



**Pentecost 18**  
**September 26 2021**

## Orange Shirt Day

### **Honouring the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

#### **Introduction to the Orange Shirt Day Service**

The service will have the same form as usual for communion, but the content will be different, using language provided by national church, cooperating with indigenous Anglicans for services focusing on reconciliation. ([\*Worship in the Vision of New Agape\*](#). Anglican Church of Canada, 2004.)

The first National Day for T & R is this Thursday, September 30. Also known as National Orange Shirt Day, is a day to honour survivors, their families and communities and commemorates the history and legacy of residential schools.

As part of our commitment to reconciliation, we affirm that **Every Child Matters**, and today we end every prayer with **AMEN** and **Miigwech**.

Miigwech means “thank you” in the Anishnaabe Algonquin language and is used at the conclusion of prayers. It is pronounced:

Mee – **GWITCH**

#### **TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**PRIEST** We acknowledge the traditional territory upon which we worship.

For many thousands of years, the Algonquin people have walked gently on this land. We acknowledge their stewardship and seek a new relationship based in honour and deep respect.

#### **THE GRACE**

**PRIEST:** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all

**ALL:** And also with you.

#### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**ALL:** 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 the Christ. Amen. Miigwech.

#### **COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

**PRIEST** God our Creator, who made the peoples of the earth and who desires for us to live together in harmony, help us, we pray, to acknowledge past wrongs, to correct present injustices in our society, and to work together for a brighter future for all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL:** Amen. Miigwech.

#### **READING 1** *Genesis 45:3-15* (NRSV)

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God. Miigwech

#### **READING 2** *Acts 2:1-11* (FNV)

The reading this week is taken from the First Nations version of the Bible

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God. Miigwech.

#### **GOSPEL**

Reader: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel. The Gospel reading this week will be from the First Nations version of the Bible. Hear a reading from Luke chapter 15

*Luke 15:11-32*

Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God. Miigwech.

#### **REFLECTION**

##### **AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**PRIEST:** We believe in one God, the Creator, ...

**ALL:** You have made all things and placed your spirit in them.

We believe in your Son, Jesus the Christ,  
Send from your heart to preach  
And change our hearts to be like yours.  
He was born of Mary, his mother.  
He, being Creator with you,  
From the beginning of all time,  
Became human like one of us.  
He suffered and died on a cross of sin.

He rose from death.  
He was taken into heaven  
And now sits on your right hand.  
He will one day come again to the earth  
To proclaim your kingdom and dominion.  
We believe in a holy and great Spirit  
Who comes from you to empower us  
And enable us to live as your children.  
He is worshipped as you are,  
For he is one with You and Jesus.  
We believe in one holy church,  
Begun and sustained by your apostles.  
We look to our baptism for forgiveness.  
We believe that one day all the dead  
Will be made alive in the resurrection,  
And we believe that when we die  
We will return to you and be judged by you.  
Amen. Miigwech.

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

##### **Prayer for Reconciliation**

Gracious God, your Word spoken through the  
Prophets lives and walks among us, proclaiming  
your justice and healing.  
Through Jesus you invite all creation into your  
reconciling love.  
As you freed his followers from their fear of the  
risks of discipleship, so draw us forward with the  
strength, compassion and courage to give of  
ourselves in the ministry of reconciliation  
entrusted to us through Jesus Christ, your Son,  
Amen

##### **Remembering the Children Prayer**

God of our Ancestors, who holds the spirits of our  
grandmothers and grandfathers and the spirits of  
our grandchildren, remembering the children,  
we now pledge ourselves to speak the truth, and  
with our hearts and our souls to act upon the truth  
In speaking and hearing and acting upon the truth  
may we as individuals and as a nation meet the  
hope of a new beginning.  
Great Creator God who desires that all creation  
live in harmony and peace, remembering the  
children, we dare to dream of a path of  
reconciliation where apology from the heart leads  
to healing of the heart and the chance of restoring  
the circle, where justice walks with all, where  
respect leads to true partnership, where the power  
to change comes from each heart.

Hear our prayer of hope and guide this country of  
Canada on a new and different path.

**ALL:** Amen. Miigwech

#### **THE CONFESSION**

**PRIEST** Sometimes we stand before you, our  
Creator, broken and hurting. Let us confess our  
sins and hurt in order to be forgiven and healed...

**ALL:** Almighty God, Creator, Great Spirit,  
We confess the many times we forget you and  
choose not to walk in your path.

We have heard of the injustices lived, of the  
sufferings inflicted, of the tears cried, of the  
misguided intentions imposed, and of the  
power of prejudice and racism which were  
allowed to smother the sounds and laughter of  
the forgotten children.

Hear our cries of lament for what was allowed  
to happen, and for what will never be.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who  
have hurt us.

Bring us to peace, joy and all the good things  
You have created for us.

Give us your blessing and help.

Let us walk in your great love and renew us  
like the sacred eagles which fly above us.

Through the great Peacemaker, Jesus our  
Lord. Amen. Miigwech.

#### **ABSOLUTION**

**PRIEST:** Almighty God, the Creator, forgive, heal  
and bless you.

May he always walk with you and you with Him;  
In the great name of Jesus.

**ALL:** Amen. Miigwech

#### **THE PEACE**

**PRIEST:** The peace of the Lord be always with  
you. **ALL:** And also with you.

#### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

**PRIEST:** Holy One, we raise our hearts and voices  
in thanksgiving for all the good gifts of your  
creation: for the strawberry, the first fruit of the  
season, for all the gifts in creation that send your  
promise of new life.

Holy One, we give you thanks for the gift of your  
son, Jesus, who reconciles us to you and to each  
other. We give you thanks for the Holy Spirit, who  
draws us together and helps us in our walk with

Jesus.

May we honour you and each other in receiving these gifts, by using them in service to you and our neighbours.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God. Miigwech.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**PRIEST:** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE:** And also with you.

**PRIEST:** Lift up your hearts.

**PEOPLE:** We lift them to the Lord.

**PRIEST:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**PEOPLE:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**PRIEST:** 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.

We unite with all creation and with the angels, guardian spirits, the saints and all our relations to join in everlasting thanksgiving and praise as we say:

**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.

**PRIEST:** Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we

may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

**PEOPLE:** Amen. Miigwech.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRIEST:** And now, as our saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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. Miigwech

**PRE-COMMUNION**

**PRIEST:** The gifts of God for the People of God.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God. Miigwech.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**ALL:** Holy One, you feed us with bread from heaven and the gifts of mother earth.

In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace and you call us to friendship with one another.

You have given us the gift of reconciliation.

May we who have tasted that gift from you,

offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another.

And may you always walk among us as friend. We pray this in your name.

Amen. Miigwech.

**BLESSING**

**PRIEST:** May the Creator watch over you.

May the Great Spirit guide and lead you.

May the love of Jesus be present in all that you do.

May we be blessed and surrounded by God's love this day and always.

**ALL:** Amen. Miigwech.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DISMISSAL**