THE CATHEDRAL
OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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OCTOBER 11, 2026 AT 10:30AM

WELCOME TO THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

The Cathedral Church of the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026 at 10:30am

"To be a Christian community that invites people into a life where, through liturgy, outreach, hospitality, and education, we all discover what it means to be beloved children of God."

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

We gather for worship both in person and online via Facebook Live and YouTube.
Page numbers refer to The Book of Common Prayer. Today's hymns are found in The Hymnal 1982.

About Today's Liturgy Resources

Today is the Sunday closest to Indigenous Peoples' Day. In marking this, our worship uses prayers from *Voices: Native American Hymns and Worship Resources* and music from the *Voices Together* Hymnal. The prayers and the music used today come from a variety of Tribes and out of various Christian denominations. Some are newer works, some are older. St. John's Cathedral is gaining greater awareness of and seeking deeper connections with the Tribes in the greater Spokane area. The Cathedral sits on the unceded lands of the Spokane and we are neighbors with the Spokane, the Coeur d'Alene, the Kalispel, the Colville, the Nez Perce, the Kootenai, and others. While the prayers and music we use today may be different from those in the Book of Common Prayer or the 1982 Hymnal, with our siblings we are One in the Lord.

Organ Prelude *Duo; Cromorne en Taille* François Couperin

Hymn 628 *Help us, O Lord to learn*

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**
Presider We come together today to celebrate the contributions Native People of this land have made to God's Church.
People **We learn from them, that life is a sacred circle, of which there is no beginning and no end.**
Presider We are all a part of that circle, ever contributing, ever receiving.

People **Native Americans teach us that as a part of the circle, we must care for all of God's creation.**

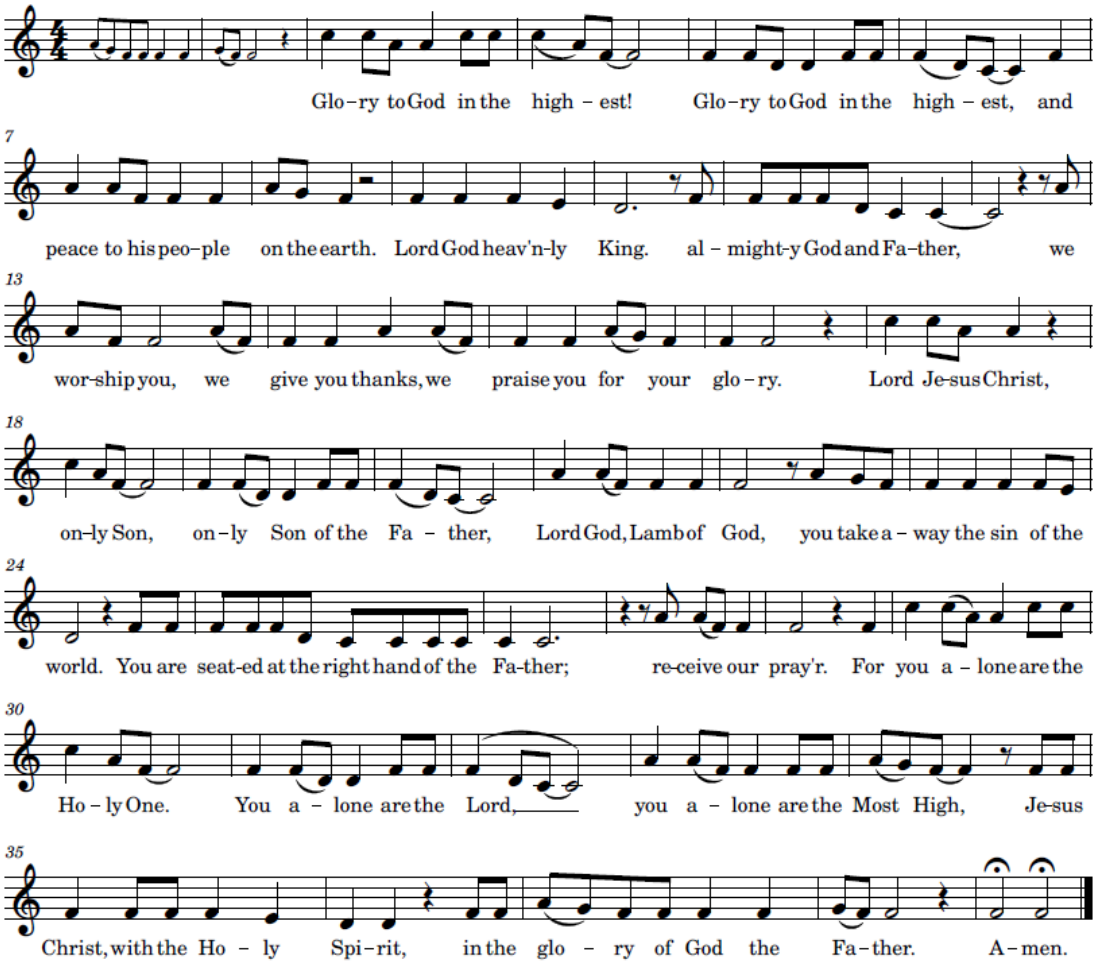
Presider We know that God's creation includes all that is a part of this earth: the wingeds, the two-leggeds, plants, and the sky.

