



The Episcopal Diocese of Maine
Sunday, October 11, 2020
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service in Honor of Indigenous Peoples' Day

Prelude

Micmac Honor Song

*The Burnurwurbskek Singers,
Penobscot Nation*

Welcome

The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown, Bishop of Maine

We remember and honor the Indigenous people of North and South America, in particular the Wabanaki nations whose land that we now occupy was once their home but it was taken from them. We give thanks for them and express our gratitude for their witness on how to live a life that is honorable and humble. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us, that we belong to the Earth, and that we are all relatives in life. Help us to learn from our past mistakes and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world.

The Opening Acclamation

The Rev. Katie Holicky

Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

A Gathering Prayer from Native Ministries of the Episcopal Church

Creator, we give you thanks for all that you are and all that you bring to us within your creation. In Jesus, you placed the Gospel in the Center of the Sacred Circle through which all creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lakota Direction Song

The Rev. Shaneequa Brokenleg

Please turn and face each direction as it is sung.

West

Look toward the direction where the sun goes down.

Your Grandfather is sitting there looking at you.

Pray to him. Pray to him. He is sitting there watching.

North

Look toward the direction of the pines.

Your Grandfather is sitting there looking at you.

Pray to him. Pray to him. He is sitting there watching.

East

Look toward the direction where the sun arrives to spread daylight.
Your Grandfather is sitting there looking at you.
Pray to him. Pray to him. He is sitting there watching.

South

Look toward the direction downstream.
Your Grandfather is sitting there looking at you.
Pray to him. Pray to him. He is sitting there watching.

Above

Look toward the sacred direction.
The Great Spirit is lying there.
Pray to them. Pray to them. They are lying there watching.

Below

Look toward the direction of the Earth.
Grandmother Earth is lying there looking.
Pray to her. Pray to her. She is lying there listening.

The Epistle: Philippians 4:1-9

Mr. Thurl Headen

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

My siblings, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Hymn #783, Wonder Love and Praise
Heleluyan [Alleluia]

The Revs. Lauren Kay, John Floberg, and Lauren Stanley



He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan: he - le, he - le - lu - yan;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: al - le, al - le - lu - ia;



he - le - lu - yan. he - le - lu - yan: he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: al - le, al - le - lu - ia.

** May be sung as a round.*

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The Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

The Rev. Carol Huntington

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Sermon

*The Rev. Dr. Brad Hauff
Missioner for Indigenous Ministries, The Episcopal Church*

The Nicene Creed

Enriching Our Worship

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

The Rev. Eleanor Prior

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

*Adapted from the Prayers of the People,
The Church of the Four Winds, Portland Oregon*

Mr. John Hennessy and Mr. Thurl Headen

Creator and Redeemer, as we approach you in prayer; make us walk in beauty and balance; make us open our hearts and minds; make us speak the truth. We pray first for your Community, the Church, the Body of Christ. We pray for all our relatives in the circle of life throughout all Creation; for those chosen to be our leaders: Donald our President, Janet our Governor, Tribal leaders throughout the Northeast, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; for clergy gathered here: remembering Michael our Presiding Bishop, Thomas our Bishop, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. We call upon the earth, our planet home, with its beautiful depths, soaring heights and deep waters, its vitality and abundance of life, and together we ask that it:
Teach us, and show us the way.

We call upon the mountains and deserts, the high green valleys and meadows filled with wild flowers, the snows, the summits of intense silence, and we ask that they:
Teach us, and show us the way.

We call upon the land which grows our food, the nurturing soil, the fertile fields, the abundant gardens and orchards, and we ask that they:
Teach us, and show us the way.

We call upon the forests, the great trees reaching strongly to the sky with earth in their roots and the heavens in their branches, the fir and the pine and the cedar, and we ask them to:
Teach us, and show us the way.

We call upon the creatures of the fields and forests and the seas, our brothers and sisters the wolves and deer, the eagle and dove, the great whales and the dolphin, and we ask them to:
Teach us, and show us the way.

We call upon all those who have lived on this earth, our ancestors and our friends, who dreamed the best for future generations, and upon whose lives our lives are built, and with thanksgiving, we call upon them to:
Teach us, and show us the way.

Creator, you made the world and declared it to be good: the beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass speaks to us; the summit of the mountains, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the lakes speak to us; the faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrops on the flower speak to us. But above all, our heart soars, for you speak to us in your Son, Jesus the Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

The Rev. Lauren Kay

Silence

O Great Spirit, God of every people and every tribe, we come to you as your many children, to ask for your forgiveness and guidance. Forgive us for the colonialism that stains our past, the ignorance that allowed us to think that we could claim another's home for our own. Heal us of this history. Remind us that none of us were discovered since none of us were lost, but that we are all gathered within the sacred circle of your community. Guide us through your wisdom to restore the truth of our heritage. Help us to confront the racism that divides us as we confess the pain it has caused to the human family. Call us to kinship. Mend the hoop of our hearts and let us live in justice and peace, through Jesus Christ, the One who came that all people might live in dignity. Amen.

The Absolution

The Rev. Lauren Kay

Almighty God, who is both power and love, forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins, heal and strengthen *us* by the Spirit, and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

*Led by Dr. Terry Foster, Members of the Racial Justice Council,
and Committee on Indian Relations, Diocese of Maine*

The Peace of Christ be always with you!

The Offertory

Thanksgiving Song

Hawk Henries

*In honor of Indigenous People's Day,
please make an offering by donating to
Maine Wabanaki REACH or Indigi-AID, information below.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I

Enriching Our Worship

God be with you.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Carol J. Gallagher

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus #855, Wonder Love and Praise
Holy, holy, holy Lord [Sanctus (Red Lake)]

The Rev. Lauren Kay

Cantor *All*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Gi - chi Ma - ni - doo, heav - en and earth are full of your glo -
God of pow'r and might,
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

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Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with George and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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.

The Fraction

Be present with us, O Christ,

And be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

The Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Invitation to a Spiritual Communion

Written by Ben Cooke

The Rev. William Blaine-Wallace

Beloved, a spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray, expressing their desire to receive Holy Communion in this moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Since we are now apart, let us pray: Christ, you invite us to your feast, setting before us your hearts bread, and your life's wine. We long with all our souls to feast with you at the Altar, to taste and see the Lord's goodness today. Since we cannot now find union at the table, grant your presence spiritually. We offer you our all; hearts, lives and souls, that we may become eternally one. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Nina Pooley

Let us Pray.

Creator God, We praise you for the diversity all around us; thank you for the gift of relationships; our connection with you and with people, animals, and the land. Be present with us and guide us in opening our eyes to see and our ears to learn from those who are different from us and to learn from the creation around us. Send us out into the world in wonder and anticipation, to love as you love and to seek peace, justice, and reconciliation among all peoples; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Carol J. Gallagher

The Dismissal

The Rev. Carol Huntington

Let us go forth into the world in the Love of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Earth and Sky Song

Hawk Henries

Offertory Donations are encouraged.

Maine-Wabanaki REACH:

“Together we are supporting Maine and Wabanaki people to acknowledge truth, promote healing and create change. Together we are supporting Wabanaki self-determination. Your donation creates hope.”

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Indi-AID and The Episcopal Church In Navajoland

“The purpose of Indigi-Aid is to raise funds to assist Indigenous communities throughout the Episcopal Church in their struggles from the effects of the covid pandemic.”

Donations may be made online at this link, <https://indigi-aid.org/>

Or directly to The Episcopal Church in Navajoland: <https://ecofnavajoland.org/>

Checks may be sent to The Episcopal Church In Navajoland, PO Box 720 Farmington, NM 87499.

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