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## **A SERVICE MORNING PRAYER: NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY<sup>1</sup>**

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*Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Anglican Church of Canada is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.*

### **National Indigenous Peoples Day**

#### **The Gathering of the Community**

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 give thanks to the Mi'kma'ki, the first people of this land. We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred in this land. We are also 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.



**Gathering Hymn:** CP 414 God Of The Sparrow

#### **The 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.**

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from various liturgies within the ACC.

## The Proclamation of the Word

### First Reading: Isaiah 40:25-31

**T**o 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.

Reader: *Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church*

All: **Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows the handiwork of the Lord.

**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 God 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 they offend? 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 offense.

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

**Second Reading:** Philippians 4:4-9

**R**ejoice 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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**Gradual Hymn:** G&P 683 Christ Be Our Light

**The Holy Gospel:** John 1:1-18

Reader The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

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

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

**I**n 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.

Reader:           The Gospel of Christ

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

Sermon           The Rev. Dr. Kyle Wagner, Rector

Found online at: <https://www.christchurchdartmouth.com/sermons.html>

### **An Affirmation of Faith:**

**We believe in the love of God, embodied in the person of Jesus, spread through the cosmos by the Holy Spirit.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

We pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, our Primate Linda Nichols, and our Diocesan Bishop and Metropolitan Ron Cutler.

We pray for those parishes and clergy on the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Paul's, Halifax, Nova Scotia

The Reverend Dr. Paul Friesen and Janet

The Reverend Canon Gordon Redden, Honorary Assistant, and Mary Lu

The Reverend Neale Bennet, Honorary Assistant, and Sharon

The Reverend Debra Burleson, Honorary Assistant, and Chris

The Reverend Michael Tutton, Associate Parish Priest

Trinity, Halifax, Nova Scotia

The Reverend Benjamin Lee, Rector, and Andrea

Emmanuel, Spryfield, Nova Scotia

The Reverend Michelle Bull, and Charles

St. Peter's, Birch Cove, Nova Scotia

The Reverend Elliott Siteman

*We pray for those who are offering themselves as nominees for Diocesan Bishop*

Archdeacon Katherine Bourbonniere, The Reverend Carl Fraser, The Reverend Sandra Fyfe, The Reverend Elliott Siteman

For our Christ Church family: Judy & Steve Wood, Heather & Michael Wood, Janet & Tom Wortman, Joy, Amanda & David Young, Beverly & John Zinck.

For those in need: Kathleen Eyland, Les, Rick, Carol B., Rene, Rainer, Jamie, Melba, John, Heather, Lyn, Sheila, Peter, Phyllis, Michael, Joanne, Edith, Jean, Joey, Brad, Sally, Bob, Neil, Christine.

Dearly Departed: Clifford "Cliff" Eyland, Shirley Bays

**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:

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

## Offering Hymn: CP 408 Wind Upon The Waters

You can donate your offering online if you wish by visiting:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/parish-of-christ-church-dartmouth/>

*Leader:* Yours, Lord, is the greatness,  
the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

## The Lord's Prayer

*Officiant* 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.**

## Doxology

*Officiant* *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.**

## The Blessing

*Officiant*

May God Bless you with anger  
At injustice, oppression,  
And exploitation of people.  
So that you may work for  
Justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears,  
To shed for those who suffer pain,  
Rejection, hunger and war,  
So that you may reach out your hand  
To comfort them and  
To turn their pain to joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness  
To believe that you can  
Make a difference in the world,  
So that you can do  
What others claim cannot be done  
To bring justice and kindness  
To all our children and the poor.

Amen.

*A Franciscan blessing.*

**Closing Hymn: G&P 749 We Are Called**

**Dismissal**

Minister: In the name of the Light that came into the world go in peace.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission at Christ Church is to be a welcoming Christian community committed to enabling each other to grow through worship, spiritual fellowship and service, following the example of Christ.

*We are an affirming church, and we offer a warm welcome to people of all walks of life. This is a safe space for everyone as we are all created in the image of God.*

*We gratefully acknowledge that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.*

**Reading Ahead for June 28<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday After Pentecost:** GENESIS 22:1-14; PSALM 13; ROMANS 6:12-23; MATTHEW 10:40-42

## **Parish Announcements**

Food Bank needs your HELP! Many of our dedicated and valued volunteers are not able to help during these challenging Covid19 times. As we await the return to “normal” we need your help on Wednesday mornings and Thursday mornings.

