



All My Relations

When we say "all my relations", it's meant in a teaching way, to rekindle community. We are part of the great, grand circle of humanity, and we need each other.

Richard Wagamese,
One Native Life

"O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth!"

--Psalm 8:1

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. --John 1:5

HISTORY OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ALGONQUINS

From the time our ancestors came to this land in the 17th and 18th centuries, First Nations generously shared it, helping them to survive and settle. In 1764, the Treaty of Niagara was signed by the British Crown and 24 First Nations. It stated that no land would be sold without permission of both signatories.

However, our forbearers increasingly took over the land using a variety of deceptive means. Here in the Mississippi Mills area a fraudulent sale agreement was generated with the Mississauga (who had no right to do so) to enable people to settle the land, farm it and harness the power of the river. Settlement of the Algonquin land claim is still pending.

Further, the Anglican Church partnered with the Federal Government to operate Indian Residential Schools. Certainly there was good intent and care by many who worked in these schools but we recognize that these were, in policy and in practice, an assault on Indigenous families, language, culture and spiritual traditions, and great harm was done.

In 1993 the Anglican Church of Canada apologized for our part in this. None of us will ever forget [the words of Archbishop Michael Peers](#), "...I am sorry that we tried to remake you in our image...We failed you. We failed God. We failed ourselves..." For the past 25 years, the Anglican Church has provided a healing fund to support projects to assist recovery of indigenous people's language, culture and spirituality. We have established an *Anglican Indigenous Covenant* --a vision that focuses on the cultural, spiritual, social, and economic independence of Indigenous communities and upholds the right of self-determination for Indigenous Anglicans within our church. We believe that we each have gifts to offer one another on our shared journey.

National Aboriginal Day Service

St. Paul's Anglican Church

June 25, 2017

Gathering

***We gather today on the traditional and unceded territory
of the Algonquin Anishnabe Nation.
May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.***

All My Relations Greeters: Chris Cavan, Carol Coutu, Bev Hunter

Introductions and Welcome: Rev. Pat Martin

Lanark Drum Circle: Sacred Ceremony

Open Address to All My Relations

- Songs:** 1. Cherokee Morning Song: I am of the Great Spirit/Mystery; It is so
2. Gwando Day: Welcome from the Heart
3. Mahk Jchi: Heartbeat (if time)

Invitation: Rev Pat Martin

Lanark Drum Circle

This Circle is led by Francine . The songs the circle sings reflect native teachings and culture. Lanark Drum is open to all nations on the medicine wheel, all genders and all ages.

Service continues in the church

Greeters: Ron and Katrina Ayling

Musicians: John Black
Dan Berg

Scripture Readings: Irene Emig
Rev. Jim Scanlon

Prayers of the People: Deane Zeeman

Presentation of Gifts: Sue Evans and Pat Coderre

Speaker: Audrey Lawrence

Audrey-Claire Lawrence

Audrey has Inuit and Cree ancestry from Labrador. Audrey has worked in health care, government, education and nonprofit organizations. She has served in leadership positions at national, provincial and local levels involving organizational development and/or policy issues affecting Aboriginal communities. Audrey recently retired from the Carlington Community Chaplaincy.

As a volunteer Audrey has been active in health, library and church organizations. Currently, she is serving on the Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice Committee, Anglican Church of Canada, and is a member of the Ottawa Diocese All My Relations committee.

Acknowledgement and Greeting – All are welcome to join us

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Song: *Let Us Build a House*

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950 Text © 1994 GIA Publications, Inc. Tune: TWO OAKS (see RW #219)

Let us build a house where love can dwell,
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;
All are welcome, All are welcome, All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
And words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And a symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, All are welcome, All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found
In water, wine and wheat:
A banquet hall on holy ground,
Where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
Is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach

beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Kid's time: Canadian Wildlife cut outs to colour and bring back

Collect (prayer) **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.**

Reading: *Psalm 8 - Irene Emig*

Gospel Reading: *John 1: 1-5~ The Rev. Jim Scanlon*

Reflection ~ *Audrey Lawrence*

Prayers of the People ~ *Deane Zeeman*

Leader: My brothers and sisters, not out of dread and fear,
but believing that God is faithful to forgive,
let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer

Prayer of Confession and Restoration

Leader: Eternal God, maker of the skies above,
lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth,
Spirit o life, wind over the flowing waters,
in earth, sea and sky, you are there.