People **We remember and worship God the Creator throughout our daily lives, even as we look at a tree, the grass, or the sky.**

Presider For Genesis reminds us that God looked at everything and was very pleased.

People **We remember that worship encompasses all of life. We embrace and celebrate the sacred circle of life!**

Gloria Cheyenne Melody



The Collect of the Day

Presider We are your children.

People **We have heard you in the winds, seen you in the sunrise; we have felt your kindness in the seasons.**

Presider Great Spirit, we know you! We hear you speak!

People **We know this very moment you are near to us as the air surrounds us and fills our lungs with life.**

Presider Be with us, Great Spirit. Show us the way you would have us go!

Presider Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson—Isaiah 25:1-9

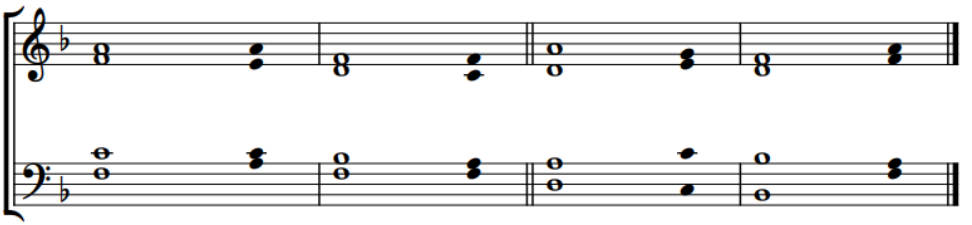
Lector A reading from the book of Isaiah.

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 Muscogee Tone



1 The Lord is my **shepherd;** *
I shall not be in **want.**
2 He makes me lie down in green **pastures** *
and leads me beside still **waters.**
3 He revives my **soul** *
and guides me along right pathways for his **Name's sake.**
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no **evil;** *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff they **comfort me.**
5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who **trouble me;** *
you have anointed my head with oil and my cup is running **over.**
6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my **life,** *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for **ever.**

