

# The Cathedral Church of All Saints



National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 22, 2025



I am delighted to have you with us today for this service of worship. Please, stay awhile. Get to know us better. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

We at All Saints Cathedral Church, are a diverse lot, from many Christian backgrounds, non-Christian backgrounds, and no faith backgrounds. We come for Christian community, to find God in relationships with neighbours and new friends. We come for lessons from the incredible life of Jesus Christ. We come for spiritual rest, time to think, pray, and center on God, for comfort in hard times, and gratitude in good times. We come to serve God, each other, and the world. We're not perfect. We trust in God's gentle grace and unconditional love. We seek meaning for the life God has gifted us.

You are invited to God's table to receive communion (gluten free wafers are available). We welcome you, no matter who you are, or what you look like, or what labels the world puts on you. We welcome you if, like us, you struggle with flaws and imperfection but have a loving spirit and strive to let the light of Jesus shine within you and then to share it with others. We dare to welcome all because God, and not any human authority, extends this gracious invitation. If you wish not to receive Holy Communion you may still come forward for a blessing, simply fold your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. You are also welcomed to remain seated during this time.

In this leaflet, you will find most everything you need to follow along throughout the service. Whether you have been attending the Cathedral Church your whole life or this is your first time here, you are invited to participate in the service as fully as you feel comfortable doing and are able to.

Blessing to you,

*The Very Rev. Paul Smith, Rector,  
and Dean of the Cathedral Church of All Saints*

## **Prelude Music ~ Russ Hall**

*Prélude from Suite Bergamasque*

Claude Achille Debussy (1862-1918)

## **Welcome/Announcements**

## **Territorial Acknowledgement**

**Leader:** As we gather today, we acknowledge, with gratitude, that we do so on the traditional and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) People first signed with the British Crown in 1725. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

**People:** We give thanks for this land and all those who have been stewards of it; for their stories and for their lives – past, present, and future. We commit ourselves to prayerfully seek reconciliation, justice, and healing that we might listen and learn to be faithful stewards of this good land and live in right relationship.

*(Land Acknowledgement adapted from The Emmaus Community, Victoria, B.C.)*

## **Opening Hymn CP 397 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

Tune Nettleton

Guest Violinist: *Sophia Bass*

## **The Gathering of the Community**

*The presiding celebrant greets the community*

**Celebrant** God the Creator, the strength of the people, we honor you. Listen to the thoughts of your people. We respect the truth of your spirit world and care for your creations to the East, to the West, to the North and to the South. Help us to honour you by deeds and not words alone. We live by the ways you have entrusted to us within the circle of life.

**People** Come Holy Creator's Spirit, Come.

*Celebrant*  
*All*

Almighty God,  
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**

Glory to God in the highest,  
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.

## **Collect**

*All* 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

*from liturgy prepared by All Saint's Church, Minneapolis, MN*

## The Proclamation of the Word

### The First Reading

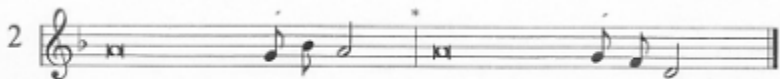
*Reader* A reading from Isaiah (40:25-31)

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.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### The Psalm Psalm 43



Give judgment for me, O god, and defend my cause  
against an un-/godly people;\*

**deliver me from the deceitful / and the wicked.**

For you are the God of my strength;

why have you put / me from you, \*

**and why do I go so heavily while the enemy op-/presses me?**

Send out your light and your truth, that / they may lead me, \*

**and bring me to your holy hill and / to your dwelling;**

that I may go to the altar of God,

to the God of my / joy and gladness; \*

**and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O / God my God.**

Why are you so full of heaviness, / O my soul? \*

**and why are you so disquiet-/ed within me?**

Put your / trust in God;\*  
**for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance / and my God.**

## **The Second Reading**

*Reader* A reading from the Letter to the Romans (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 honourable, 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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn** CP 541 *As Longs the Hart for Flowing Streams*

Tune: O Waly, Waly

## **Gospel Reading**

*All stand, as able, for the Gospel.*

*Deacon* The Lord be with you

*People* **And also with you.**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
John (1:1-18) FNV\*