On Wednesdays we gather around 7:45 to prepare for the arrival of the shipment from Feed Nova Scotia. When the truck arrives we unload the pallets (2), sort the groceries, prepare up to 20 boxes for delivery to the most vulnerable identified by Feed NS, and prepare the food that will be given away on Thursday morning. We can use 4 to 5 people per week. This can be heavy work and requires lifting, bending, etc. Our hope is to set up a rotational schedule, “many hands make light work”. You are welcome to come for any amount of time you can spare 1 to 4 hours.

Thursday mornings, currently 8am to 11am, food is given out to clients from the Lower Hall door. This requires 4 people, ideally, a greeter, someone handing out the groceries, and 2 people “running” to the pantry/freezer stocking the groceries at the door.

If you have volunteered in the past, please know you are welcome, your experience and you are missed. To those of you who have considered volunteering please email [christchurch@christchurchdartmouth.com](mailto:christchurch@christchurchdartmouth.com)

If you are looking for a way to support the Black Lives Matter movement here in Nova Scotia movement consider supporting the Black Lives Solidarity Fund, <https://www.gofundme.com/f/black-lives-matter-solidarity-fund-ns> . This fund was created on March 17, 2020 to serve Black community members in Nova Scotia impacted by COVID-19. Due to a recent influx in donations, the organization is continuing to support applications from Black community members in need.

**Birthdays are a special time** in the lives of our Christ Church family, and we want to ensure we recognize these happy occasions together, even though we cannot be physically together right now. The first Sunday in each month we will celebrate birthdays in that month. If you have a birthday in April or May, we invite you to send an email with your name and birthdate to Libby LaVette (emlevatte@gmail.com) and Reverend Kyle will acknowledge you with a “birthday blessing” during the service the first Sunday of the month (on zoom)

### **Christ Church ZOOM Gatherings**

Alpha Online June 22nd at 7:00pm

Topic: Alpha Online

Time: Jun 22, 2020 07:00 PM Atlantic Time (Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85183917376?pwd=VHV5YTdlZ3NIL2QrUzFzQU9LT2k4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 851 8391 7376

Password: Contact the parish office

Parish Council for June 23rd at 7:00pm

Topic: Parish Council June 23rd

Time: Jun 23, 2020 07:00 PM Atlantic Time (Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85234077941?pwd=RGVORGVTUWNZT3pHOGV2cjNmZlRZQT09>

Meeting ID: 852 3407 7941

Password: contact the parish office

Theology on Tap with PWRDF Executive Director Will Postma June 25th at 7:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89193032059?pwd=VmlSbi9OTVRSTW93aXprYXplQ0F6QT09>

Meeting ID: 891 9303 2059

Password: Contact the parish office.

### **Zoom Sunday School: Peace on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm**

For more than 20 years the Hadad family has shipped specialty treats all across the Middle East.

After coming to Canada, with the support of the people of Nova Scotia, the Hadad family have rebuilt their chocolate company and are once again doing they work we love.

Please join us as we welcome Tareq Hadhad as we explore Peace and how we can share it with the world!

Zoom details closer to event.

Open to all members of the parish and community.

## **Coffee and Conversation**

## Directory of Parish Officers

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### Rector

The Rev. Dr. Kyle Wagner, BA, MDiv, DMin

### Pastoral Visitor

The Rev. Bonnie Baird, BJ, MDiv

### Parish Administrator

John Gallant, BA

### Director of Music

John Bogardus

### Sexton

Pam Fisher

### Honorary Assistants

The Rev. Canon Dr. Jody Clarke

(Theologian in Residence)

The Rev. Canon Peter MacDonald

The Rev. Canon David Greenwood

### Lay Reader

Vanessa Turner, Libby LeVatte (in training)

### Wardens

Christine Hoehne, Steve Smith, Don Murray

### Altar Guild

Marg Seaman

### Chair of Finance

John MacDonald

### Youth Ministry

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