

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30



Season of Creation

Eucharist

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*All Saints' is committed to
Radical Inclusion
Extravagant Equity and
Compassion that leads to Justice*

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Welcome Home

to the
Anglican Church



Welcome to the sacred space of All Saints' Peterborough—we are glad you are here. We are an Anglican church rooted in the pattern of life of Jesus the Christ, grounded in radical inclusion, extravagant equity, and compassion that leads to justice. Please fill out a Welcome Card so we can stay in touch and pick up a Welcome Package.

Land Acknowledgement

All Saints' Peterborough stands on the sacred land of the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg, the first peoples of this land. We honour their ancestors and this land, part of the Rice Lake Purchase (Treaty 20).

We are committed to ongoing reconciliation through learning and by including readings from the First Nations Version of the Bible in our worship.

Liturgical Notes

Israel

In Christian liturgy, "Israel" refers to the historic Hebrew people (Israelites) of the ancient Near East or, theologically, to all who place their faith and trust in God—it does not refer to the modern political state.

Elder and Younger Testaments

We use the terms "Elder Testament" and "Younger Testament" rather than "Old" and "New" as an expression of racial equity, theological care, and our ongoing commitment to confronting antisemitism. These terms acknowledge that the Younger Testament emerges from and remains deeply connected to the Elder Testament, rather than replacing or superseding it.

Inclusive Language

Grounded in our commitment to radical inclusion and extravagant equity, we seek to use expansive language for God. At times, traditional terms such as "Father" and pronouns like "He" are used within the Church's long tradition, held in balance with language that reflects the fullness and mystery of God.

WELCOME

HYMN JESUS, UNITED BY YOUR GRACE

Jesus, united by your grace, and each to each endeared,
With confidence we seek your face, and know our prayer is heard.

Help us to see in each a friend, each other's cross to bear,
Let all their friendly aid extend, and feel the other's care.

Up into you, our living head, let us in all things grow,
Till you have made us free indeed and faithful here below.

Drawn by the lodestone of your love, let all our hearts unite;
Let us toward each other move, and move toward your light.

LAND REFLECTION

Presider As we gather on this solemn day of remembrance, let us take a moment to acknowledge the children who did not make it home, whose names are lost in time, whose families were forever changed. Whose very identity and dignity were denied them.

As we stand in worship on ground that is stolen, open our hearts and minds, create in us a spirit of humility and repentance. Give us courage to face the truth of what has been done, to listen to the voices that have too often been silenced, and to grieve the lives, languages, cultures, families, and sacred connections to land that colonialism sought to erase.

In this silence, may we remember.

May we lament.

May we listen.

And may our remembering lead us beyond words and into the work of truth, reconciliation, justice, and right relationship.

A moment of silence is held.

Holy Creator, breathe your Spirit into us again.

Quiet our minds, soften our hearts.

Draw our awareness from the tops of our heads to the soles of our feet.

Righteous God, we give thanks for the land that has long sustained life. We give gratitude and thanks to Michi Saagiig, Anishinaabeg and Chippewa Nations, who have cared for these lands for countless generations before us, with wisdom, ceremony and responsibility.

All We give thanks for their enduring care, and we honour the living traditions of the original peoples of this land.

Holy God, with grieving hearts we long for justice. We acknowledge the injustices of colonization and the harm done and we confess the ways we continue to fall short of justice and reconciliation.

All May we be called into right relationship with one another and with all of creation. May we love as Christ has loved us.

Creator, you who breathed life into every living being, guide us into loving relationship with every creature, every tree, every river, and all people.

All May we walk gently upon this earth, grateful for this place we call home. Amen.

OPENING PRAYERS

Presider The grace of our Saviour Jesus the Christ, and the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All And also, with you.

Presider Almighty God,

All 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 Saviour, Redeemer, and Pattern of Life. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Leader Creator God,

All 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR NATIONAL TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Intercessor Creator of all,

All knit us into one community.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading Micha 6:1-8

Inclusive Bible

A reading from the Elder Testament and the writings of the Prophet Micha.

"Hear now what God says: "Come, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice! Listen to God's indictment, you mountains and you enduring foundations of the earth; for God has a dispute with the people and is putting Israel on trial. O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you?

Give me an answer! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent Moses to lead you, and Aaron, and Miriam!

My people, call to mind the plans devised by the ruler Balak of Moab, and how Balaam ben-Beor answered him! Remember the journey from Shittim to Gilgal and recall how God brought you justice!"

"What shall I bring when I come before God and bow down before God on high?" you ask. "Am I to come before God with burnt offerings? With year-old calves? Will God be placated by thousands of rams or ten thousand rivers of oil?