The Epistle—Philippians 4:1-9

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

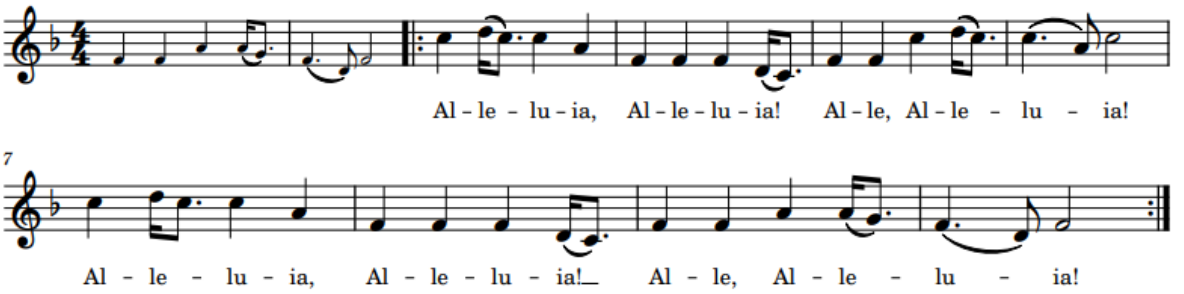
Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation Muscogee Tone



The Holy Gospel—Matthew 22:1-14

Gospeller 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Very Rev. Heather VanDeventer

The Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer page 358

The Prayers of the People Form V, page 389

We pray to you, O Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

The Confession & Absolution

Presider The circle of love is repeatedly broken because of the sin of exclusion. We create separate circles: the inner circle and the outer circle, the circle of power and the circle of despair, the circle of privilege and the circle of deprivation.

People **Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.**

Presider The circle of love is broken whenever there is alienation, whenever there is misunderstanding, whenever there is insensitivity and a hardening of the heart.

People **Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.**

Presider The circle of love is broken whenever we cannot see eye to eye, whenever we cannot link hand to hand, whenever we cannot live heart to heart and affirm our differences.

People **Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.**

Presider Through God's grace we are forgiven, by the mercy of our Creator, through the love of the Christ, and in the power of the Spirit. Let us rejoice and be glad.

People **Glory to God. Amen.**

Presider Creator, give us hearts to understand; never to take from creation's beauty more than we give; never to destroy wantonly for the futherance of greed; never to deny to give our hands for the building of earth's beauty; never to take from her what we cannot use.
Give us hearts to understand that to destroy earth's music is to create confusion; that to wreck her appearance is to blind us to beauty; that to callously pollute her fragrance is to make a house of stench; that as we care for her she will care for us. **Amen.**