O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns,
soul behind all souls, in everything we touch,
in everyone we touch, in everyone we meet,
your presence is around us, and we give you thanks.

But when we have not touched
but trample you in creation,
when we have not met but missed you in one another,
when we have not received but rejected you in the poor,
forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy.

**All: Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
 Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us.**

Leader Hear now the words of Jesus for all who are truly sorry
and seek to renew their lives:

Your sins are forgiven, Go in peace ~ *pause*
Lead us now, O God, to acknowledge your costly
generosity by living as forgiven people,
until heaven and earth rejoice
and the whole earth cries Glory!
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Peace

Offertory Song: *You Call Us Out to Praise You* (Tune Thornbury)

You call us out to praise you, one God for all the earth;
To gather in communion, and treasure human worth,
We are your living story, to hear and to be heard,
We praise your name who write us, the Writer and the Word.

For varied hues and textures, new patterns still you search,
To weave your seamless garment, the fabric of your church.
Our tattered faith you cherish, reclaim from wear and moth;
We praise your name who twine us, the Weaver and the Cloth.

The church that speaks forgiveness, confesses its own need,
The church that feels its hunger finds grace to care and feed.
Our famished world is crying, its future filled with dread,
We praise your name who fill us, the Baker and the Bread.

The church that offers healing discerns its wounds and loss,
The church that faces dying shares life beyond the cross,
To people torn and broken your mercy is revealed,
We praise your name who love us, the Healer and the Healed.

Our feeble voices struggle to sing your justice clear,
The world has sunk in silence, each discord echoes fear,
One voice alone is ragged; together we are strong,
We praise your name who breathe us, the Singer and the Song.

Text Anna Briggs, The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada 1992

Prayer over the Gifts:

**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.**

Invitation: All are welcome to receive communion at our Lord's
Table. We also have a gluten free option.

SUPPLEMENTARY EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1

C: May God be with you. **All: And also with you.**

C: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to God.**

C: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

C: Holy God, Lover of Creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love, you bear us and place the song of your spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining the song of the universe, we proclaim your glory saying:

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.

C: Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by the world that could not bear the gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

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

C: Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you; this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, creator of all, and we bless your holy name forever. **All: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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. For give 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.

C: We break the bread of life and that life is the light of the world. **All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, Bring us to life and light.**

C: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Communion Hymn: Wind Upon the Water

Wind upon the waters, voice upon the deep;
rouse your sons and daughters,
wake us from our sleep.
Breathing life into all flesh, breathing love into all hearts,
Living wind upon the waters of my soul.

Showers from the heaven, water from the earth;
Gift so wholly given, source of every birth.
Joy of every living thing, making all creation sing,
Shower down upon the dry earth of my soul.

Rock and hill and garden, wood and desert sand;
Prairie, field and meadow, shaped by Love's own hand.
Love that fills the world around,
springing up from barren ground,
Grow your love within the garden of my soul.

Blazing light of wonder, flame that pierces night;
Burst the dark asunder, fill our souls with light.
Lord of glory, fill the skies, make an end to hatred's cries,
Be the blazing Sun of justice in our lives.

Wind upon the waters, rains upon the sand,
Grace your sons and daughters, newborn by your hand.
Come, O Spirit and renew all the life that comes from you,
Send your winds upon the waters of my soul.

Composer: Marty Haugen (1986)

Prayer after communion:

**Great Creator, you have fed us with bread from heaven.
Continue to renew us in your truth, to give light to our
minds strength to our bodies, and seal us with your Holy
Spirit. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.**

Doxology: Glory to God, 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

Closing Song: Sing for God's Glory

Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation,
racing across the sky, trailing bright clouds of elation;
sun of delight, succeeds the velvet of night,
warming the earth's exultation.

Sing for God's power that shatters the chains that would
bind us,
searing the darkness of fear and despair that could blind us,
touching our shame, with love that will not lay blame,
reaching out gently to find us.

Sing for God's justice disturbing each easy illusion,
tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to confusion;
lifeblood of right, resisting evil and slight,
offering freedom's transfusion.

Sing for God's saints who have travelled faith's journey
before us,
who in our weariness give us their hope to restore us;
in them we see - the new creation to be,
spirit of love made flesh for us.

Music: Praxis Pietatis Melica; arranged John Bell Words: Kathryn Galloway

Dismissal – Now go in peace to love and serve your Lord and may
you be as strong as the oak, yet flexible as the birch; may
you stand all as the redwood, live gracefully as the willow;
and may you always bear fruit all your days on this earth.