# Holy Eucharist for the Opening of the 69th Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton



18 October 2024 at 7:00 pm

All Saints' Anglican Cathedral Edmonton, Alberta

# Preamble to Synod (6:45pm)

## Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

We are a Treaty People, a way of hospitality between Nations, witnessed by The Creator. We commit ourselves to sharing this land and its sacred gifts together in peace. We are grateful guests of this creation and its first caretakers: the Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Sarcee, Blackfoot, Iroquois, and Métis Nations.

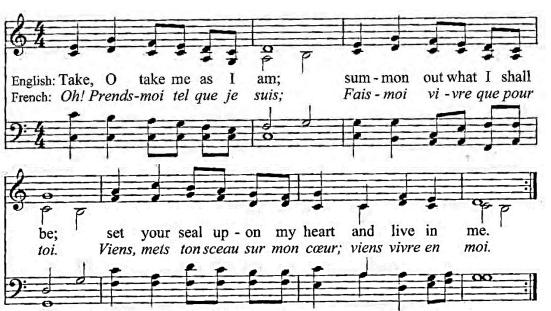
Meeting now, with respect and desire to make friends, we recognize the hurt and wounds, and we seek to hold each other's story with a good mind. We seek to heal together by welcoming all peoples and genders in the spirit of the Treaty and caring for all our relations.

## Introduction to Synod

# Synod Song

Take, O Take Me as I Am

John L. Bell



The Gathering of the Community (7:00pm)

Processional Hymn 645 Come Down, O Love Divine

The Greeting

Bishop The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People And also with you.

Prayer for Synod

Bishop O God our Creator,

People you have always sent out your peoples in every age

along unfamiliar paths as witnesses to your mercy and love. Each time you have shown us that it is in our faithful steps of journey into the unexpected where you will meet us afresh and anew. Draw near to us now, your church in synod, and walk closely with us as we prepare to travel this stretch of a shifting and uncertain road. Tell us yet again of your Good News for the strivings and longings of this time and place and cause our hearts to burn within us as we remember our call to become the story we tell. Through Christ, in the Spirit, for the life of the world.

Amen.

The Lighting of the Flame The Very Reverend Alexandra Meek

Dean Dear Friends, as we are gathered together from across the

Diocese for this synod, we recognize that we are all gathered together as one in the name of Jesus Christ. Each year at the Diocesan Easter Vigil we light, from the new fire, individual candles to remind us of each congregation that shares the light of Christ so faithfully across this diocese. It is a beautiful light in the midst of the darkness.

Tonight, we have chosen to light one flame that will remain lit throughout the entirety of the synod. This fire is a reminder of that same fire of the Holy Spirit that burns across our diocese and also of our unity in the body of Christ. This fire will not be extinguished at the end of this service but will travel with us and remain burning throughout our synod, reminding us of the unity that we find in the Holy Spirit and that the fire we each carry in our hearts is from this same Spirit who makes us one.

Let us pray.

ΑII

Almighty God, as we light this flame, we are reminded of the fire that you sent upon the disciples at Pentecost allowing them each to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in their own way, united by your Spirit. We ask for this same gift within our synod: to recognize the fire that you have placed within our hearts, to proclaim the Good News, and to live together in the unity of your Holy Spirit. Guide and direct us this weekend, that we may speak and listen well and that we might know your direction for us. Amen.

## The Smudge

The Venerable Travis Enright

Taking the smoke of the smudge into yourself makes you a "standing stone." It helps you to stand erect, to center yourself, to prepare yourself to engage with the Creator and the world.

