

## The History of Orange Shirt Day

As a Country, Canada has listened to the stories of our young people.

We know about "Orange Shirt Day", but do we know about the young girl whose story inspired us to wear orange shirts on September 30?

Phyllis Jack Webstad was just six years old when she was shipped off to a Residential School. Before leaving, her grandmother (nookomis) gave her a lovely new orange shirt to wear the first day of school. However, when Phyllis reached the school, she was stripped of all her clothes including her brand-new shirt which was never returned to her.

The loss of the shirt left her feeling worthless and insignificant. This experience is used to represent the broader trauma of Residential Schools, where children were stripped of their identity, culture, and belongings.

Orange Shirt Day was first established as an observance in 2013, as part of an effort to promote awareness and education of the Canadian Residential School System and the effect it has had on Indigenous communities for over a century. September 30, the annual date of the event, signifies the time of year when Indigenous children, like little Phyllis, were historically taken from their homes to Residential Schools. The official tagline of the day, "Every Child Matters", symbolizes the belief that every Indigenous child's life is valuable. It is a day to remember the thousands of Indigenous children who died in Residential Schools, many of whom are still unaccounted for. It also raises awareness about the tragic history and ongoing legacy of Residential Schools. It is a call for Reconciliation, encouraging non-Indigenous people to engage in anti-racism and anti-bullying initiatives and to support the process of healing.

Orange Shirt Day at St. James' will be celebrated Sunday, Sept. 28th at our services, so dig your your orange shirt in support!

*Pat Hehn, Social Justice and Outreach Committee*

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**Sunday 10 a.m. services are recorded and are available on our YouTube Channel**



**St. James Anglican Church**

**Orillia, Ontario**

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**16th Sunday after Pentecost  
Service of National Day of Truth and Reconciliation  
(Orange Shirt Day)  
September 28th, 2025  
10:00 a.m.**

**Guest Celebrant and Preacher Rev. Ron McLean**

**Clergy**

The Venerable John E. Anderson  
Incumbent  
[rector@stjamesorillia.com](mailto:rector@stjamesorillia.com)

**Honorary Assistant**

The Reverend Carol Hardie

**Music Ministry**

Jeff Campbell, Director of Music & Organist  
Alexandra Teske, Lead Soprano  
Christina Bosco, Lead Alto

## **St. James' Anglican Church**

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Choral Eucharist - 10 a.m.

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Organ Prelude "Selected Excerpts from Mendelssohn Organ Sonatas"  
*Dennis Thompson, Guest Organist*

Processional Hymn #306(CP) "O For A Thousand Tongues" *Richmond*"

**Land Acknowledgement** Read by Mae Cox

We acknowledge the first people who walked this land before us. The land on which we gather is the ancestral territory of the Anishinabek (ahnish-in-nah-bek) Nation, specifically the Chippewas of Rama First Nation. This territory is covered by the John Collins Purchase of 1785 and the Williams Treaties.

We gratefully acknowledge the beauty and bounty of the land where we live, and our gratitude for the earth, the provider of all that is required to sustain physical life. We, as the youngest visitors here upon the earth, must ensure that the earth is here for the future generations of all beings that live upon her.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

Welcome

**The Gathering of the Community**

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation.

**In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the center of this Sacred Circle through which all of creation is related.**

Dismissal

Go into the world, sharing the peace of Christ to the four corners of the earth.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude "March of the Priests" Mendelssohn

*Dennis Thompson, Guest Organist*

Blessing

God is before us.

God is behind us.

God is above us.

God is below us.

God's words shall come from our mouths.

For we are all God's essence, a sign of God's love.

All is finished in beauty.

All is finished in beauty. (Source: Navajo prayer tradition)

Announcements

Recessional Hymn "We are Marching in the Light of God"

*Siyahamba*

V1

We are marching in the light of God....

V2

We are dancing in the light of God....

V3

We are living in the light of God....

V4

We are marching in the light of God....

You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life.

**Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your Spirit, for you are God, now and forever.**

Gathering Chorus (Insert) "All Our Welcome"

*Congregation: Please Join After the First Time*

**Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!**

Gathering Prayer

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. 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 way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. Amen.

**Proclamation of the Word**

A Reading from Isaiah 40: 25-31 (pg. # 701)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 91: 1 - 6, 14 - 16 (pg. #581-582)

A Reading from 1 Timothy 6: 6-19 (pg. # 1154)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Before the Gospel#340 (CP) "Je loverai l'Eternel"

Verse 1 (Praise) Verse 2

The Gospel Luke 16: 19 -31

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

The Gospel of Christ.

