

Opening Worship

50th Convocation of Synod

The Diocese of Algoma

Memorial of Ninian, Bishop in Galloway
Thursday, September 16, 2021

Introductory Rite

Lighting of Candles

People participating via the live stream are encouraged to light candles as the following is said,

Archbishop: Come, O Spirit, giver of life.
Make your face to shine on us, that we may be saved.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

Archbishop: From many peoples and places, we come to this house of prayer.
We gather at Baawating, the place of the rapids,
an important gathering place of Indigenous peoples
for thousands of years to this day.
This is Robinson-Huron Treaty territory,
the traditional land of the Anishnaabeg,
specifically the Garden River and Batchewana First Nations,
and the Métis.
As we offer our evening sacrifice of praise,
we pray the light of the Creator will guide us all
on the path of truth, justice-seeking, healing, and reconciliation.

Phos Hilaron

Tune: Tallis's Canon (Common Praise #14)

**O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ,
in you the Father's glory shone.
Immortal, holy, blest is he,
and blest are you, his holy Son.**

**Now sunset comes, but light shines forth;
The lamps are lit to pierce the night.
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God
who dwells in the eternal light.**

**Worthy are you of endless praise,
O Son of God, life-giving Lord;
wherefore you are through all the earth
and in the highest heaven adored.**

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Thanksgiving

Archbishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Archbishop: Blessed are you, O Shepherd of Israel,
Holy One enthroned upon the cherubim.
The light of your countenance brings healing and liberation.
At creation's birth, you spoke the sun and stars into being.
By a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day,
you led twelve tribes shackled in servitude
to a land of freedom and promise,
making of them one people,
a light to the nations,
a living testimony to your power to save.

O shine upon us, great Lord of life.
For, if you dwell with us, we shall live anew in your love.
Pour into our hearts
the brilliance of your eternal splendor,
that we may shine with the radiance of the One
who dispels the darkness of injustice
with the light of his righteousness.
In the end, bring us to stand before you in that eternal city
where you live and reign, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Psalmody

Psalm

Psalm 63.1-8 (sung by quartet)

Psalm Prayer

Archbishop: Eternal Love, our hearts are restless until they rest in you.
Let your glory shine on us, that our lives may proclaim your goodness,
our work give you honour, and our voices praise you forever;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Proclamation

Reading

Isaiah 55.6-11

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

Gospel Proclamation

Matthew 28.16-20

Commissioning of Indigenous Advisor to the Archbishop

Archbishop: I call forward Elder Willard Pine to be commissioned as Indigenous Advisor to the Archbishop of Algoma.

Elder Willard Pine is escorted to the chancel by The Rev. Lana Grawbarger, Incumbent of St. John's Church, Garden River.

The Dean reads the Certificate of Commissioning.

The Archbishop continues,

Elder Willard Pine, I am humbled and grateful that you have agreed to serve as my Indigenous Spiritual Advisor. You are a beloved and widely respected Anishinaabe elder, always generous in offering your stories and wisdom to any who will listen. In this way you carry on the tradition of your father, Elder Dan Pine, and the vision of your great ancestor, Chief Shingwauk. You have a lifetime not only of teaching, but also of healing. Deeply rooted in your belief in prayer and the sacred fire, you continuously help people who seek your hospitality and guidance. You walk the Red Road seven days a week, and you support your wife, Marie, by your involvement with St. John's Church in Garden River. Together, you, Marie, and your family are a living testimony to the way of love, goodwill, and generosity.

Archbishop: Let us stand in prayer.

Blessed are you, Creator God.
We give you thanks for the many ways you reveal yourself
in the lives of your beloved peoples.
We pray for Indigenous Elders,
for those who keep the teachings of their people,
and for all who work
for the wholeness and health of their communities.

We give you thanks for Elder Willard,
and for the wisdom, joy, and generous spirit so evident in him.
Continue to bless him,
and to bless others through him.

Help us to listen,
and break open our hearts in love,
that we might receive and care for each other well,
grow in new understandings of our past,
and be led in ways that value life, healing, and wholeness.
Blessed are you, Creator God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

After the Commissioning, all are seated.

Elder Pine is invited to offer a teaching.

Installation of an Honorary Canon

Archbishop: I call forward Fran Glover to be named to the Chapter of Canons
of St. Luke's Cathedral in the Diocese of Algoma.