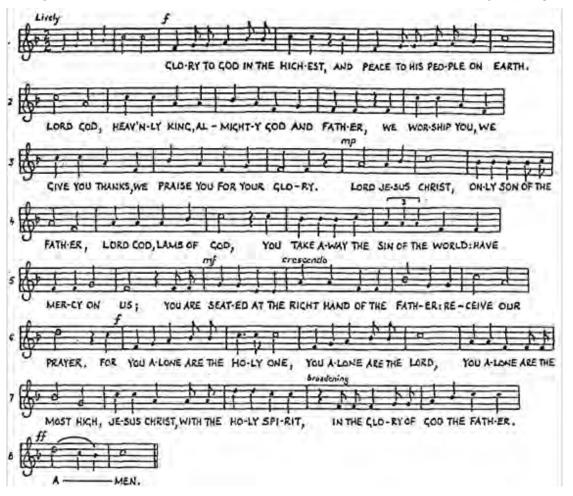
The smoke can have various destinations, but typically there are three:

- -Your eyes, so that you see as God sees, as God wishes you to see.
- -Your heart, so that, as in confession, the truth of God enters you, to heal and to restore.
- -Your head, in fact the top of your head, so that you become secure in the knowledge that you are loved by God.

Feel free to take your time. Participation by observing is an Indigenous way of learning. And when you are ready, feel free to join in.

## Glory to God

Jeremy Spurgeon



Collect for the Day

Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,

All source of all wisdom and understanding, be present

with those who take counsel in the upcoming Synod

of the Diocese of Edmonton for the renewal and

mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek

first your honour and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Reading: Exodus 13:17-22

Suzanne Oswald

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was nearer; for God thought, 'If the people face war, they may change their minds and return to Egypt.' So God led the people by the roundabout way of the wilderness towards the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of the land of Egypt prepared for battle. And Moses took with him the bones of Joseph, who had required a solemn oath of the Israelites, saying, 'God will surely take notice of you, and then you must carry my bones with you from here.' They set out from Succoth, and camped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness. The Lord went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day, to lead them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, so that they might travel by day and by night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

Reader The word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

#### The Gradual Psalm 104:1-4



Bless the Lord, O my soul;

O Lord my God, how excellent Is your greatness! You are clothed with majesty and splendour. You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak And spread out the heavens like a curtain. Antiphon

You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; You make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind. You make the winds your messengers And flames of fire your servants. Antiphon

The Second Reading: Acts 2:1-4

Morgan Cromarty

Chant: from Martin Luther

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Reader The word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 624 O Thou Who Camest From Above

## The Holy Gospel

The Reverend John Gee

Gospeller The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke (24:13-35)

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly

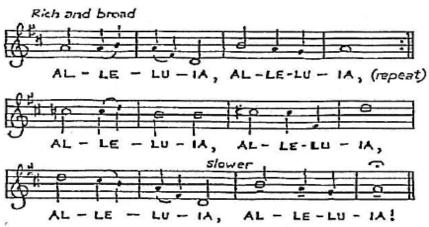
over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia

Jeremy Spurgeon



**Bishop's Charge to Synod** 

The Right Reverend Stephen London

# A Rite of Collation and Seating for Ministry

All those being presented stand at the chancel steps.

Bishop

Dear sisters, brothers, and siblings in faith, the Church is the family of God, the Body of Christ, and the temple of the Holy Spirit. All baptized people are called to make Christ known in their own unique ways, and to share in the healing and renewing of the world. Through the ministry of all the faithful, the Church testifies to the loving way of the risen and ascended Jesus as it acts courageously on God's promises and gives passionate witness to the Gospel by word and deed. We give thanks and pray for all the many disciples of Jesus Christ whom God has called and equipped to walk together on the way, including those now being called to carry out particular areas of ministry oversight with and for us.

The persons are presented.

Dean

Bishop Stephen, I present to you, and all here gathered, the following persons to be collated in ministries of servant leadership in our church.

The Ven. Chelsy Bouwman, to be collated as Archdeacon for Rural Ministry

The Ven. Jonathan Crane, to be collated as Archdeacon for Mission and Discipleship.

## Collation and Seating of New Archdeacons

Bishop

Chelsy, you have been serving Christ as Archdeacon in the Diocese of Edmonton. As an Archdeacon, you support and share in the bishop's ministry of oversight, particularly in the area of Rural Ministry, and various other

representative, administrative, pastoral, and missional capacities. In these and many other ways, you walk together with your bishop and the whole of our synod in equipping the church for the living out of its vision and vocation.