The Peace

Announcements

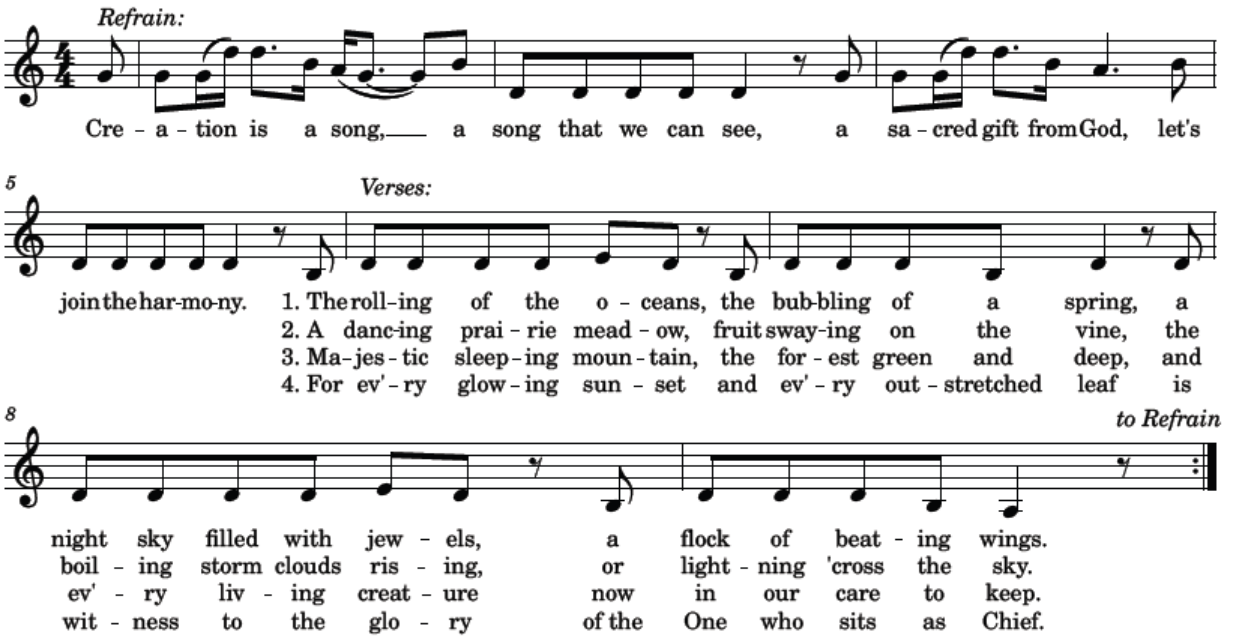
The Offertory Sentence

Anthem *Nitohtamok askiy (Listen to the Land)* Sheryl Sewepagaham

Nitohtamok askîy
Listen to the land
Mamawi nâkatîhtîtan
We must take care of it together
Kiskin wahamakonaw mistahi kîkwiy
It teaches us many things

Please stand, as you are able, when the offering is brought forward.

Hymn *Creation is a Song*



The Great Thanksgiving

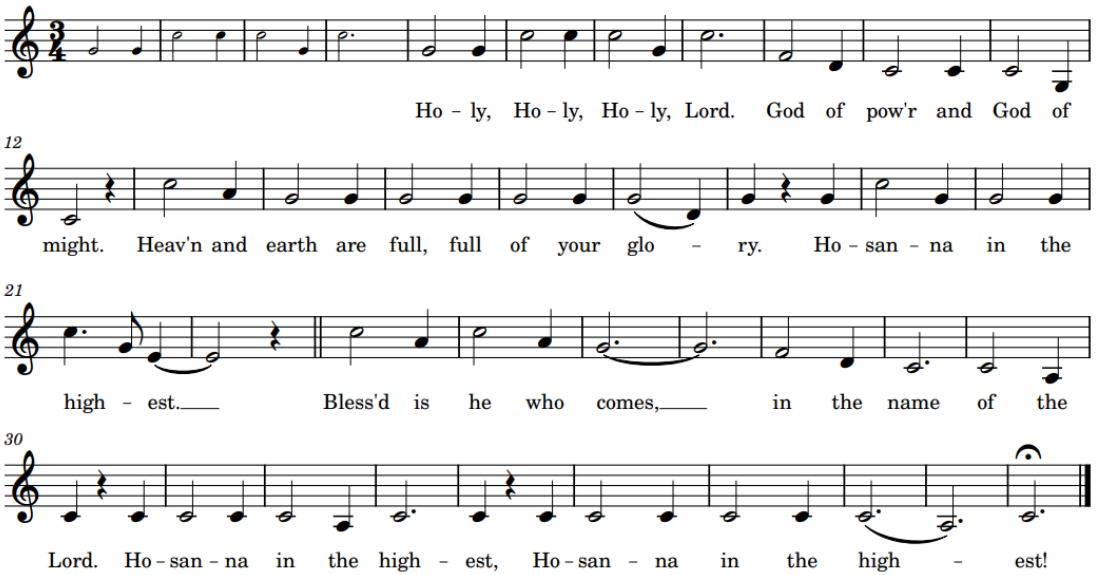
Eucharistic Prayer A, page 361

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues.

Presider ...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus Plains Indian Melody



The presider continues.

