

St. Paul's, Brunswick 9am Holy Eucharist Indigenous Peoples' Sunday

Welcome

Territory Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we stand on territory that was taken from the Abenaki people of the Wabanaki Confederacy, the people of the Dawnland. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us, that we belong to the Earth, and that we are all companions in life. May we learn from our past sins and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world. We ask for inspiration that we might be compelled to take action and support our native neighbors as they continue to seek their sovereignty here in Maine.



October 11, 2026

Season of Creation

Thanksgiving for the Earth

From the Iona Abbey

Celebrant: Remember the fruits of the earth, for sowing and for harvest. Remember the dew of the air. Remember the downcoming of the rains and the waters and the rivers. Remember the plants and the blooms of every year. Remember the safety of humans and of animals and of me, your sinful servant. For the rain, the wind of the sky, seed, plants, the fruit of the trees and also the vineyards, and for every tree in the entire world,

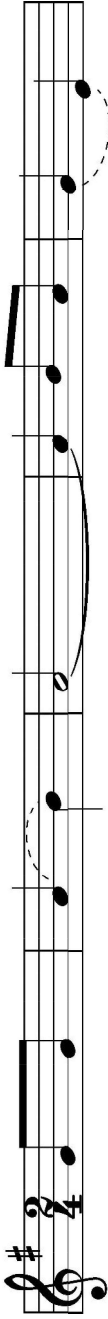
People We are grateful.

Celebrant: For the Holy Trinity who brings us to perfection in safety and peace, forgives us our sins, brings us up according to their measure that we may grow and prosper through your grace, who makes the face of the earth to rejoice, waters her furrows, lets her grain be abundantly multiplied and makes ready her seed-time and harvest,
People We give You thanks.

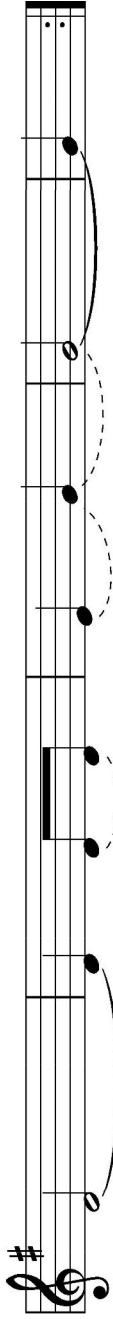




Opening Song: Way, way, way WLP #813



Way way way way way way way way
Lord, have mer - Lord, have mer -
Al - le - lu - Al - le - lu -
Ho - ly Spi - rit, Ho - ly Spi - rit,
Let us bless the Lord. come, Let us bless the



way way way way way way way way
cy. cy. cy.
ia. ia. ia.
come, make our hearts your home.
Lord. Thanks be to God.

Each alternative text is sung independently and repeated numerous times.

Words and Music: Traditional Ojibway lullaby from *Chippewa Music* by Frances Densmore (1867-1957).



Call to Prayer from the Iona Abbey

Celebrant: Eternal God, maker of the skies above,
lowly Christ, Lover of the earth and its people,
unfettered Spirit, Giver of gracious gifts,

All: you are present among us.

Celebrant: O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns,
soul within all souls, in all we touch, in all we meet,

All: you are present among us.

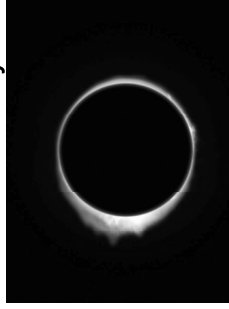
Celebrant: As bearers of your image, we come to
be reshaped;

**All: dependent on your mercy, we ask to
be made new.**

Creation Collect of the Day ^(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.**

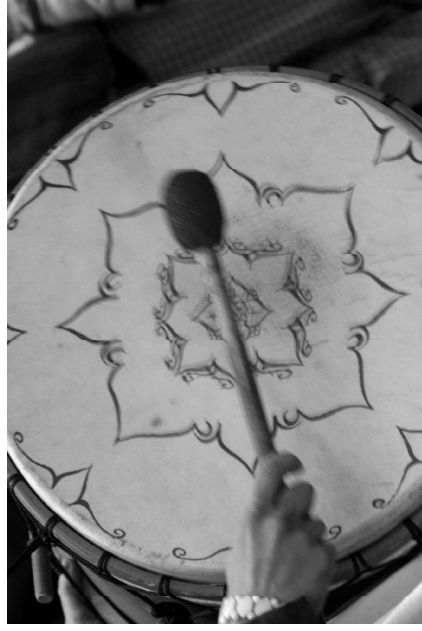


First Reading, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 adapted from the NRSV
Reader (Lector): We will read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

- 1 Alleluia! Give thanks, for the Holy One is good; * God's mercy endures for ever.
2 **Who can declare the mighty acts of God * or show forth rightful praise?**
3 Happy are they who act with justice * and always do what is right!
4 **Remember me, O God, with the favor you have for your people, * and visit me with your saving help,**
5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people; * that I may glory with your inheritance.
6 **We have sinned as our forebears did; * we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.**
19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb * and worshiped a molten image;
20 **And so they exchanged their Glory * for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.**
21 They forgot you, their Savior, * who had done great things in Egypt,
22 **Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, * and fearful things at the Red Sea.**
23 So you would have destroyed them, had not Moses your chosen stood before you in the breach, * to turn away your wrath from consuming them.