Should I offer my firstborn for my wrongdoings—the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

Listen here, mortal: God has already made abundantly clear what "good" is, and what God needs from you: simply do justice, love kindness, and humbly walk with your God.

Reader Listen for the leading of the Spirit

All Thanks be to God

Psalm 23 For the Inuit

Cultural Paraphrase by Samantha Caravan

The following psalm was written by Samantha Caravan as a translation of culture for the Inuit. Images of green pastures and brooks are not accessible to all peoples. The psalm has been adapted for people of the North and includes an imagery accessible to them. The psalm was set to music by Eric Robertson. The choir will sing the psalm, and we are invited to sing the refrain.

Refrain - The source of all being is my constant companion.

Psalm 23 (For the Inuit) - with Refrain

Eric Robertson

Refrain:



Cantor The wind was cold and dry and out of the mist came my provider, the Eternal One, the Creator. **R**

The Creator taught me to fish so I would want for nothing and causes the fish to find my net. My entire existence is owed to the Eternal Creator. **R**

The Eternal Redeemer warms my soul and soothes my heart. **R**

The Eternal has taught me to see the dangers of the Tundra. I walk in confidence that the Eternal has gone before, and I can follow the path. **R**

The Redeemer controls the enemies of my life, the bear, the cold, the wind and casts them away when they are too close. I walk upright; I walk strong, for the Eternal Redeemer is always present. **R**

I hear the Redeemer on the wind and see the Eternal in the colours of the night sky. When I wander the wrong way confused by the light off the snow the Redeemer chases me home and I turn and run onto the path of the Redeemer. May I live there eternally. **R**

As an ongoing act of reconciliation, the Epistle is read from the First Nations Bible.

Reading Ephesians 2:12-22

First Nations Bible

A reading from the Younger Testament and the wisdom of the Indigenous ancestors who kept this land, from the ancient text of Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

"You Outside Nations did not share in the promises or the peace treaty that the Great Spirit made with those tribes. You were out from under their special care and protection—unaware of and apart from the Chosen One. You shared no common hope and were outside the help Creator gave to them in this world.

But no more! Even though you Outside Nations were far away, you have now been made close by the lifeblood offered by Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*), the Chosen One. He is our great peace, who has brought the people of all Nations together with the tribes of Wrestles with Creator (*Israel*), making them into one new people by removing the barrier that separated us.

In his own human body, he removed the hostility between us when he did away with the rules and requirements of our tribal law that separated us. This is the way he recreates people—making one new humanity out of the two. This brings us all together on the path of peace.”

“Even though we behaved like enemies, we are now friends with the Great Spirit and with one another. When Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) died on the cross, those things that made us enemies died with him. We are now joined together as one people in one body. He brought this good story of peace and harmony to people who were far away from him and to people who were close to him. Because of him we both have a clear path, through one Spirit, to the Father from above.

Now we are all his holy people and members of one new nation. No one is on the 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 become a dwelling place for his Spirit.”

Reader Listen for the leading of the Spirit

All Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ALL Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen One.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to God’s name.

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Saviour.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen One.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to God’s name.

GOSPEL Luke 10:25-37

First Nations Bible

Gospeller May God be with you.

All And also with you

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus the Christ, according to Luke.

All Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.

“A scroll keeper, one who was skilled in his knowledge of tribal law, came to Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) to test him and trap him in his words.

“Wisdomkeeper,” he said. “What path must I walk to have the life of the world to come that never fades away, full of beauty and harmony?”

He answered him, "What is written in our tribal law about this? Tell me, how do you see it?"

The scroll keeper spoke from the words of the law, "You must love the Great Spirit from deep within, with the strength of your arms, the thoughts of your mind, and the courage of your heart, and you must love your fellow human beings in the same way you love yourselves."

"You have answered well," Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) said back to him.

"If you walk this path you will live."

But the scroll keeper, wanting to look good to others, asked him,

"Who are my fellow human beings?"

"Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) answered him with a story.

"There was a man walking the road from Village of Peace (*Jerusalem*) to Moon Village (*Jericho*). On the way he was attacked by thieves, who beat him, stripped him of his clothes, and left him bleeding to death.

"Now it happened that a holy man was on the same road, not far behind. When he saw the man, he went around him on the other side of the road. Not far behind him was another man, also from the tribe holy men are chosen from. When he saw the wounded man, he did the same thing as the holy man.

"Then a man from High Place (*Samaria*), who was also walking the road, saw the wounded man. Even though he was not a Tribal Member, but a mixed blood despised by the tribal people, he felt pity for the man. He helped him by pouring good medicine on his wounds and wrapping them in a cloth. He put the man on his own animal and took him to a lodging house to care for him.

