



SAINT PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma

September 13, 2020
Feast of David Pendleton Oakerhater
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Welcome

Prelude

*Caddo Drum Song
Caddo Culture Club*

Prayer to the Four Directions

[Congregation Face East]

Come Great Spirit, as we gather in your name. We give thanks for all your creation. We honor the East, signifying your symbol color, Yellow, and your animal sign the Eagle which can soar ever upward in the praise of God and calls us to do the same and signifies your lessons calling us to balance our mind in the spirit of humility, to invoke your spirit of illumination and far-sighted vision. Help us to love you and one another with our whole heart, our whole mind, our whole soul, we pray.
Come Holy Spirit, come.

[Congregation Face South]

We honor the South, signifying your symbol color, White, of clarity and brightness and your animal symbol the crane which brings us in touch with earthiness and growing things and signifies your lessons calling us to balance our body in the spirit of a good sense of humor, to invoke your spirit of innocence, trust and love. Help us open our eyes to the sacredness of every living thing, we pray.
Come Holy Spirit, come.

[Congregation Face West]

We honor the West, signifying your symbol color, Black, still and quiet and your symbol the thunder, mighty and purposeful, signifying your lessons calling us to balance our emotions in the spirit of gentleness and honesty to invoke your spirit of introspection. Give us your strength and the courage to endure, we pray.

Come Holy Spirit, come.

[Congregation Face North]

We honor the North, signifying your symbol color, Red, the hue of revelation and your animal symbol, the Buffalo strong and nurturing and signifies your lessons calling us to balance our spirit in harmony with brothers and sisters to invoke your wisdom and integrity. Help us to grow in wisdom and grace and the goodness of the ages, we pray.

Come Holy Spirit, come.

We complete the circle and look to God who cleanses our earth, with, snow, wind and rain, to Jesus Christ who fills us with the wideness of mercy and lovingly embraces us all, and to the Holy Spirit who inspires us.
Come Holy Spirit, come.



Procession

Caddo Drum Song

Collect of the Day *Holy Women, Holy Men*

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God of unsearchable wisdom and infinite mercy, you chose a captive warrior, David Oakerhater, to be your servant, and sent him to be a missionary to his own people, and to exercise the office of a deacon among them: Liberate us, who commemorate him today, from bondage to self, and empower us for service to you and to the neighbors you have given us; through Jesus Christ, the captain of our salvation; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lesson

Isaiah 52:7-10

[You may be seated]

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96

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Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



1956, Jerome Webster Meachen.

Sing to the LORD a new / song;
sing to the LORD, all the whole / earth.

Sing to the LORD and bless his / Name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation
from day to / day.

Declare his glory among the / nations
and his wonders among all / peoples.

For great is the LORD and greatly to be / praised;
he is more to be feared than all / gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are
but / idols;
but it is the LORD who made the / heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his / presence!
Oh, the power and the splendor of
his / sanctuary!

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of
the / peoples;
ascribe to the LORD honor and / power.

Lesson

Romans 8:1-6

A Reading from the Book of Romans.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

*Song to the Elders
Caddo Drum*

Gospel

Luke 10:1-9

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

Glory to you, Lord 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 laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers 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 laborer 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.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon Presentation

Harvey Pratt
Cheyenne Peace Chief

“Heleluyan”

Muscogee (Creek) Song
Sung by the Choristers

Smudging Ceremony

Bishop Poulson Reed
Canon Eric Cooter
Dean Katie Churchwell

Creed

BCP 358

[Please stand as you are able]

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day
he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.

✠ We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers

Let us pray for the church and the world.

**Many and great, O God, are thy works,
maker of earth and sky;
thy hands have set the heavens with stars;
thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at thy word the waters were formed;
deep seas obey thy voice.**

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name, may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world; especially for Justin of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson our Bishop; Daniel, Bishop of Uruguay; and the clergy and people of the diocese of Oklahoma and our companion diocese of Uruguay.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good; especially for Donald, our President; Kevin, our Governor; and David, our Mayor.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

[Special Intentions]

And we pray that we may share with all your saints, in the joy of your Eternal Kingdom.

**Grant unto us communion with thee,
thou star abiding one;
come unto us and dwell with us;
with thee are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end,
eternal life with thee.**

Confession

BCP 377

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

[You may stand or kneel as you are able]

[Silence is kept]

**Most merciful God,
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 neighbors 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.**

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace

BCP 360

[Please stand as you are able]

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

[You may share a greeting of peace
with those near you]

Offertory

Prayer for Peace
Text: based on a Navaho prayer
Music: David Haas

Peace before us, peace behind us,
peace under our feet.

