

This year we're celebrating Mijipjewey Na Mawa'luksi'k (Food Gathers Us Together)

Food and its significance in Mi'kmaw culture

Food gathers us together for celebration, nourishment and comfort. It is central to our ceremonies, considered part of our medicines, and key to our resiliency. Sharing freely honours each other and blesses our families and communities so no one is harmed or struggles. The long-ago treaties with the first plants and animals of Mi'kma'ki require us to love and to protect msit no'kmag (all our relations). Living through the values and ways of netukulimk over thousands of years has carried our communities through times of abundance and scarcity. Water is life! Our cultural practices protect the shorelines, estuaries, and aquatic habitats, where so much of our food is harvested. This protection is extraordinarily important to the ongoing treaty relationships among all living beings in Mi'kma'ki.

The Mi'kmag are the founding people of Nova Scotia with a history dating back more than 11,000 years! They remain the predominant Aboriginal group within the province. When the Mi'kmaq first encountered Europeans in the 16th and 17th centuries, their territory stretched from the southern portions of the Gaspé Peninsula eastward to most of modern-day New Brunswick, and all of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. This area was divided into seven smaller territories across what was known as Mi'kma'ki. Today, the Mi'kmaq live throughout the province. Nova Scotia has 13 Mi'kmaq First Nations with community populations ranging from 283 in the Annapolis Valley First Nation to 4,314 in the Eskasoni First Nation. In total, there are 16,245 registered people.



The Cathedral Church of All Saints October 13, 2024



Thanksgiving Sunday Mi'kmaw History Month

Wi'kipatmu'k Mi'kmawey -Honoring of the Mi'kmaw way

Prelude Music: *Nun Danket Alle Gott* Johann Christoph Oley (1638-1789) For the Beauty of the Earth arr. Matt Hyzer

Opening Hymn: CP 262

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come Tune: St. George's, Windsor

Children's Message



God of heaven and earth, we sing of your bounty and your goodness in the abundant harvest, in the changing seasons, and in the wonder of nature. With generous hearts, may we share what we have received with those who have little, so that none may hunger or thirst and all may know your wide justice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader A reading from I Timothy [2:1-8] First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God: there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument;

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **People** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126 (Congregation sings the bold text)



When the Lord restored the for/-tunes of Zion,* then were we like *I* those who dream.

Then was our mouth *I* filled with laughter,* and our tongue with *I* shouts of joy.

Then they said a-/mong the nations,*
"The Lord has done great *I* things for them."

The Lord has done great *I* things for us,* and we are *I* glad indeed.

Restore our for-/tunes, 0 Lord,* like the watercourses/ of the Negev.

Those who *I* sowed with tears* will reap with *I* songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carry-/ing the seed,* will come again with joy, shoulder-ling their sheaves.

The Gradual Hymn CP 429

For the Beauty of the Earth

Tune: Dix CP 160

The Gospel

All stand, as able, for the proclamation of the Gospel.

Deacon The Lord be with you **People And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [6:24-34]

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the Deacon says,

The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Preparation Hymn CP 83

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless Tune: St. Agnes



Today the Wine and Host, and the Bulletin are offered in Loving Memory of Jamie Cochran from Charlotte, John, Rob and families.

Hymn during the Communion: CP 314

Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum.

Laudate onmes gentes, laudate Cominum.

Sing praises, all you peoples, sing praises to the Lord.

Sing praises, all you peoples, sing praises to the Lord.

Source: The Taize Community

Sending Hymn CP 399

Now Thank We All Our God

Tune: Nun Danket

Piano Postlude: Benedetto Marcello {1868-1739) Psalm 19 "The Heavens are telling the glory of *God*"