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

Long ago, in the time before all days, before the creation of all things, the one who is known as the Word was there face to face with the Great Spirit. The Word fully represents Creator and show 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 into the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it or put it out. Into the wilderness of the Land of Promise (Judea) came a man named Gift of 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 this 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 in a new way, 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. Gift of Goodwill (John) told what he knew about him and cried out with a loud voice, "The one I have told you about is here! He comes after me, but is much greater – *my elder! He has more honor, for even though he is thought to be younger*, he existed before I was born." From the fullness of his being we have all had many gifts of kindness poured out on us. Drawn from the Water (Moses) gave us our tribal laws, but the gift of great kindness and truth came from Creator Sets Free (Jesus), the Chosen One. No one has ever seen the Great Spirit, but the one Son, who is himself the Great Spirit and closest to the Father's heart, has shown us what he is like.

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,*

The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Homily**    *The Rev. Canon Stephen Booth*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*The celebrant may invite the people, to join in the recitation of the creed.*

**Celebrant** Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People** *(Crafted by the Reader)*

### **Confession and Absolution**

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

*Silence is kept.*

**Celebrant** Most merciful God,  
**All** 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 Peace**

*All stand, and the presiding celebrant addresses the people.*

*Presider:* May we know the peace which the Spirit brings:  
a peace rooted in love, patience and self-control,  
shaped by kindness, generosity and faithfulness,  
marked by gentleness, and crowned with joy.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

**Preparation Hymn CP 73** *One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All*  
Tune: One Bread, One Body

### **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

#### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

*When the altar has been prepared,*

*All* 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. Amen.

# The Great Thanksgiving

## Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer

*(adapted from The Rev. Paul Jennings)*

*Celebrant* May Creator's Spirit be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to the holy Trinity.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Creator of all.

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

*Celebrant* Creator God, we give you thanks and praise for your generous love and goodness to us and to all people.

In the beginning, you formed our earth from the dust of stars.

In the beginning, you formed continents in the midst of the watery chaos.

In the beginning, you formed us from the same earth and breathed your Spirit into us. You sent us forth, East and West and North and South, to people your world, to love and care for the land, to live in harmony with you, with one another, and with all your creatures.

In our arrogance we have turned away from you, and turned against one another.

We have forgotten that we were fashioned of the earth;

we have exploited the earth and lorded over your creatures.

We have forgotten that we are all your children.

We have turned on one another with contempt and violence.

We have taken our brothers' and sisters' land.

We have attempted to rob them of their culture, their language, their pride, their dignity.

Yet in your infinite mercy you do not forsake us.

You send prophets and elders, to proclaim your Word, to impart your Wisdom, to call us back into right relations with the earth, with each other, and with you.

And so, with all of your creation, with the wolf and the loon, the birch and the bullrush, with the ancient rocks of our land, and the fiery Northern Lights, and with siblings everywhere of good faith, we join our voices in their unending hymn of praise:

*All*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed indeed is your child Creator Sets Free (Jesus), whom you sent among us to show us the face of your compassion.

He came to the disenfranchised and restored their dignity, reminding them that you dwell in them, and they bear your image.

He reached out to those broken in spirit with your healing power.

He gathered the children into the security of your love.

He confronted the powers with courage and non-violence.

He unmasked those who abused others in the name of religion.

In all things he showed us the path of respect and reconciliation.

On the night he was betrayed, Creator Sets Free (Jesus) shared a meal with his friends.

He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

*“Take this and share it. This is my body”*

*– given in solidarity with all who suffer contempt and oppression.*

After supper he took the cup, and passed it to them, saying:

*“Take this and share it. This is my blood”*

*– shed in love for all who suffer violence and injustice.*

*“Do this, whenever you gather, and remember.”*

Gracious Creator, as we offer you these fruits of the earth,  
we remember his death, which shows us your love for the hurting;  
we celebrate his resurrection, which assures us of your power to heal every hurt; we long for his coming again, when we will be truly reconciled in the peace and mutual respect you intend.

Send the Great Spirit upon these gifts, and upon our hearts so that they may be our spiritual food and drink.

Open our hearts to:

the Spirit of wisdom, who will lead us into all truth;

the Spirit of love, who will cast out all fear;

the Spirit of peace, who will comfort our troubled hearts;

the Spirit of truth, who will truly set us free.

