

Vincent Collier Sims was laid to rest in a First Nation grave yard in a quiet, secluded spot on the top of a hill. A rail and headboard were made by the First Nations people and placed around his gravesite. We give thanks to God for his ministry and the lives he touched in this part of the world.

NOTE: There is an offering basket on the table as you enter the Church. Donations will be gratefully received and go toward God's work through Christ Church Cathedral.

Join us for refreshments in Hellaby Hall (next door).



Historical Evening Prayer



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*The Old Log Church
Whitehorse, Yukon*

Diocese of Yukon
The Right Reverend Larry Robertson, DD
Bishop of Yukon

Christ Church Cathedral
PO Box 31442
Whitehorse, YT, Y1A 6K8
The Very Rev. Dr. Sean Murphy
Rector, Dean of Yukon

Sunday, July 1, 2018

Order of Service – 7pm Sunday, July 1, 2018

Officiant – Dean Sean Murphy

Musician – Michael Brauer

Refreshments: Dean Sean Murphy

Sentences

Hymn: # **403 Joyful, Joyful, we Adore Thee**

Dearly Beloved

Confession and Absolution

Responses

Psalm 145

1st Lesson: Numbers 21: 4-9, 21-35

Magnificat

2nd Lesson: Luke 13: 10 - 17

Nunc Dimitis

Creed

Hymn: # **20 Glory to Thee, My God This Night (Vs 1, 2, 3, 6)**

Responses and Lord's Prayer

Collect of the Day

2nd Collect for Peace

3rd Collect for Help against all Perils

Historical Biography – Vincent Collier Sims

Other Prayers

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom & The Grace

Hymn: # **27 The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended**

Historical Biography

Vincent Collier Sims

(1855 – 1885)

Vincent Collier Sims was born in Windsor, England March 23, 1855. He was the 5th child of William and Eliza Sims. He attended Preparatory School in 1875 and the Church Missionary Society College in Islington, London, England in 1876.

On May 1, 1877, Vincent Collier Sims was ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Rupert's Land at St. Michael's, Bayswater. Sims was appointed to the Athabasca Mission with an annual stipend of £150. He remained at this Mission until 1881 when he was sent to Fort McPherson to assist Robert McDonald. He spent several months with McDonald where he gained a working knowledge of the Tukudh language .

Sims was a man of great eagerness and volunteered to go amongst the First Nations at Rampart House on the Porcupine River. There he established a mission. This was the first parish in what has become known as the Diocese of Yukon. The zeal of this relatively new recruit was endless. He drove himself in his ministry to his flock. In addition to ministering at the mission, over the next 3^{1/2} years he travelled extensively from Pierre's House on the Bell River near the mouth of the Peel River east to Rampart House to Nulato on the Lower Yukon River and to Fort Reliance on the Upper River. He spent his time visiting, preaching and teaching English.

He felt that his incessant travelling was following the example of Bishop Bompas. In 1884 Sims travelled a total of 4,297 Km (2,670 miles); he also baptized 167 children and 1 adult.

In March of 1885 he became bedridden resulting from being totally worn out. His extensive travel, working, looking after the sick and poor nutrition resulting from his sharing of his provisions with his starving flock contributed to his condition. A message was sent to Rev. T. H. Canham, Rev. Robert McDonald's assistant, 370 Km (230 miles) away at Pierre's House, who came to his assistance.

For a time Sims seemed to rally but he had a longing to hear from his loved ones as the mail was due. Canham made a special trip to Peel River where the mail was delivered and returned 20 days later with his mail. In that time period, there was a great change in Sims condition. Canham read him his letters and comforted him, Sims died at his post on May 11, 1885. He was just 30 years old, and is one of the few clergy in the history of the Anglican Diocese of Yukon to have died in active ministry.