

September 30, 2026
9:30 am Wednesday Eucharist
National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

September 30, Orange Shirt Day, now also known as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (NDTR) is a day for all Canadians to commemorate and learn more about the history and legacy of the residential school system. It's a day to honour the strength, dignity and advocacy of survivors and intergenerational survivors, by learning and talking about Indian Residential Schools and remembering the children who never came home. It's an opportunity to engage and educate more Christians about the history of the Church and colonialism and how it has and continues to impact First Nations, Métis and Inuit today.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Presider: We gather here from many places on land that is the traditional and unsundered territory of the Halq'emeyn-speaking Coast Salish peoples.

All: May Christ lead us on right pathways as we seek truth and reconciliation in action.

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: Draw your Church together, O Lord,
into one great company of disciples,
together following our Lord Jesus Christ
into every walk of life,
together serving you in your mission in the world,
and together witnessing to your love
on every continent and island of your creation.
We ask this in the name of the Risen Christ
in whom we are one. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Job 9:1-10

Reader: A reading from the Book of Job,

²⁰ ‘See, God will not reject a blameless person, nor take the hand of evildoers. ²¹ He will yet fill your mouth with laughter, and your lips with shouts of joy. ²² Those who hate you will be clothed with shame, and the tent of the wicked will be no more.’

Then Job answered: ² ‘Indeed I know that this is so; but how can a mortal be just before God? ³ If one wished to contend with him, one could not answer him once in a thousand. ⁴ He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength —who has resisted him, and succeeded?— ⁵ he who removes mountains, and they do not know it, when he overturns them in his anger; ⁶ who shakes the earth out of its place, and its pillars tremble; ⁷ who commands the sun, and it does not rise; who seals up the stars; ⁸ who alone stretched out the heavens and trampled the waves of the Sea; ⁹ who made the Bear and Orion, the Pleiades and the chambers of the south; ¹⁰ who does great things beyond understanding, and marvellous things without number.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

A Litany for Healing and Restoration (said responsively)

Holy Creator, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,
Have mercy on us.

Risen Christ, through whom the whole creation is reconciled to God,
Have mercy on us.

Life-giving Spirit, whose love and truth fills the world and searches the depths of our lives,
Have mercy on us.

Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,

Have mercy on us.

From our failure to recognize and respect the revelation of your truth and love in the First Peoples of this land,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our participation in the systematic oppression of indigenous sovereignty, language, culture and spirituality,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our role in the Indian Residential Schools designed to eliminate the unique society, wisdom and beauty of the indigenous peoples of this land,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our complicit tolerance of the decimation of Indigenous family structures leaving children vulnerable to abuses of every kind,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our continued acceptance of unjust legal, educational, health and social structures that continue to oppress and destroy the lives of many indigenous people,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

O God, we pray for the gifts of your grace and your love which never gives up on us and is forever faithful. Inspire our minds with a vision of the reconciliation of your kingdom in this time and place.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our eyes, that we may see the sacredness in all creation.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth of every peoples the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our lips, that we may speak of the beauty of every tongue and dialect proclaiming the wonderful works of God.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hearts, that we may discern your mission in which you call us to be immersed, particularly in partnership with the First Peoples of this land.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our minds that we may witness to your Good News in our neighbourhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hands, that we may forever shun violence and embrace the work you give us to do.

Hear us, O Christ.

The Gospel: Luke 9:57-62

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' ⁵⁹ To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' ⁶¹ Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' ⁶² Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

A member of the community invites us to bring our concerns and thanksgivings before God.

The Exchange of the Peace

Presider: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with your neighbours, respecting their comfort with touch.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Let us pray,

All: Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation.

**Feed us with the Bread of Life,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

the Great Thanksgiving

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Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: God of power and might you spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this fragile earth and ourselves, our souls, and bodies. As our past is in you, so our hope for the future rests with you. As we have turned from your way, so we turn again to the warmth of your love. Through you all things

are brought to new life. And so with all creation, we raise our voices to proclaim your great and glorious name:

**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.**

Presider: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he 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 shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Presider: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

In the language closest to your heart, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
*(please use the traditional version or another language
you use for prayer if you desire)*

**All: 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 glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God bids you welcome to this table. Here we are strengthened for the journey. Here strangers become friends and the seeker finds God's wisdom speaking

to them. See who you are and become what you see. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

All who are drawn to Christ are welcome at this table. Bread and wine are shared, but receiving in one kind carries the fullness of Christ's presence. You may also come forward for a blessing instead.

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: Great Creator,
you have fed us with bread from heaven.
continue to renew us in your truth,
to give light to our minds
strength to our bodies,
and seal us with your Holy Spirit.
We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.**

Presider: Glory to God,

**All: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church, and in Christ Jesus,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Readings for St. Francis Day, Sunday October 4, 2026 Galatians 6:14-18; Psalm 148; Matthew 11:25-30



THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

Thursday

Vespers, 5:30-6 pm online by Zoom+

Saturday

Community Brunch, 11 am-noon in the Upper Hall

Sunday

BCP Eucharist, 8-9 am. *

Choral Eucharist, 10-11:15 am*

Monday

Family Film Night, 9-9 pm in the Lounge

Wednesday

Midweek Eucharist 9:30-10 am*

Followed by Bible Study 10:30-11:30 am in Lounge

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