Gospel Song: Heleluyan (sing 2x), from (WLP#783) *Muscogee (Creek) song*

Heleluyan,
Heleluyan,
heleluyan;
hele, heleluyan;
Heleluyan,
heleluyan;
hele, heleluyan





Gospel Reading, Matthew 22:1-14 NRSV adapted *art:freebibleimages.org*

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

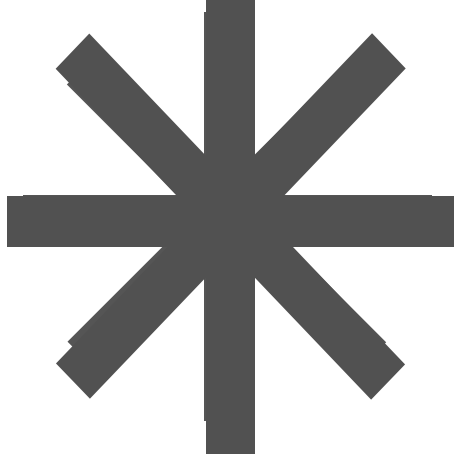


“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness,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

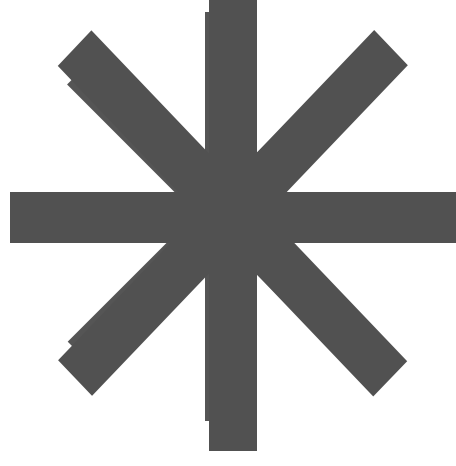
Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY



Sharing Time





The Profession of Faith from South India

We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God.

And we believe in the hope that one day

God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

Prayers Let us pray for the life of the world...

Let us begin by honoring our Indigenous siblings... In Brunswick we stand on the territory
of the Abenaki, of the Wabanaki Confederacy, in Arosaguntacook where the waters of the
Mere Brook Watershed and Androscoggin River flow.

For the things we are thankful for...

For our loved ones ...

For those who teach us...

For those who lead us...

For the sick and for those who do not have enough... naming especially those on
our parish prayer list

For ourselves...

We gather our prayers and lift them up to God who knows and loves us. Amen.





Confession and Absolution

Is there anything you did that you are sorry for? Silently think about it in your mind.

Celebrant: Lord God, we are sorry for the times we have been unkind, Lord have mercy.
ALL: Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord God, we are sorry for the times we have forgotten you, Christ have mercy.
ALL: Christ have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord God, we ask you to forgive us, Lord have mercy.
ALL: Lord have mercy.

Prayer For Forgiveness

Celebrant: Holy God, have mercy upon you, forgive you all your sins, and bring you to eternal life.
ALL: Amen.



Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be always with you!

People: And also with you!

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

(the parade to bring up the elements while collection plate is passed)





The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer Creation II

Celebrant The Creator be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Creator.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to our loving God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here where the waters of the Mere Brook Watershed and Androscoggin River flow, where town, wilderness, farm, and sea are side by side. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.



Celebrant: We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, lupine and alewife, cedar and moose, pine and eagle, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honor song:



**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.**



Celebrant: We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.



Celebrant: Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup. Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation. Bring us with St. Paul and all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come. All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and forever. AMEN.



The Lord's Prayer

Our God 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.

Fraction *(break bread)*

Be known to us Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We are the communion of Christ's Body.

We share one bread together.

Invitation Holy Food for Holy People.

Administration of Sacrament The body of Christ, the bread of life!

The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.





Communion Hymn: This is the Body of Christ

by John Bell from the Iona Community

This is the body of Christ
Broken that we may be whole
This cup, as promised by God
True to his word, cradles our Lord
Food for the good of the soul



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Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, we are grateful for the love that we share in this community and in Your Holy Food. Send us into the world to listen to our neighbors with hearts of love, and to share the Good News of Jesus. Amen.

Blessing *adapted from the Episcopal Church Season of Creation*

May God who established the dance of creation,
Who marveled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church
To listen to the voice of all creatures
That reflect God's glory in creation.
In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. **Amen!**





Closing Song: Peace Before Us (WLP#791) (based on Navajo prayer)



Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

Love before us, love behind us, love under our feet.
Love within us, love over us, let all around us be love.

Light before us, light behind us, light under our feet.
Light within us, light over us, let all around us be light.

Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet.
Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ.



Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the love and peace of Jesus to serve our neighbors!

People: Thanks be to God!