Peace within us, peace over us,
let all around us be peace.

Love before us . . .

Christ before us . . .

Blessing

BCP 339

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ☩ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

Text: Herbert O'Driscoll
Music: Bunesan, Gaelic Melody

[Please stand as you are able]

**1. Sing of the Raven, bird of creation.
Birthing the world, unfolding her wings.
Calling her children, forming a nation,
Crying, "Tomorrow! hear what it brings".**

**2. Sing of the stories told by the elders,
Tales of the prairie, songs of the sea.
Sing of the Hopi, Blackfeet and Mohawk,
Cheyenne, Apache, Navaho, Cree.**

**3. Sing of Iona, Isle of the ocean,
Gull wing and eagle soar in the sky.
Stones of High Crosses telling their story,
Christ in his glory dies but to rise.**

**4. Wide are the oceans flowing between us,
High are the mountains soaring above.
Yet the Great Spirit forming creation
Calls us together, one in God's love.**

Postlude

Caddo Drum



Cheyenne Peace Chief Harvey Pratt will present our Adult Forum immediately following service

Officiant: The Rt. Rev. Poulson Reed

Preacher: Harvey Pratt,
Cheyenne Peace Chief

Lay Readers: Buzz McDonald, Blue Clark

Acolyte/Intercessor: Caroline Dennis

Canon Musician: Scott Raab

Singers: Leah McDonald, Jeanise Wynn
Dustin Morningstar, Richard Jobe

Other participants:

The Rev. Canon Eric Cooter

The Very Rev. Katie Churchwell

The Rev. Canon Susan Colley Joplin

The Rev. Marilyn Robertson

To the Glory of God

The Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God by Van and Dianne Bielstein in loving memory of Catherine Elizabeth English.

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David Pendleton Oakerhater

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“God’s warrior” is an epithet by which David Pendleton Oakerhater is known among the Cheyenne Indians of Oklahoma. The title is an apt one, for this apostle of Christ to the Cheyenne was originally a soldier who fought against the United States government with warriors of other tribes in the disputes over Indian land rights. By the late 1860s Oakerhater had distinguished himself for bravery and leadership as an officer in an elite corps of Cheyenne fighters. In 1875, after a year of minor uprisings and threats of major violence, he and twenty-seven other warrior leaders were taken prisoner by the U.S. Army, charged with inciting rebellion, and sent to a disused military prison in Florida.

Under the influence of a concerned Army captain, who sought to educate the prisoners, Oakerhater and his companions learned English, gave art and archery lessons to the area’s many visitors, and had their first encounter with the Christian faith. The captain’s example, and that of other concerned Christians, from as far away as New York, had their effect on the young warrior. He was moved to answer the call to transform his leadership in war into a lifelong ministry of peace.

With sponsorship from the Diocese of Central New York and financial help from a Mrs. Pendleton of Cincinnati, he and three other prisoners went north to study for the ministry. At his baptism in Syracuse in 1878 he took the name David Pendleton Oakerhater, in honor of his benefactress.

Soon after his ordination to the diaconate in 1881, David returned to Oklahoma. There, he was instrumental in founding and operating schools and missions, through great personal sacrifice and often in the face of apathy from the Church hierarchy and resistance from the government. He continued his ministry of service, education, and pastoral care among his people until his death on August 31, 1931.

Half a century before, the young deacon had told his people: “You all know me. You remember when I led you out to war I went first, and what I told you was true. Now I have been away to the East and I have learned about another captain, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he is my leader. He goes first, and all he tells me is true. I come back to my people to tell you to go with me now in this new road, a war that makes all for peace.”

***O**ur pride in Making Medicine/Sun Dancer/David Pendleton (he being
Known by all these names) carries pathos woven in as well. Not by his
Early benefactors: Captain Pratt, the Pendletons, Deaconess Mary Burnham and the
Reverend John Wicks (who mentored David to Deacon’s ordination, then journeyed
Home with him to for the Cheyenne Mission). These examples of enablement were
Adulterated on the Plains. Frequent neglect (episcopal ambivalence?) kept Okerhater
Tethered in Diaconate. No Priesthood was conferred that he might, sacramentally, make
Eucharistic medicine for his people. Still, with Jesus grafted to his Spirit-in-Creation
Roots, Sun Dancer stood and gave, until his death a patient Ministry of love and peace.*

Rev. Howard Wilson, Oklahoma, 1990