Jonathan, you have been serving Christ as Archdeacon in the Diocese of Edmonton. As an Archdeacon, you support and share in the bishop's ministry of oversight, particularly in the areas of Mission and Discipleship, and various other representative, administrative, pastoral, and missional capacities. In these and many other ways, you walk together with your bishop and the whole of our synod in equipping the church for the living out of its vision and vocation.

Chelsy and Jonathan, are you willing to continue in this responsibility in the church?

Answer (together): I am willing.

Bishop

Will you be faithful in the spiritual leadership of those things committed to your charge, seeking always to promote the way of faith, hope, and love, walking together with all your fellow ministers and bearing one another's burdens, so that together we may fulfill the words and dreams of Christ and make known to all God's truth and grace?

Answer (together): I will, with God's help.

The Deeds of Collation are read by the Chancellor and then given to the Bishop.

The Bishop hands the Deeds of Collation to the new Archdeacons.

Bishop

Chelsy and Jonathan, accept this charge, which is both mine and yours, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Be faithful to the trust committed to you, and minister as a true sign of the vocation of all the baptized to serve as Christ served.

The Dean escorts the new Archdeacons to their seats in the chancel where they are then seated.

Dean

Chelsy, in accordance with the appointment and mandate of Stephen, our bishop, I install you as Archdeacon for Rural Ministry, and seat you in the Cathedral chancel in the chair of St. Isidore and St. Maria. May the Lord preserve your going out and your coming in, from this day forward.

ΑII

Amen.

Dean

Jonathan, in accordance with the appointment and mandate of Stephen, our bishop, I install you as Archdeacon for Mission and Discipleship, and seat you in the Cathedral chancel in the chair of St. Barnabas. May the Lord preserve your going out and your coming in, from this day forward.

ΑII

Amen.

The Nicene Creed Common Praise 681

John Merbecke

ΑII

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God; Light, of Light, very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the

Father, through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures and ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

Fiona Brownlee

Leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness. Creator, we long for wholeness in our families, for honest, open communication to say what we need to say in safety and without fear. Creator, we give thanks for the knowledge you give in all traditions of the world. Help us to honour the gifts of all traditions.

ΑII

Teach us to know how to love and live.

Leader

We face East. We give thanks for new life, for youth, represented by the eastern direction. We give thanks for new learning, for the sun which rises to begin each new day, and for the teachings of the peoples of the east, and yellow-skinned peoples.

ΑII

Teach us to know how to love and live.

Leader

We turn to face South. We give thanks for the south, for the dark-skinned peoples of the world, for the growth of the summertime in our lives, the learnings of our adult lives, to be kind and accept ourselves. Teach us as parents to love and respect our children, to care for the elders and those who cannot care for themselves.

ΑII

Teach us to know how to love and live.

Leader

We turn to face West. We give thanks for the west, for the gifts of Aboriginal peoples of the world, for understandings of care of the earth, for teachings about rocks, leaves and trees, for the knowledge we have in our own teachings, all of these given by our Creator. Help us to use our understandings to bring joy and new life to our communities.

ΑII

Teach us to know how to love and live.

Leader

We turn to face North. We give thanks for the northern direction, for the light-skinned peoples of the world, and white-haired peoples in our families and communities. Help us to receive gifts of wisdom from all peoples. Help us to grow our roots deeper through life's journey, that we may grow in kindness to ourselves and each other.

ΑII

Teach us to know how to love and live.

Leader

We turn to complete the circle.

ΑII

Empower each of us through the bringer of Peace, your Son Jesus, to see and change for better the common life of all people and creation. Hear our prayers this day and every day. Accept our thanks for all the blessings you have given us, and for the opportunities to use these blessings for your honour and glory in service to others. Amen.

#### Confession and Absolution

Bishop Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite

in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting us to God's table. Let us therefore confess our sins, confident in God's

forgiveness.

## Silence is kept.

Bishop Most merciful God,

All we confess that we have sinned against you in

thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you

with our whole heart; we have not loved our

neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we

humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus

Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may

delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the

glory of your name. Amen.

Bishop Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver

you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus

Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Offertory

The Offertory Hymn 374 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Bishop Let us pray.