Work through us, we pray, and through all your people,  
so that we may respectfully receive this feast and serve you in each other.  
To continue your work of reconciliation,  
to reknit the torn fabric of your world,  
to heal the broken hearts,  
and to bring all of us, of every language and culture, from East and West  
and North and South, to join in that wondrously diverse feast of your  
renewed Creation, to your eternal glory, Creator, Christ, and Spirit,  
forever and ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread for distribution*

*Celebrant:* Look, the body of Christ is broken  
for the life of the world.

*All:* **Here is Christ coming to us in bread and wine.**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**



*All are invited to come forward to the center aisle to receive  
the bread, or a blessing. (Gluten-free bread is available  
from the server). We also administer the wine of the*

*Eucharist. If you wish to receive, please take a cup from the table; you may leave the cup in the tray as you return to your seat.*

## **Hymn During Communion CP 634**

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

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Source: The Taizé Community

## **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 mind's strength to our bodies, and seal us with your Holy Spirit. We ask this in Christ's name. **Amen.**

*Then the following doxology may be said.*

*Celebrant* Glory to God,  
*All* 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.**

## **Blessing**

*Celebrant* 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.  
The blessing of God; the Creator, who made and knows .  
us all;  
the Savior, who redeems and befriends us all;  
and the Spirit, who enlightens and sustains us all;  
be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn CP 585 Lord, Whose Love in Humbler Service**

Tune: Beach Spring

**Dismissal** *by the Deacon in these or other words:*

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

**All** We go in the power of the Creator's Spirit!

**Postlude** *Menuet from Suite Bergamasque - Debussy*

**Thank you for Joining Us today!**

**\*\*As part of our Covid Protocols we dispensed with the practice of passing collection plates throughout the congregations. You will find offering plates at the front and side entrance of the Cathedral. We also have installed touchless "Tap" devices at the main entrance, or you may make electronic donations using the digital QR code below.**



**\*Today's Gospel Text:** This translation of the Good Story is dedicated to the Indigenous Peoples of Turtle Island (North America) – the Tribal Nations that call this land home. We pray the First Nations Version will bring healing to those who have suffered under the dominance of colonial governments who, with the help of churches and missionary organizations, took our land, our languages, our cultures, and even our children. As our Tribal Nations work hard to reclaim what has been stolen, it is our hope that the colonial language that was forced upon us can now serve our people in a good way, by presenting *Creator Sets Free* (Jesus) in a more culturally relevant context.

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For generations, many Indigenous groups and communities have celebrated their culture and heritage on June 21 or around that time of year because of the significance of the summer solstice as the longest day of the year.

National Aboriginal Day, now National Indigenous Peoples Day, was announced in 1996 by then Governor General of Canada, Roméo LeBlanc, through the [Proclamation Declaring June 21 of Each Year as National Aboriginal Day](#). This was the result of consultations and statements of support for such a day made by various Indigenous groups:

- in 1982, the National Indian Brotherhood, now the Assembly of First Nations, called for the creation of National Aboriginal Solidarity Day
- in 1995, the Sacred Assembly, a national conference of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people chaired by Elijah Harper, called for a national holiday to celebrate the contributions of Indigenous Peoples
- also in 1995, the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples recommended the designation of a National First Peoples Day

On June 21, 2017, the Prime Minister issued a [statement](#) announcing the intention to rename this day **National Indigenous Peoples Day**.

National Indigenous Peoples Day is part of the [Celebrate Canada](#) program, which also includes Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day on June 24, Canadian Multiculturalism Day on June 27 and Canada Day on July 1.

The Government of Canada provides funding opportunities for community [celebratory events](#), as well as for [commemorations on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#).



***Celebrating Russ Hall's 22 years  
of music ministry  
at the Cathedral Church of All Saints!***

**Russ Hall is retiring at the end of June after faithfully participating in the music ministry of the Cathedral for the past 22 years. We would like to acknowledge and thank Russ for so generously sharing his musical gifts with us for so many years.**

**Please join us for a Potluck Lunch following the 10am worship service on Sunday June 29, 2025 to do that. Coffee, tea, juice and water will be provided. The rest is up to you!**

**Please let Pauline Josey know if you plan to join us for lunch ([pauline.josey@gmail.com](mailto:pauline.josey@gmail.com)). Also, if you have any questions, please contact Pauline.**