first walked the land where Roncesvalles Village (in Toronto) now stands. By Philip Cote and Jim Thierry Bravo.

In the name of the Light
that came into the world,
go in peace.
Thanks be to God.

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