"The next day, when the man of High Place (*Samaria*) was leaving, he gave from his own money pouch to the keeper of the lodging house. 'Use this to care for him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will give you anything more that is needed.'"

Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) then looked at the scroll keeper and said, "Which one of these three acted as a fellow human being to the man who was attacked by the thieves?"

The scroll keeper answered, "The one who had pity on him."

"Go," Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) said, "and walk in the same way."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ

All Praise to you, Jesus the Christ

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen One.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to God's name.

Silence is kept for reflection.

HYMN 576 FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS

For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord;
For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us, Father, into freedom; from despair your world release,
That, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:
Pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
For our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind;
That by our response and service earth its destiny may find

APOSTLES' CREED AND BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Presider Let us commit ourselves to Christ and renew our baptismal covenant.
Do you believe in God the Creator?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Presider Do you believe in Jesus the Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus the Christ, God's only Son, our Saviour and Redeemer.
Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of Virgin Mary. Jesus 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 Creator. Jesus will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
 People **I will, with God's help.**
 Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent, and return to the ways of Jesus the Christ?
 People **I will, with God's help.**
 Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?
 People **I will, with God's help.**
 Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?
 People **I will, with God's help.**
 Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human person?
 People **I will, with God's help.**
 Presider Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth?
 People **I will, with God's help.**

LITANY ~ WE ARE STILL HERE

RESPONSIVE LITANY, AFFIRMED AT WALPOLE ISLAND FIRST NATION, APRIL 2018.

PRIMATE'S COMMISSION ON THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY, JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION.

Indigenous Peoples	We are still here, on Turtle Island, placed by the Creator.
Non-Indigenous People	Some of us came seeking home, displaced or persecuted.
Indigenous Peoples	And we were here, diverse nations, many peoples—at home.
Non-Indigenous People	Some of us came seeking adventure, riches or glory.
Indigenous Peoples	And we are here, living with deep connection to the land.
Non-Indigenous People	Some of us came seeking a better life, security and possibility.
Indigenous Peoples	We offered peace and friendship.
Non-Indigenous People	And some of us accepted, treaty people, living in relationship.
Indigenous Peoples	We shared the land, and our deep wisdom of this place.

Non-Indigenous People	And some of us were open to hear.
Indigenous Peoples	At first you were few and we were many.
Non-Indigenous People	And then we were many, with greater and greater hunger for land.
Indigenous Peoples	The land of our ancestors, our identity.
Non-Indigenous People	The land we imagined could be ours.
Indigenous Peoples	At first we were friends and allies.
Non-Indigenous People	Then you became enemy, in the way of what we wanted.
Indigenous Peoples	We shared and still share a deep reverence for life gifted from the Creator.
Non-Indigenous People	We seemed unable to recognize your faith, seeking to impose our own.
Indigenous Peoples	We believed we could live side by side, two boats in the same river.
Non-Indigenous People	We could only imagine you becoming like us.
Indigenous Peoples	You spoke benefit but brought harm.
Non-Indigenous People	Trying to dissolve you into our image.
Indigenous Peoples	You brought unspeakable pain.
Non-Indigenous People	Abuses of power, holding tight to a sense of superiority.
Indigenous Peoples	You took our children from us.
Non-Indigenous People	Breaking sacred bonds of kinship.
Indigenous Peoples	Your gospel of love distorted by hate.
Non-Indigenous People	How could we have been so wrong?
Indigenous Peoples	Your ways tried to break us.
Non-Indigenous People	But still you rise.
Indigenous Peoples	Your vision tried to disappear us.
Non-Indigenous People	But still you stand.
Indigenous Peoples	We are resilience and strength.
Non-Indigenous People	We are beginning to understand.
Indigenous Peoples	We are coming home to our traditions.
Non-Indigenous People	We still home, but now alongside and with you.
Indigenous Peoples	You are facing this truth.
Non-Indigenous People	We are listening, unlearning, and learning anew.

Indigenous Peoples	Stand beside us in acts of justice.
Non-Indigenous People	Receive our contrition, embodied in solidarity.
Indigenous Peoples	May the Creator's plan for right relations
Non-Indigenous People	For right relation in this place to BE FULFILLED!
All	Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider	May the peace of Creator Sets Free be with you all.
All	And also with you.

COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

HYMN	GOD IS PASSIONATE LIFE
	God is passionate life, strong and vibrant in us as we seek justice for all people.

God is passionate life, strong and vibrant in us as
We seek freedom for all people.

God is passionate life, strong and vibrant in us as
we seek equality for all people.

God is passionate life, strong and vibrant in us as
we seek dignity for all people.

God is passionate life, strong and vibrant in us as
we seek peace in our day for all people.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider	Covenant God,
All	as a sign of devotion to you and your vision for the world, we bring these gifts. May they bring light to those who have lost their way, hope to the despairing, and freedom for those held in bondage. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Presider The Creator is with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Open your hearts to God.

