

Prayers of the People June 23, 2019

In this season of Pentecost, we give thanks that you have poured forth your Spirit upon us with gifts and leading us in all truth. May we proclaim the gospel to all nations.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We give thanks to you for our leaders- Richard Bott, Logan McMenamie, Jaren Hollis.

We ask your guidance and blessing on the General Synod starting on July 19, 2019, as the members discern three issues:

- The next steps of a self-determining Anglican Indigenous Church within the Anglican Church of Canada
- The second reading of the proposed change to the marriage canon.
- The election of the new primate of the Anglican Church of Canada

Lord, hear our prayer.

Here at Christ Church Gabriola, we have been learning about prayer and its many forms- in community, alone, with song, in silence, with meditation, through nature, with dance, with poetry, and writing. May we use these our prayers as we work on our Visioning Process. Teach us to hear your call and act upon it according to your will.

Lord, hear our prayer.

You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love and to walk in your ways toward justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people journeying together in partnership may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow in full stature with Christ who is our light and life.

Lord, hear our prayer.

This week we celebrate national Indigenous People's Day. Let us remember those who came before us and those living now as we work together for reconciliation.

We thank you for our world for this our world and ask that you teach us to use your creation for your greater praise that all my share in the good things you provide. Help us to struggle against exploitation, greed and lack of concern.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Thank you for Gabriola our island home. May we show respect, concern and love to our friends, neighbours, visitors this summer as we have fun in the sun. Help us to remember and keep local fire restrictions and watch our water use.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God, we ask you to sustain us in faith and hope. Help the weary, the lonely, the oppressed, the hungry. The sick and the frightened. Use us as your body.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died and for those who mourn. We name them aloud or in the quiet of our hearts

Lord, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us.

This we ask in the of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen