



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF TYENDINAGA
IN THE DIOCESE OF ONTARIO

Christ Church, Her Majesty's Chapel Royal of the Mohawks
All Saints' Church, Tyendinaga



*Journée
Nationale des
Aborigines
Day*

*Journée
nationale des
Autochtones*

**Service of Commemoration
and Thanksgiving**

Opening Prayer

Officiant O Great Creator, cleanse our hearts of all stain from sin and brokenness, that we may walk with you along the good road, your holy way. Purify our minds, that we may be guided by your holy word.
Clear our eyes, that we may see the goodness you have created. Open our ears that we may hear your voice. Make our souls one with yours, that we may worship you in spirit and in truth, and love you with all our hearts, minds, bodies and souls. May our hearts always beat as one with yours, through your Great Messenger, your Son, Jesus.

All Amen.

"On National Aboriginal Day, I remember the strength, fortitude and endurance of my Mi'kmaq ancestors that have sustained me and brought me to this day. On this day, I think about our colourful history and our unique culture, and I join with others to celebrate the contributions of all Aboriginal people that help to make Canada a great country."

Marie Ross, Millbrook First Nation, Truro, NS

Reflection

Please use the time of reflection to think about the prayer that was just prayed. Thinking ahead to later in the service, please think of things for which you are thankful and/or for which you desire prayers to be offered.

The music is "The Call" from "Ohwihsha—Healing Wind" by Jonathan Maracle.

Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-9

Psalm 8

Officiant O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People **You have set your glory above the heavens.**

Officiant Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,

People **to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

Officiant When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

People **the moon and the stars that you have established;**

Officiant what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

People **mortals that you care for them?**

Officiant Yet you have made them a little lower than God,

People **and crowned them with glory and honour.**

Officiant You have given them dominion over the works of your
hands;

People **you have put all things under their feet,**

Officiant all sheep and oxen,

People **and also the beasts of the field,**

Officiant the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

People **whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

Officiant O Lord, our Sovereign,

People **how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

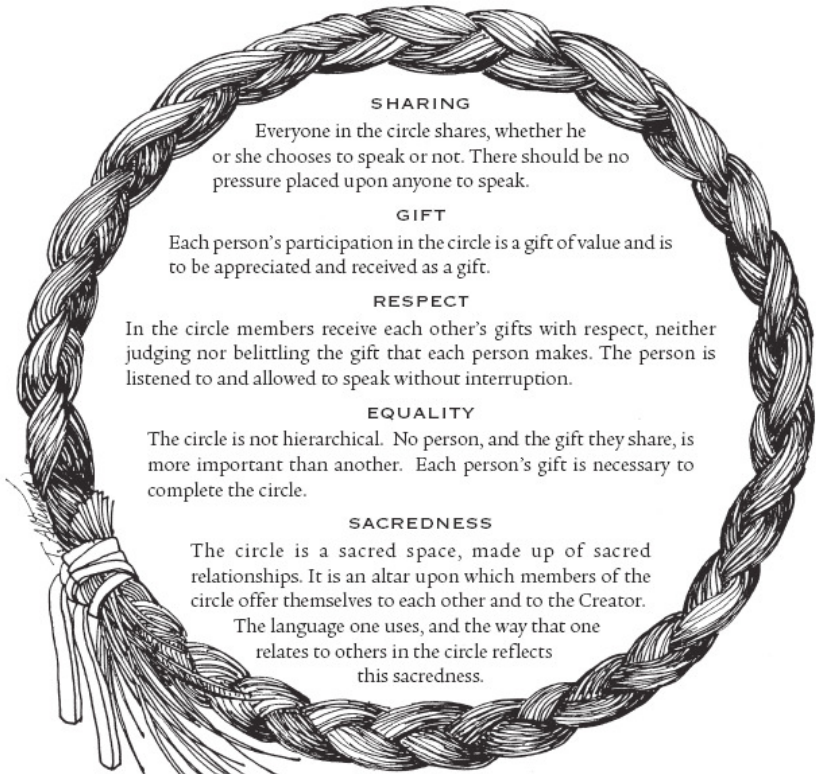
Gospel Matthew 5:21-24

Silent Reflection on the Readings

What is the Creator calling you to hear in the words of Scripture?

