

“We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand”

(from the song “They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love”)

Worship Service For Pastoral Charges

AGM Conference Sunday

May 30, 2010

(This worship service was created to follow the theme of the AGM for 2010 “Living In Right Relationships ~ Non Kwe Shon Ha ~ Vivre des relations justes.” A reminder of the road that we have been asked to walk towards a right relationship with our aboriginal brothers and sisters)

Music Prelude

Welcome And Theme

Work Of The Church

Let Us Gather Together

Leader

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

People

A light no darkness can extinguish.

East candle is lit followed with a prayer

O Creator, Great Spirit of Light the giver of the gift of a new day,
come to us out of the East with the power of the rising sun.
Let there be light always in our words and on the paths that we walk.
We ask, Spirit keeper of the East, Brother Eagle to be with us.
Fly high as you carry our prayers to our Creator.
Give us the sharpness of your eyes, so we are able to see truth
and hope on the path we have chosen.
Guide our every step and give us courage to walk the Circle of life
with honesty and dignity.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

West candle is lit followed with a prayer

Holy and Almighty God, Creator of Heaven and earth,
we give you our thanks and praise for
your grace that lifts us up and bears us each day.

As the daytime begins with the rising of the sun
your eternal light shines on us.
When this day is completing its circle,
Emmanuel, you will be with us, as the sun sets.
May our mortal bodies be refreshed and restored this night
with your precious gift of sleep and rest.
Surround us with your loving kindness during the night time.

As the eternal dawn shall come so will your appearing.
And we shall be known as you are known.
And in love and joy you will receive us.

Into your holy name we commend our spirit. Amen.

North candle is lit followed with a prayer

Almighty God, our Father, the giver of all good gifts from every direction, send down your love from the North that all who minister to your call may faithfully and truthfully serve you and to the benefit of your Holy Church, in serving one master and looking for one reward, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

South candle is lit followed with a prayer

Gracious God, Creator of the Universe you speak to us through your prophets and through Jesus Christ your son.

Through Jesus comes grace and truth, healing and justice.

Your love has freed us from the bondage of fear to become your disciples.

That love gives us the strength and compassion to do your will through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe!

**You led your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day
and a pillar of fire by night.**

Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ.

**May his word be a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path;**

for you are full of loving kindness for your whole creation, and we, your creatures, glorify you,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen

National First Nations Day of Prayer 2007 – Anglican Church of Canada

Hymn:

MV #1 Let Us Build A House

VU # 679 Let There Be Light

Opening Prayer

We come with thanksgiving

- For our very breath, the warmth of sun, and the sustaining waters
- For life all around us; the plants, soft grasses, and sheltering trees
- For the ones that crawl, those that swim, and those that fly
- For the four legged and the two legged
- All our relations!

We celebrate the diversity in creation as reflected in the four winds from the four directions. We especially honour the many peoples with their many gifts for understanding our shared life on the earth.

We strive to live out the seven sacred teachings:

- Respect
- Love

- Honesty
- Courage
- Humility
- Wisdom
- Truth

These teachings enable us to live in harmony with ourselves, with our neighbours and created earth.

Former Moderator, Stan McKay

Prayer of Confession

How difficult it has been, O Creator, for us to be humble and caring. We so easily forget your teachings of the just and right relationships that we are to have with each other, as brothers and sisters, in this land. We so easily forget that our responsibility carries from generation to generation for all those who are hurt and oppressed and denied their place in the circle of life – those who still need our support, who need justice and peace. How difficult it is for us to remain humble as we walk the road of life. May we find peace so that we might share peace that is genuine and real, and help others to know peace within. Spirit of life, help us to walk the road of integrity back to the circle of life, where we will be truly joined by all our brothers and sisters. Meegwetch Che Manido (Thank you Great Spirit).

Prayer for Assurance

Leader: Let your breath, O God, fill us with life anew, that we might love as you love and do what you would do. Let us know the peace that comes from good relations with each other and with you. Amen

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Hymn:

MV #145 Draw The Circle Wide

VU #681 Where Cross The Crowded Way)f Life

Children's Time: "Jesus Love Us All" (*see Children's Story at the end of the worship service*)

Children's Hymn: #365 Jesus Loves Me

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Responsive Reading: Psalm 19 VU740

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 8: 6-13

Gospel Reading: Luke 10: 25-37

Sermon: "We Will Walk With Each Other" (*see separate attachment*)

Hymn:

MV #179 Sisters Let Us Walk Together

VU #595 We Are Pilgrims

Offertory

Doxology: #537 Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands
Your work, O God,

needs many hands to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.

Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.

Dedication of the Offering

Creator God, who gives us abundance for all, we pray that you would bless these gifts we offer, transforming them into tools for your ministry of reconciliation. We offer ourselves as gifts for transformation as well, opening ourselves for your Spirit's justice movement. Amen

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Pastoral Prayer

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 who taught us to come to you in prayer by saying:

Our Father who art in heaven.....

National Aboriginal Day of Prayer 2004 – Anglican Church of Canada

Hymn:

MV #141 We Are All One People

(song by Saskatchewan Cree composers Joseph Naytowhow & Cheryl LHirondelle)

VU #678 For The Healing Of The Nations

Blessing

God is before us.

God is behind us.

God is above us.

God is below us.

God's words shall come from our mouths.

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

All is finished in beauty.

All is finished in beauty.

Navajo prayer tradition

Benediction

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road.

May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve.

May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open your hearts to love.

When you leave this place may you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,
and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.

I pray that it be true in your life and in mine. Amen.

Jesus Love Us All *(Children's Story)*

Props: A package of Jelly Beans

Scripture: The Good Samaritan - God wants us to be good neighbours to everyone.

(First check with the parents to see if it is okay to share the Jelly Beans with the children, or use balloons etc. Anything that has different colours. All children have a colour they like best.

I brought a special treat this morning. It is a package of Jelly Beans. You know what I like most about Jelly Beans. They come in many different colours. Everyone has their favourite colour of Jelly Beans. What colour do you like? There is always a colour that no one seems to like to pick then that is the one that is left behind and nobody wants to eat them.

The Jelly Beans remind me of children. Have you ever noticed at school there are some children that at recess are never picked for games or are standing alone in the play ground. They are never chosen to play games. They end up walking to school and home again all alone. Maybe they are just a little bit different or maybe their skin is different colour and the other children just won't choose them. They must be very sad.

We all need to remember that Jesus loves all the children and he wants us to do the same. The Samaritan in today's story didn't check first to what religion or colour the injured man was before he stopped and helped him as he lay beaten on the side of the road. No the Samaritan helped him to an inn down the road and paid for his lodging till he was all healed. Just as Jesus wants us to love one another and care for one another. Next week I want you to look around the playground at school and if a child is playing by him or her self I want you to go up to him and ask him or her if they want to join in playing your game. You will help that child and make yourself feel better to because you know you will be doing what Jesus wants us to do.

Dear God, help me to remember that you want us to love one another just as you love us. Please help me to remember when I am at school to include others who may be lonely in my games.
Amen