

Sunday September 27 2026
National Day for Truth & Reconciliation Observance
10:00 am Order of Service

Worship Leaders

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Prelude Prelude in G (F. Mendelssohn)

Call to Worship

Leader God of hope, you gather us from every direction to sit together, to learn from each other, to walk the journey of reconciliation.

People **How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!**

Leader God of wisdom, soften our hearts and lower our defences. Give us courage to learn about difficult and new things.

People **How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!**

Leader God of love and compassion, let us come together, work together, worship together, pray together. May your love unite us.

People **How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!**

All **Let us walk together in truth and reconciliation. Amen.**

Prayer of Acknowledgement

Holy Creator, you made all people of every land in your image and entrusted them with the care of the earth that you graciously gave to all peoples. Make us mindful of those peoples who first occupied the land we are on: the Wendat; the Haudenosaunee Confederacy; the Anishinabek Nation; the Mississaugas of the Credit, of Scugog Island, and of Hiawatha, and including the Alderville and Curve Lake First Nations; and the Métis Nation. Give us patient hearts, that we may recall the destructiveness of western settlement on these peoples. Give us attentiveness so that we may hear and give thanks for indigenous voices in our Anglican Church of Canada. Give us sincere and open hearts so that we may embrace the work of reconciliation to which you call your Church. We pray these things in your name: our Creator, your Son the Peacemaker, and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Sentence

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me. — John 10.27

Processional CP 407 Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works

1 Many and great, O God, are your works, maker of earth and sky.
Your hands have set the heavens with stars; your fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at your Word the waters were formed; deep seas obey your voice.

2 Grant unto us communion with you, O star-abiding One.
Come unto us and dwell with us; with you are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life in you.

Repeat v 1

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Greeting

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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 Lord. Amen.**

Glory to God

Setting: H.W. Buchner

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

All **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 of the Day

All **Creator God,
from you every family in heaven and on 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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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading EXODUS 17:1-7 Dianne Rimmer

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus:

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader The word of the Lord; *All* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Refrain: We will sing of the deeds and the power of the Lord.

Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times. R

That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us,
we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come the praise-worthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works he has done. R

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
He split open the sea and let them pass through; he made the waters stand up like walls.
He led them with a cloud by day, and all the night through with a glow of fire.
He split the hard rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink as from the great deep.
He brought streams out of the cliff, and the waters gushed out like rivers. R

Second Reading

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

Jacqui Getfield

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader The word of the Lord; *All* **Thanks be to God.****Gradual Hymn** CP 712 Alleluia v 3*Refrain* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Blessed are you, O Lord of creation,
revealing your kingdom to the humble and weak.

Gospel Reading

MATTHEW 21:23-32

Jonathan

Gospeller The Lord be with you.*All* **And also with you.***Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:*All* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***Gospeller*

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ; *People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon Maria+

After the sermon, silence is kept.

Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Thumeka Mgwigwi

Father in heaven, on this year's National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, we mourn with those who mourn. We recall again the great pain, harm and evil done to our First Nations brothers and sisters. We grieve that this harm has so often been accomplished in your name. Father, we ask again, have mercy on us.

Lord, we pray that your kingdom will come. We ask that your light would shine into the darkness to expose both truth and lies. We pray that you will help us to see, to truly see the ones that you see. And Lord, as your kingdom comes, we pray that a visible mark of its appearing would be reconciliation. We ask for the healing of wounds and relationships. We pray for the mending of things that have been so deeply broken.

Jesus, by your Spirit, we pray that all of our First Nations neighbours would sense the great covering of their Creator on this day. And in this covering, may they also know that they are the cherished beloved of God.

Gracious and merciful God, Creator of the heavens and the earth, we are blessed by the sacred rhythms of the seasons that you have put in place, and by the setting of the sun, which invites us to rest, and the rising of the same, which offers a new day.

On this National Day of Truth and Reconciliation we pray for the families of Indigenous children and youth who did not rest when the sun set, and for their children who did not return from residential schools. We have

learned of unmarked graves, many of which are yet to be discovered, and still there is no rest. O God, forgive us as a nation of people for inflicting this nightmare on our neighbours. Bring healing and hope to each family and to the First Nations of this land, and plant the seeds of peace among all the people of this nation.