Circle of Sharing

Although it is difficult to arrange ourselves in a traditional circle, please use this time to offer either silently or aloud the thanksgivings or prayers you contemplated earlier in the service.



From the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples

Prayers for Reconciliation

Officiant Gracious God, your Word spoken through the Prophets became the Voice that proclaimed your justice and healing in Nazareth. Through Jesus you invite all creation into your reconciling love. As you freed his followers from their fear of the risks of discipleship, so move within us, in your love, with the strength, compassion and courage to give of ourselves in the

ministry of reconciliation entrusted to us through Jesus Christ, your Son.

All **Amen.**

Officiant Merciful God, you have searched us out and known us: the hopes we hold and regrets that cling to us, the hurts we absorb and ferment; the tears we both cause and shed. We stand before you: all that we have been and all that we are, knowing that only in you are we truly known as the ones you would have us be. Guide us inward to face our selves and each other, within the forgiveness of your love, that we might joyfully welcome the gifts and challenges that the new creation of your salvation brings. Through Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Officiant Loving God, Creator of all, maker and redeemer of history, you hold the pains and joys of our past, our present, our future; you open us to the gifts of time and to the possibilities of new beginnings, you grant us the confidence to face our sin and loss with hope. Breathe in us the grace to trust in your loving forgiveness, that we may face our histories with courage. Guide us by your Holy Spirit in our walk of repentance, as we turn to embrace the new life you have given to us, through Jesus Christ, your Son.

All **Amen.**

"We all carry within us the knowledge and wisdom of our ancestors, and we use and celebrate these gifts in many ways throughout our lives. National Aboriginal Day is an occasion when we bring together many to share this precious heritage with others. In this way we recognize and honour our predecessors."

Hermel Bégin, Piekuagami, QC

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

All Creator, we thank you that there are different paths to wholeness.

We see your wonder in Creation all around us, in the singing birds and the flowing water.

We give thanks for the opportunity to share, and for everything that the Creator has given to us.

We give thanks for connectedness to each other, for our interconnectedness to all Creation, to the whole cosmos, the whole created world.

"National Aboriginal Day is a day to remember our past leaders, their hard work, and their legacy for self determination left to us to carry on. It also represents the work that we are doing today, especially the integration of our cultural practices with present-day issues and maintaining our relationships with other Canadians. Lastly, it represents our vision of our Nations for the future, to set a path for the benefit of our future generations as our forefathers did for us."

Harry Nice Jr., Gitwinksihlkw Nisga'a Village Government, Gitwinksihlkw, BC

We give thanks that Jesus Christ has been in our past and is in our present and will be with us in our future.

We give thanks for laughter, for humour, for the many different ways that we are able to be together, and to be in community and we give thanks as well for the

differentness between us and for the respect we have for the different paths that people take.

We give thanks for the Elders, for the opportunities to be respected no matter what our views are, and to celebrate the different views that we have.

We give thanks for different approaches to grief, and for the sharing, and the opportunities to laugh and to share and to care and that we are each different and yet together.

We give thanks for new understandings, for bridges we are able to build between people.

Help us to be open to new life and to vision, to bring new life to our homes, to heal and to be healers in our families and in our communities.

Lord's Prayer

Officiant Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray in the words of Jesus,

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.**

Prayer of Blessing

Officiant God is before us.

People **God is behind us.**

Officiant God is above us.

People **God is below us.**

Officiant God's words shall come from our mouths.

People **For we are all God's essence, a sign of God's love.**

Officiant All is finished in beauty.

People **All is finished in beauty.**

Officiant May the Creator watch over you. May the Spirit guide and lead you. May Jesus be present in all that you do. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you, within you and surround you and those you love, this day and always.

All **Amen.**