Presider Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

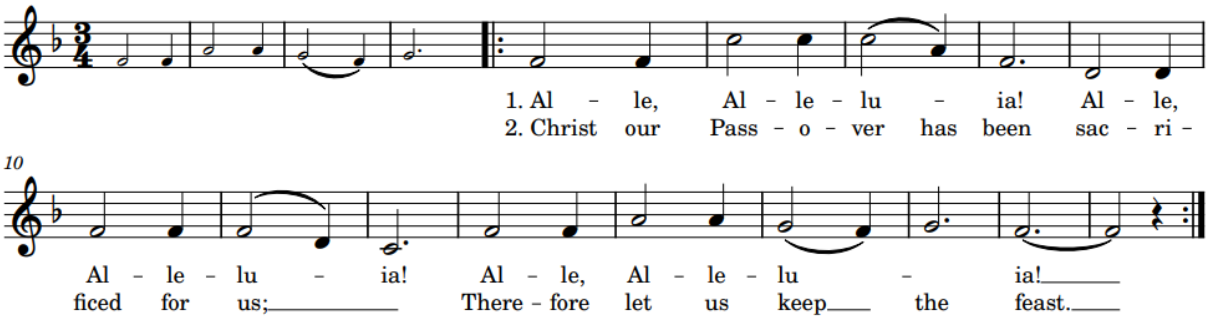
The presider continues.

Presider By Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.
All **Amen.**

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread Kiowa Melody



A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Invitation to Communion

This is God's Church, the altar is God's Table; all are welcome to receive the sacrament. If you need communion brought to you, please inform an usher as they excuse your row. Consecrated wine is offered via common cup OR via individual cups.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. All are welcome.

Hymn 385 *Many and Great O God are thy works*

Anthem *Amazing Grace* arr. Henry Wadsworth

Cathedral Ringers

The Post-Communion Prayer

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

All **Before us it is blessed. Behind us it is blessed. Below us it is blessed. Above us it is blessed. Around us it is blessed as we set out with Him. Our speech is blessed as we set out for Him. With beauty before us, with beauty behind us, with beauty below us, with beauty above us, with beauty around us, we set out for a holy place indeed.**

Presider The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 390 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Promenade on Nicaea* June Nixon

Hospitality

Please join us for Coffee Hour, hosted by Felicia & friends

Chancel Flowers

- Given in celebration of the wedding anniversary of David Gortner and Heather VanDeventer by their children Cassie and Jordan
- Given by Joan Degerstrom in loving memory of Zaida Leighton
- In loving memory of Vida Finch, given by her daughter Nina Beegle

Today's Worship Leaders

The Rev. Arlen Farley—*Presider*
The Very Rev. Heather VanDeventer—*Preacher*
Nathan Lansing—*Choir & Cathedral Ringers Director*
Emily McKinney—*Cantor*
Scott Rednour—*Organist*
—*Verger*
Linda Finney, Adrian Dooley Rush—*Lectors*
Nina Beegle, Linda Shea, Rebecca Smith—*Ushers*
Dallas Hawkins, Josiah Newton, Lindsey Newton
Kristen Johnson, Maddie O'Rourke—*Chalice Bearers*

A Note about the Indigenous service music used today

Anyone singing songs from a culture other than their own needs to recognize that they will make mistakes; however, this must not lead to either avoidance or carelessness.

Songs emerging from Indigenous settings may be musically and linguistically difficult for worshipers accustomed to musical expressions based in European traditions: Singers may be required to sing unfamiliar rhythms with both higher and lower notes than in European-style hymns and some may experience the songs as uncomfortable or even unpleasurable, at first. However, as singers become familiar with them, they will likely find these songs to be accessible and worshipful.

Assumptions about how music should feel upon first encounter challenge communities to confront deeper biases against non-Western sounds and the problematic elevation of certain expressions of music in worship. Limited resources, colonial history, fear of misappropriation, and musical difficulty are challenges that can be overcome. It is worth facing these challenges and embracing the opportunity to sing and pray with Indigenous communities.

In order to fully embrace the cultural diversity of the church and to live into God's reign of justice and peace, it is necessary to sing and pray with Indigenous Christians. Songs are a force for solidarity. Solidarity is a source of action. Action in solidarity with one another, with insight and leadership from Indigenous communities, is needed to address the ongoing harm of colonialism and to live into God's vision of liberation for all people.

Learning to love these songs and to pray these prayers, to know them in our hearts and bodies, to let them change who we are as individuals and communities, is the best way to receive these gifts.