Creator,

All your word inspires our faith. May we who offer you

our praise trust you in all things. We ask this in the

name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Bishop The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Bishop It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and

gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word

endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy

name, evermore praising you and singing,

Sanctus and Benedictus Common Praise 735 Franz Schubert

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy,

holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and

earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

#### Bishop

We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our **Saviour's sacrifice**, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

ΑII

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

Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.

People

Amen.

# The Lord's Prayer Common Praise 684

John Merbecke

ΑII

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

Bishop We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All We being many are one body, for we all share in the

one bread.

### The Communion

Bishop These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

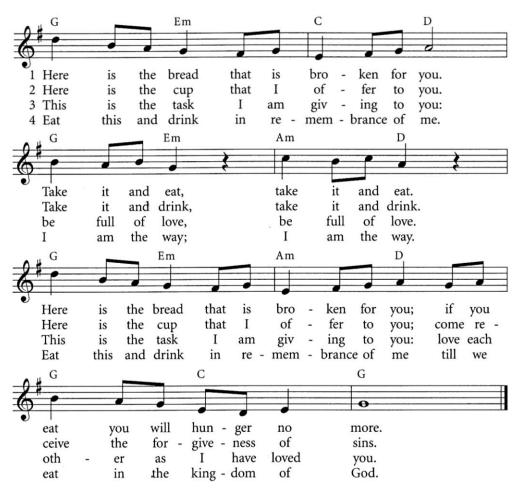
All Thanks be to God.

Please come forward to receive communion. You may receive both the bread and the wine, or you may receive in one kind only, the bread.

Intinction (dipping the bread) is not permitted. The communion bread is gluten, dairy, egg, and yeast free. To receive a blessing in place of communion, please cross your hands over your chest.

# Music During Communion

Here is the Bread SNC 228



#### The Diocese of Edmonton Children's Choir

The Diocese of Edmonton Children's Choir (DECC), founded in 2022, provides accessible opportunities for children and youth in grade 2 and up to learn music connected to the church's worship to offer at church services and special liturgical events throughout the diocese. The DECC's conductor, Laura Hawley, has extensive experience leading children's choirs in the Anglican faith tradition and choral conducting.

There is no cost to join the choir. Rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-6:00 pm at the Anglican Parish of Christ Church (12116 102 Avenue NW) in Edmonton. New singers are welcome to join at any time.

This ministry is funded by a grant from the Anglican Foundation of Canada and through the generosity of individual donors. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation toward supporting the ongoing operation of the choir, please email decchoiryeg@gmail.com.

I See the Love of God in Every River

David Ouchterlony

I see the love of God in every river, flowing wide, flowing free.

I see the love of God in every ocean,

Reaching further than eye can see.

I see the love of God in every valley, offering shelter to you and me.

I see the love of God in every mountain,

Standing fast through eternity.

The love of God is all around me, whatever the trouble, pain, or care.

The love of God is all around me, if I will look, I'll find it there.

I see the love of God in eyes of old folk, kindly wisdom shining clear. I see the love of God in little babies, sleeping softly without a fear.

# Communion Hymn As the Deer



- I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy.
   You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye.
- You're my friend and you are my brother, even though you are a King.
   I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.

## Prayer after Communion

Bishop Let us pray.

God of peace,

All you have nourished us in this sacrament with the

body and blood of Christ. May we who have taken holy things keep faith in our hearts and lives, in the

name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

## The Doxology

Bishop Glory to God,

People 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Blessing

# Benedictory Hymn 635 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

## Dismissal

Leader Let us rejoice in the power of the Spirit!

People Thanks be to God!

Following the service, all Synod delegates shall remain for the Friday evening proceedings, followed immediately by elections.

Please do not mark ballots until instructed to do so.

Balloting opens when the Friday evening proceedings adjourn and closes at 10:00 pm or 20 minutes after the adjournment of the evening proceedings (whichever is later). Ballot boxes are located on tables in the Hall and in the Narthex.

Saturday morning proceedings begin at 9:00 am with morning worship at St. Matthias Anglican Church (6210 188 Street NW).



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