

# A Service of Morning Prayer for Wednesday April 1, 2020

Henry Budd, First Canadian Native Priest – Commemoration

## WELCOME



## GATHERING

Leader: +In the name of God, the Creator, the Christ, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: O Lord, open our lips

All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

## OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Creator of light, you called your servant Henry Budd to labour as a father in the Spirit among the people who gave him birth.

All: Make your Church, we pray, a place of justice and dignity for all peoples, that around the fire of your gospel we may raise true songs of praise in the communion of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Leader: The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Keep a time of silence*

Leader: As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

All: Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

Leader: Wonderous God, you have brought us to this thin place where heaven and earth embrace.  
Here we bask in your peace and grace

All: and open our hearts to your holy Word.

## PSALM 23

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.

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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.**

**All: Glory to you, Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. In the waters of baptism you give us new birth, at your table you nourish us with heavenly food, and in your goodness and mercy, you guide us beyond the terrors of evil and death to your Father's home to dwell in eternal light. Glory to you for ever. Amen.**

### **THE GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-9**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.

**All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”

One: The Gospel of Christ

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Passage about Henry Budd taken from *For All the Saints* by The Rev. Dr. Stephen J. Reynolds**

Today we remember Henry Budd, who in 1853 became the first person of the First Nations in Canada to be ordained as an Anglican priest.

He was born to a father from the Swampy Cree and a Metis mother, and was named Sa-ka-chu-wes'cum, which in the Cree language means “Going up the hill.” After his father’s death he was put into the care of an English missionary named John West, who baptized him and gave him the English name “Henry Budd.” Brought up to act like an Englishman, he eventually became a catechist for the Church Missionary Society and began to work among the Cree in northern Rupert’s Land. He proved so effective in teaching the faith and managing his isolated mission that the Society recommended his ordination to the priesthood, which took place in 1853. Budd spent the next fourteen years running a mission in Saskatchewan, then was assigned to The Pas.

He possessed a striking presence and was a superb speaker both in English and in his native Cree. But just because he was Cree, the Church Missionary Society allowed him only half the annual stipend that a married white missionary got — even though he supported his own wife and children, his mother, and his brother’s

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family. But he did not stint his labours in preaching the gospel, or in seeing to the needs of his aboriginal congregations. When he died in 1875, one of his people said that he had not known what it was to lose a father until the death of Mr. Budd.

## REFLECTION

## INTERCESSIONS

One: Let us pray...

One: Holy God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we make our prayer to you, saying,  
Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

One: Loving God, whose peace passes all our understanding; as we face the present pandemic, and experience anxiety and fear, may we hear your voice, bringing calm to the storms of our time. Strengthen those who work to limit the spread of infection, and those who seek to care for the sick, and keep us mindful of the most vulnerable. May we shape our living to protect one another, and may our changing habits, practices and sacrifices, be for the greater love of our community and all your people.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

One: God, who is with us, who has touched the earth in Jesus and binds us together by the Spirit, gather your church in this time, not physically, but by your Spirit. Enliven our faith, embolden our prayers, and set our sights upon Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, that we may in our living and loving, live your Gospel in new and creative ways.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

One: God who heals, who comforts, and who restores, bring to all those who are sick the certain knowledge and comfort of your presence. Relieve their pain, rest their bodies, protect their minds from despair and strengthen their spirits, that they may be led to wholeness in you.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

One: God the giver of gifts, we thank you especially for those who have the gift of providing care for the sick. We pray for scientists, doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists, and all hospital staff working so diligently to protect us and treat us at this time. Grant them your protection, strengthen the hands that care.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

One: God in Trinity, in perfect community, thank you for all who work to keep our community well at this time. And we pray for your blessing upon those who cannot stay home safely, for those who supply our grocery stores, for those who stock shelves and serve customers, for those who respond to emergencies.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

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One: God of all compassion and love, who dwells in the silence and speaks in a whisper, we pray for those who are alone at this time and struggle to hear your voice. For those without family and friends close by; for those who feel isolated or forgotten; for those who miss human touch and company; for those who do not have the distractions and support in times of anxiety. Grant them the sure and certain hope of your presence, the deep peace of your spirit, and bring around them people who can offer connection and community in this difficult time.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

One: God of Abundance, in this time of economic uncertainty and fear, when many have been made jobless, when many fear for the future when our instinct is to withdraw and hold tight to what we have, help our society to understand the strength and generosity of love, how there is enough for all, and help us to share generously of all your good gifts to us.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

One: Loving God, your Son Jesus wept at the grave of Lazarus his friend, give comfort to all who weep this day, who mourn and grieve. Soothe the broken hearts. And help us to trust in the promise of your cross, that death is overcome.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Trusting in the compassion of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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 the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

### “He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands”

1. She's got the whole world in her hands

She's got the whole wide world in her hands

She's got the whole wide world in her hands

She's got the whole world in her hands

2. He's got the little bitty baby in his hands

He's got the little bitty baby in his hands

He's got the little bitty baby in his hands

He's got the whole world in his hands

She's got the whole world in her hands...

3. She's got you and me brother in her hands

She's got you and me sister in her hands

She's got you and me brother in her hands

She's got the whole world in her hands

She's got the whole world in her hands...

4. He's got everybody here in his hands

He's got everybody here in his hands

He's got everybody here in his hands

He's got the whole world in his hands

She's got the whole world in her hands...

### THE BLESSING