



# **Season of Pentecost**

**October 3, 2021 | 9:00 am**

**The Rev. Canon Dr. Penny Anderson - Rector**

**The Rev. Michael Coren - Pastoral Associate**

**Andy Elmhirst - Director of Music**

# Welcome to St. Christopher's

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Thank you for being with us this morning! Please be assured that our liturgical customs and hygiene practices are continually being adapted for pandemic considerations and to protect the health and safety of all. We hope that this will be a meaningful time of worship for you!

## About the Service

Everything you need for the service can be found in this booklet and large print copies are also available. You may take this service bulletin home with you or discard it in the blue box as you exit. It will not be re-used.

## Children & Families

The facilitator will seat you with all household members attending with you this morning. Please remain together throughout your time here and do not change or leave your seats once you have been seated. Should you require assistance at any time during the service, please let one of the greeters know and they will be happy to assist.

## Washrooms

Our washrooms are available for urgent needs only and the washroom in Grannies Place has been designated for your use this morning. Should you need to use the washroom, we kindly ask that you wipe any touch surfaces with the available disinfectant wipes. The greeter or warden on duty will be available to assist you should you need to leave the service at any time.

## Music

Music is an integral part of our service and we hope that it will deepen your worship experience this morning. At this time congregational singing is not permitted so please, just relax and enjoy. We ask that you remain in your seat at the conclusion of the service and follow the guidance of the sidesperson to exit the church.

## Audio Loop

If you use a hearing aid with a "T" setting, you can take advantage of our audio loop in the main section (Nave) of the church.

## "Collection"

We don't pass the collection plate at St. Christopher's. Instead, if you wish to make a financial contribution to support our ministries, there are donation boxes just inside the door into the worship space.

## **Communion**

All are invited to share in the Holy Eucharist. Please remain seated until you are invited up the centre aisle by the greeter. Leave your mask on as you approach the priest, and follow the 6 ft. markings on the centre aisle as you wait. At this time we are offering communion in one kind, the bread, only. Please hold out your hands and the priest will drop the wafer into your hands (without touching you). Once you have received the wafer, please step to the communion station at the side. Once there, remove one side of your mask, place the wafer in your mouth, replace your mask, sanitize your hands, and return directly to your seat by the side aisle. If you are not comfortable receiving the bread, you can come forward to receive a blessing - just cross your arms over your chest; the priest will pray for God's blessing on you (without touching you). If you require gluten-free bread, please ask the priest.

## **General COVID-19 Protocols**

Mask use is mandatory at all times in the building.

We encourage you to sanitize your hands frequently and there is sanitizer in many places throughout the church.

Please maintain physical distance of a minimum of 6' from those outside of your household group at all times. You will find markings on the floor to assist with this.

The Peace will be shared in place and using non-contact gestures.

## **Exiting the Building following the Service**

Please remain in your seat and follow the guidance of the sidesperson to exit the church. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer coffee and fellowship as we usually would, and you will be asked to exit the building immediately after the service.

You are welcome to join our Zoom Chat Time following this morning's service. The link to connect to the online gathering can be found in your most recent Eblast. Please join us as soon as you return home!

## **Blessings**

None of us comes to church by accident and each of us brings the rest of our lives with us. No matter what joys, burdens or dilemmas you bring with you today, we pray that this time will be a gift to you; that God's grace will touch you with hope and energy to live your life with greater depth, integrity, compassion, and courage.

**Sunday, October 3, 2021**

**9 am Holy Eucharist**

*Rector:*

*Canon Penny Anderson*

*Pastoral Associate:*

*The Rev. Michael Coren*

*Director of Music*

*Andy Elmhirst*

**Prelude: Little Prelude in D, BWV 936**

*J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

**Announcements and Welcome**

*Canon Penny Anderson*

## **Land Acknowledgement**

*Leader*

We acknowledge our presence on the ancestral lands of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabeg Peoples. In a spirit of reconciliation we call to mind the 2012 Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Report. Call to Action number one calls upon the federal, provincial, territorial, and Aboriginal governments to commit to reducing the number of Aboriginal children in care. With respect, may we use our privilege to amplify the voices calling for this action to be implemented.

**Opening Hymn: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

*CP #397*

1. Praise the one who breaks the darkness  
with a liberating light.  
Praise the one who frees the prisoners,  
turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the one who preached the gospel.,  
healing every dread disease,  
Calming storms and feeding thousands  
with the very bread of peace.
2. Praise the one who blessed the children  
with a strong yet gentle word.  
Praise the one who drove out demons  
with a piercing two-edged sword.  
Praise the one who brings cool water  
to the desert's burning sand.  
From this well comes living water,  
quenching thirst in every land.