The Dean reads the Deed of Collation. The he continues,

Fran, in the Epistle of James we are exhorted to be doers of the word, and not merely hearers. The position of Honorary Canon is bestowed upon you because we find you to be a commendable example of faithful response to this call. For decades not only have you served in the councils of the Church; you have shown tireless energy in working for others: proclaiming the gospel in tangible form through your care for people, giving voice to the voiceless, showing open-mindedness without compromising your convictions, speaking frankly with humour and humility, and encouraging us to "step up our game" just by being who you are.

You are a leader of worship not only in common prayer, but also in our service in the world. Algoma gives thanks for your faithfulness in ministry and for the example you have given in responding to the call of Christ in your life and vocation.

As an Honorary Canon, you are designated as an advisor to the Bishop. In partnership with her and with all God's people, you are to foster and encourage the life, work, and mission of the Cathedral, the Diocese of Algoma, and the wider Christian family.

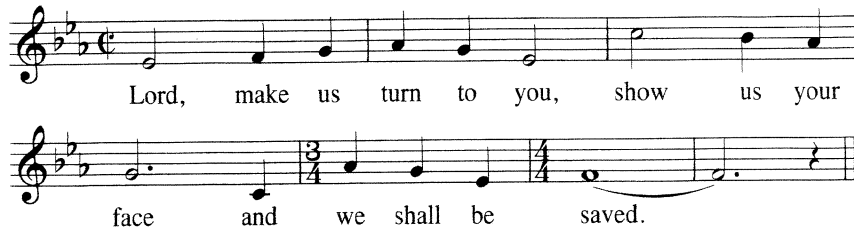
Archbishop: Let us stand in prayer.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
for in every generation you raise up leaders
to inspire and equip your people
as they share in your mission to the world.
We give thanks for the ministry and example
of your servant, Francis,
for her generous and wise service in
the worship, formation, and administration of your church.
Grant that she may continue to give
counsel and encouragement to your people,
bringing praise and honour to your name.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the risen and ascended Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Homily

Intercession and Thanksgiving



O God, you gather us to voice lament.
We have endured a time of life disrupted,
daily existence in disarray,
our sustenance the bread of tears.
Even now, many must navigate the currents
of economic and social loss,
or the invisible pain of loneliness and grief.
Cry us into love again.
Break open our hearts to all who are vulnerable and alone,
to ourselves in our glorious finitude,
and to you, the source of all being. Restore us, O God: **/R/**

O God, you gather us to recall your loving faithfulness.
Even in the midst of tremendous suffering
we have witnessed inspiring moments
of generosity and compassion,
deeds of sacrifice for others,
acts of kindness that were nothing less
than the healing presence of the risen Christ.
Rehearse us again in your story.
Cause us to remember your saving deeds of old.
Quicken our sight to perceive you at work today
in our lives, our church, our world. Restore us, O God: **/R/**

O God, you gather us to be renewed in service.
You are calling this land to truth,
its peoples to walk in a good way with 'all our relations'.
Created in the image and likeness of you, our Creator,
you commission us to safeguard the integrity of your creation.
Your entrust us to proclaim abundance in the face of scarcity,
and peaceableness in the face of violence.
Fill us, then, with courageous hope.
Shape imagination and heart to desire what you desire.
Provoke and sustain our transformation
so we may foster renewal in the communities we serve. Restore us, O God: **/R/**

As we gather, O God, looking to your future,
we recall those whose faith we build upon,
and from whose memory we draw inspiration.

The names recorded in the 'In Memoriam' are lifted up in prayer.

Comfort those who mourn.
Fortify us to imitate your faithful ones of old.
Invigorate us with Resurrection hope
that we face life and death confident in your promises.
Restore us, O God: **/R/**

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Collect of the Day

Archbishop: God of infinite goodness,
throughout the ages you have persevered
in claiming and reclaiming your people.
Renew for us your call to repentance,
surround us with witnesses to aid us in our journey,
and grant us the time to fashion our lives anew;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Evening Hymn *Tune: St. Clement (Common Praise #29)*

**The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended;
the darkness falls at thy behest.
To thee our morning hymns ascended;
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.**

**We thank thee that thy church unsleeping,
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day or night.**

**As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day;
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.**

**The sun that bids us rest is waking
thy faithful 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
thy wondrous doings heard on high.**

**So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands and grows forever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.**

Dismissal

Archbishop: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Archbishop: The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last

People: **Amen.**