Faithful Creator, we thank you for the abundance of water in this land and the bounty of the earth's harvest, which offers food enough for all. And yet, O God, we confess that many of our Indigenous neighbours still thirst for water that is fresh and clean, and hunger deeply for the food of justice. Nurture their souls and equip them by your Spirit to preserve their languages and cultures. Strengthen the resolve of the leaders of our nation and churches to work together to overcome the challenges that stand in the way of true reconciliation.

O God, as the sun rises across Turtle Island on September 30th, may it truly begin to usher in a new day again for our Indigenous neighbours and, indeed, all of Canada. May this day be marked by a deepening appreciation for the hopes and dreams of Indigenous youth and, indeed, the whole nation. Creator God, Lord of Life and Redeemer of the World, bring justice and peace, healing and hope; through Christ our Lord we pray, **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

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

Silence

Celebrant Most merciful God,

People **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.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

People exchange words and gestures of peace.

Celebrant Let us prepare to bring God's tithe and our offerings.

Offertory Hymn CP 548 Eye Has Not Seen, Ear Has Not Heard

Refrain Eye has not seen, ear has not heard
what you have ready for those who love you;
Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus;
teach us your wisdom, O Lord.

1 When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O Lord,
forgive the weakness of our faith and bear us up within your peaceful word.

2 Our lives are but a single breath; we flower and we fade.
Yet all our days are in your hands, so we return in love what love has made.

3 To those who see with eyes of faith, you, Lord, are ever near,
reflected in the faces of all the poor and lowly of the world.

4 We sing a mystery from the past in halls where saints have trod,
yet ever new the music rings to Jesus, Living Song of God.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Eternal God,
in Jesus Christ we behold your glory.
Receive the offering of your people gathered before you,
and open our hearts and mouths
to praise your great salvation,
the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 4

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their being.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant From the primal elements

you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant But we turn against you, and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages
you reveal your righteous law.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with those in every generation
who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory,
in their unending hymn:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,** *Buchner*
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing,
broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Take this, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup of wine;
he gave you thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Gracious God,
we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations.
We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;
through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
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 for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
All **We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

The Communion

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

Agnus Dei

Buchner

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

All are welcome to receive the bread and wine or just the bread alone. You may also come up for a blessing. If you would like to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

An Act of Spiritual Communion for Those in the Online Chapel

Communion Hymn Ho, All Who Thirst (A.M.Peters)

Anthem Like the Murmur of a Dove's Song (A. Smith)

Prayer after Communion

All **Loving God, our Creator, help us to be living signs of your healing love.
Open our hearts to respect, to welcome, and to include one another.
Give us the courage to stand up for the dignity
of our Indigenous sisters and brothers and of those with roots in other lands,
all of us created in Your image. Strengthen us in our walk together.
God of truth, let honesty guide our steps
along the path of truth and reconciliation, of healing and friendship.
Grant us wisdom to recognize and celebrate
the beautiful gifts of Indigenous cultures.
May we go forward in humility, as the children of one Creator
and loving members of the family of God. Amen.**

Doxology

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 May the God of Creation prepare you for the work of reconciliation.
May the teachings of Jesus remind you
to love without limits and serve without question.
And may the Spirit of the living God walk with you upon the journey,
wherever he may lead. And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recessional Hymn CP 363 My Soul Proclaims Your Glory, Lord v 1,2,4,5

1 My soul proclaims your glory, Lord, my spirit sings with thankful voice,
for you my lowly prayer have heard: in you, my Saviour, I rejoice.

2 Nations unborn will bless your name, giver of boundless grace to me,
in every age you are the same: you make the humble whole and free.

4 You fill the hungry mouths with food, and show the poverty of wealth.
Your ancient vow you have made good, and raised your children to new health.

5 Glory to God, all being's Spring, to God the Word, salvation's voice,
to God the Spirit, praise we sing: with all the ages we rejoice.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Marche-Sortie (T. Dubois)