All We pray for our hearts to be filled.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Creator.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider Creator God, from the depths of our hearts we give you thanks. From the rising sun in the East, to the soft rains of the South, to the setting sun in the West, to the coldness of the North, we come together to lift our hearts to you, in thanksgiving for the first fruits of this season, and for the gift of reconciliation, healing and new life that we have through your gift of Jesus the Christ. We unite with all creation and with the angels, guardian spirits, the saints and all our forebearers to join in everlasting thanksgiving and praise as we say:

All Holy, holy, holy, God of all that was and is and will be until the end of time. In you is all power, honour and glory. Everything in the heavens and on earth and in the spirit world cries out to you and gives everlasting praise to your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest.

Presider Holy God, Great Spirit, You are the Holy One who made the sun, the moon, the stars, and the planets. You are the Holy One who made all that lives on the face of the earth, all our forebearers. We marvel at all your creation. Blessed are you who prepared many ways to your heart for all your people, through the prophets and leaders of Israel, and through all those whose love for you, opened their hearts and minds to your wisdom, preparing the way for your Son's walk on the earth Through your Spirit your Son took on flesh and blood and was born of your servant Mary. Because of your everlasting love for us, Jesus gave of himself, even to suffering. He carried the burdens of his people. Jesus taught us to let go of ourselves. He fulfilled your love for us through his resurrection and reconciled us to you forever. Before your son, our Saviour, Jesus, was given up to death, he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said: Take this all of you and eat it. This is my body, which will be given up for you. Then, he took the cup. Again, he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink it. This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me. Creator, Great Spirit, Holy One, we offer you this living bread; and we offer you this life saving cup, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Presider Creator, Great Spirit, Holy One, let your Spirit move among us and come upon these gifts of Mother Earth and make them Holy, so that they will become for us the mystic food of your son, Jesus the Christ. Look upon your people as we offer ourselves up to you in union with all whom you join together by your Holy and Great Spirit. We thank you for allowing us to stand in your presence and praise you. Creator, Great Spirit, from whom all holiness comes, remember us your people. Let not our ears grow deaf to your voice but open them to hear your voice in the wind. Let not our eyes grow dim but open them to see your gifts in all creation. Let not our hearts grow cold with bitterness, but soften them to grow in brightness and strength, to grow in love for you and all your creation. Guide our footsteps that we may walk our spiritual path in truth and kindness. Bless our hands that we will always reach out with love to one another. Bless us with wisdom to follow the right directions, so that we may have the courage we need to face the sunrise and the sunset as we strive to complete our circle. Remember our Grandmothers and Grandfathers and all our forbearers that have begun their heavenly life. Guide those who look after the spiritual life of your people. Make us worthy to share eternal life with Mary, the mother of Jesus, Anna his grandmother, with the leaders of the people, the apostles, martyrs, and saints, may we join in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus the Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit who draws us together, all glory and honour are yours, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Presider Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us

from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY

Presider We break this bread to share in the life and witness of Jesus the Christ.

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

Presider The gift of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI HYMN 747

Jesus, lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sin, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer, redeemer of the world,

Give us your peace, give us your peace.

COMMUNION

We welcome you to receive Communion at All Saints'.

Please follow the instruction of the sides people.

ANTHEM

WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU

What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?

To seek justice, and love kindness, walk humbly with your God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Almighty God,

All once again, you have given us what we need: sacrament, one another, hope for a better day. With renewed energy we offer ourselves to be sent out in your name; hopeful, grateful, useful, leaders of liberation, proclaimers of your love. Amen.

Presider 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.

To us all, to every nation comes a moment to decide,
In the strife of truth with falsehood for the good or evil side,
Some great cause, some modern prophet offering each the bloom or blight,
And the choice goes by for ever 'twixt that darkness and that light.

Then to side with truth is noble when we share its wretched crust,
Ere the cause bring fame and profit and 'tis prosperous to be just.
Then it is the brave one chooses, while the coward stands aside
Till the multitude make virtue of the faith they had denied.

By the light of burning martyrs, Jesus' bleeding feet we track,
Toiling up new Calvaries ever with the cross that turns not back;
New occasions teach new duties, time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still and onward, who would keep abreast of truth.

Though the cause of evil prosper, yet 'tis truth alone is strong,
Though its portion be the scaffold and upon the throne be wrong.
Yet that scaffold sways the future, and, behind the dim unknown,
There stands God within the shadow, keeping watch beside God's own.

BLESSING

Leader Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
serve the world God loves.

All Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE DRUMMING

BRITTANY TAYLOR

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