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

After the Gospel #40 (CP) “Je loverai l’Eternel”

Verse 3 (Serve)

Sermon

Rev. Ron McLean

Solo

“My Father Watches Over Me”

C.H. Gabriel

Christina Bosco, Soloist

Invitation to the Table

So, come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more. You who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

*All are welcome to receive communion. If you do not wish communion but a blessing, please cross your arms and the priest will bless you. In the Anglican tradition wine is administered from a chalice or common cup. If you do not wish to receive from the chalice you can cross your arms, and the words of institution will be said. We do not practice intinction or dipping the bread in the cup.*

Communion Music Lamb of God #747 (CP)

**Congregation, Please Join With The Choir**

Hymn #291 (CP) “O Christ, the Healer” Angelus

#502 (CP) “You are the Salt” Bring Forth The Kingdom

Prayer after Communion

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.**

Glory to God, **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.**

Stretching out his arms upon the cross, he became a perfect offering for all, uniting in beauty all that is, with all that has been, and with all that ever will be.

On the night Jesus was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; gave thanks, 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."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

In this ceremony which Jesus gave us, we celebrate our salvation. In our offering of praise and thanks, we stand in the memory, strength, and love of Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Remembering, we make our offering. By your Holy Spirit, make our gifts holy, so that they may be spiritual food and drink. + Make us holy, so that we respectfully receive this feast and serve you in each other.

May we also live in unity and live as relatives to all. (*Eucharistic Prayer revised version from the Liturgy of St. John's, Red Lake, MN*)

Breaking of the Bread

Whoever comes to me shall not hunger,

**and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.**

Affirmation of Faith: We affirm our faith as we say:

**We believe in one God, the Creator. You have made all things and placed your Spirit in them. We believe in your Son, Jesus the Christ. Send from your heart to preach and change our hearts to be like yours. He was born of Mary, his mother. He, being Creator with you, from the beginning of all time, became a person like one of us. He suffered and died on a cross of sin. He rose from death. He was taken into heaven. And now sits on your right hand. He will one day come again to the earth. To proclaim your kingdom and dominion. We believe in a holy and great Spirit who comes from you to empower us. And enable us to live as your children. He is worshipped as you are, for he is one with You and Jesus. We believe in one holy church, begun and sustained by your apostles. We look to our baptism for forgiveness. We believe that one day all the dead will be made alive in the resurrection, and we believe that when we die we will return to you and be judged by you. Amen.**

(Anglican Church of Canada)

Prayers of the People

*Beth Morum, Lay Reader*

Confession and Absolution

And with the disciples we ask, **"But, Jesus when have we seen you hungry and given you food, or thirsty and given you something to drink? And when was it that we saw a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?"**

**We confess that we fail to see Jesus in the people around us, in those we love and those we do not love. Gracious God, lest we think our words alone are sufficient, today as we confess – we fall silent before you.**

*Silence is held for a personal confession.*

May God, who is our constant companion, surround us with love and grace. God has accepted our confession, we are forgiven, and the

blessing of God, Creator, Word, and Life-Giving Spirit be with us now and for evermore.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" *Stuart Townend*

V1

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

V2

Behold the Man upon a cross my sin upon His shoulders, ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished, His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished.

V3

I will not boast in anything no gifts no power no wisdom, but I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward I cannot give an answer, but this I know with all my heart- His wounds have paid my ransom.

Prayer over the Gifts

Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation. Feed us with the Bread of Life, your Son Jesus the Christ. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

God the Creator is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God the Creator.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to offer our thanks and praise.**

God the Creator, our Great Spirit, from the depths of our hearts we give you thanks. We say thank you, now and forever. From the place of the rising sun in the East, to the South where the warm winds blow, from the West where the soft rain comes, to the coldness of the North. We unite with all creation from the four directions to join in the everlasting thanksgiving and praise for the gift of Jesus Christ. With hearts lifted, we join with the angels, the guardian spirits, the saints, and all our ancestors as we say:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are they, who come in the name of our Creator.**

O Great Spirit, our Creator from whom all holiness comes, we come before you again today. Just as in generations past, like our grandmothers and grandfathers, we come to worship you and acknowledge your greatness. We marvel at your creation. You sent Jesus into creation because people had turned away from you and no longer loved each other, bringing death and destruction. Sharing our living and dying, Jesus opened our eyes and our hearts to understand that we are all relatives and that you are our Great Spirit the Creator.