3. Praise the one true love incarnate:  
Christ who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose for many  
that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory,  
praise the One who makes us one.

## The Gathering of the Community

*Rev. Michael Coren*

*Please stand.*

*Leader* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

*All* **And also with you.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Leader* Gracious God,  
you have built your church  
on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,  
Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.  
Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching,  
that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you;  
through Jesus Christ, your Beloved One,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## First Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

*Read by Tricia Clarke*

*Please be seated.*

*Reader*      A reading from the book of Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

‘What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honour,  
subjecting all things under their feet.’

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,  
‘I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.’

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading: Mark 10:2-16

Read by Canon Penny

*Please stand.*

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

*Reader* Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

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

*Please be seated.*

*Silence for Reflection*

## Affirmation of Faith

*Please stand.*

*Presider*      Let us affirm our faith

*All*              **We believe in God  
whose love is the source of all life  
and is the desire of our lives;  
whose love was given a human face  
in Jesus of Nazareth;  
whose love was crucified by the evil  
that waits to enslave us all;  
and whose love, defeating even death,  
is our glorious promise of freedom.**

**Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,  
we trust in God.**

**And in the name of Jesus Christ,  
we commit ourselves  
to seek justice and live with integrity;  
to honour others and live peaceably in creation  
and to be used by the Spirit  
for God's new community of hope.  
Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

*Led by Winston Tinglin*

### Confession

*Presider*      Come, Holy Spirit of God,  
*All*              **and search our hearts with the light of Christ.**

*Silence.*

*All*              **Lord our God,  
in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us;  
deliver us from judgement;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit.  
Amen.**

*The presider declares absolution.*



## The Peace

*The Presider addresses the people.*

*Presider*      The peace of Christ be with you always.  
*All*              **And also with you.**

*The members of the community offer signs of peace to one another from a safe distance.*

## Offertory Hymn: Child of God

*by Mark Miller*

No matter what people say,  
Say, or thinks, about me,  
I am a child of God.

No matter what people say,  
Say, or think, about you,  
You are a child of God.

No matter what the world says,  
Says, or thinks, about me,  
I am a child of God

No matter what the church says,  
Decisions, pronouncements on you,  
You are a child of God.  
And there is nothing, or no one  
Who can separate, they can't separate  
You from the truth that you're someone,  
You are family, you are meant to be,  
A child of God!  
You are a child, a child of God.

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Prayer over the Gifts

*Presider*      God of truth,  
                 receive all we offer you this day.  
                 Make us worthy servants,  
                 strong to follow in the pattern  
                 of our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
*All*              **Amen.**

# The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider* May God be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Living God.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the God of the universe.

*All* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Presider* Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever.

*All*                    **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Presider*            We pray as Jesus taught us, saying,

*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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Presider*            We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*All*                    **We, being many, are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

## Invitation

*Presider*

This is the table of the Lord,  
ready for those who love God  
and those who want to love God more.

So come,  
you who have much faith  
and you who have little,  
you who have been here often  
and you who have never been before,  
you who have tried to follow Jesus  
and you who have failed.

Come, because it is Christ who invites us  
to meet him here.

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

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## Song During Communion: Prayer of St. Francis

SYP #333

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
And where there's doubt, truth faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness only light,  
And where there's sadness ever joy.

Refrain:

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving to all men that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Refrain

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving to all men that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

## Prayer after Communion

*Please stand.*

<i>Presider</i>	God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have courage to forgive. We ask in this in the name of Jesus Christ your Beloved One.
<i>All</i>	<b>Amen.</b>

## Doxology

*All*

**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.**

## Blessing

*Rev. Michael*

*Please be seated.*

## Closing Hymn: Lord of All Hopefulness

*CP #506*

1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking and give us, we pray;  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled  
at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm  
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## Dismissal

Canon Penny

*Leader*

Go Forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude: Prelude in D, BWV 850

*J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

*Please remain seated throughout the Postlude following which the sidespeople will direct dismissal from the church. Relax and enjoy!*

*Special thanks to today's pop-up choir:*

*Gloria Campbell, Katie Cunningham, Raquel Nettel, Amanda Shiomi, Penelope Yott*

## Chat Time

All are invited to join us for social time on Zoom following the service.  
You will find the link to join in your email blast.



We are a dynamic, inclusive, diverse community  
rooted in the life-giving, life-affirming, life-changing love of God  
reaching beyond ourselves  
caring for creation  
making a difference with others.

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