



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF TYENDINAGA
IN THE DIOCESE OF ONTARIO

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

**Liturgy to Commemorate the
224th Anniversary of the Landing of the Mohawks**

Welcome

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Prayer of Arrival

Presider 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.**

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,*

a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should
change,*

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,*

though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,*

the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;*

God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;*

he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us;*

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the LORD;*

see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;*

he burns the shields with fire.

'Be still, and know that I am God!*

I am exalted among the nations,

I am exalted in the earth.'

The LORD of hosts is with us;*

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

History of the Landing

In the aftermath of the American Revolution, as white Loyalists and harried British administrators squabbled over the details of land grants and resettlement strategies along the eastern end of Lake Ontario, a small group of Mohawks quietly took possession of several thousand hectares near the mouth of the Salmon River on the Bay of Quinte.

Arriving by canoe not far from where we stand, the twenty families who came ashore on May 22, 1784, had already spent almost five years of exile in Lachine, Quebec, following the loss of their Fort Hunter home in the Mohawk Valley. Originally neutral in the revolutionary conflict, they had gradually become allied with the British crown and had taken an active part in the war under the leadership of Daniel Claus, John Deserontyon, Isaac Hill and Aaron Hill.

The Bay of Quinte Mohawks decided to remain here when most members of the Six Nations Confederacy followed Captain Joseph Brant to the principal Mohawk Loyalist settlement on the banks of western Ontario's Grand River. Although both Brant and Captain Deserontyon had been present when lands between the Gananoque and Trent Rivers had been surveyed, Brant elected to head west, closer to the Iroquois who remained on the American side of the new border. The Fort Hunter Mohawks resisted pressure from Sir Frederick Haldimand, Governor of Canada, to join the Grand River group, accepting land on Lake Ontario purchased from the Mississauga tribe. The original area of the Mohawk Tract was approximately 38,000 hectares, the standard size of a Loyalist township.

The Mohawk landing on the shores of the Bay of Quinte preceded the arrival of the first non-Native United Empire Loyalists at Adolphustown by a full month. A Mohawk School, established in 1792, became one of the first schools in Upper Canada. Of course, our own Christ Church is a testimony to the relationship between the people of this place and the British Crown, and it is for this reason that we gather here today and proceed to celebrate the Eucharist with the gift of silver plate presented by Queen Anne in Her Majesty's Chapel Royal of the Mohawks.

Scripture

Joshua 1:1-9

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, 'My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way

prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.'

Hymn

Ode to Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun
above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt
away;

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect
thy rays,

stars and angels sing around thee, centre of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow,
flashing sea,

singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are
thine;

teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars
began;

Father-love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.

ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Then King David went in and sat before the Lord, and said, 'Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? And even this was a small thing in your sight, O God; you have also spoken of your servant's house for a great while to come. You regard me as someone of high rank, O Lord God! And what more can David say to you for honouring your servant? You know your servant. For your servant's sake, O Lord, and according to your own heart, you have done all these great deeds, making known all these great things. There is no one like you, O Lord, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. Who is like your people Israel, one nation on the earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making for yourself a name for great and terrible things, in driving out nations before your people whom you redeemed from Egypt? And you made your people Israel to be your people for ever; and you, O Lord, became their God.

'And now, O Lord, as for the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house, let it be established for ever, and do as you have promised. Thus your name will be established and magnified for ever in the saying, "The Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, is Israel's God"; and the house of your servant David will be established in your presence. For you, my God, have revealed to your servant that you will build a house for him; therefore your servant has found it possible to pray before you. And now, O Lord, you are God, and you have promised this good thing to your servant; therefore may it please you to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue for ever before you. For you, O Lord, have blessed and are blessed for ever.'

Laying and Blessing of a Wreath of Remembrance

Prayers

Presider Lord God of Creation, you called your people out of the Mohawk Valley to this place. You blessed them with land in which to live and grow crops. You led them to build a church in which to worship you through your Son Jesus. Let us remember the faith of the ancestors as we seek to fulfil your will for us today. Continue to bless us as your people, remembering the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte, our Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth, and all those who keep the faith in hope and trust, that, at the last day, we may all be one with you, in your Son Jesus Christ, and through the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Presider Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

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.**

Benediction

Presider Oh Great Spirit, Creator of all things;
Human Beings, trees, grass, berries.
Help us, be kind to us.
Let us be happy on earth.
Let us lead our children to a good life and old age.
These our people; give them good minds
To love one another.
Oh Great Spirit, be kind to us
Give these people the favour
To see green trees, green grass, flowers, and berries
This next spring; so we all meet again
Oh Great Spirit, we ask of you.

All **Amen.**

The liturgy will continue immediately with a procession to
Christ Church and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.