



Pentecost 19

19 October | 2025 | 9.30am

The Rev. Canon Dr. Penny Anderson - Rector

The Rev. Wojtek Kuzma - Priest Associate

Andy Elmhirst - Director of Music

Carrie Ford-Jones - Children's & Youth Ministry Coordinator

Welcome to St. Christopher's

Thank you for being here this morning! We hope that this will be a meaningful time of worship for you. Please be assured that we are continuously evaluating and adapting our liturgical customs and hygiene practices to protect the health and safety of all.

About the Service

Everything you need for the service can be found in this booklet and large print copies are also available.

Washrooms are located off the Great Hall - just ask one of the greeters for directions.

Children & Families

Children belong in church! We know that children move around, and children make sound - kids are allowed to be kids at St. Christopher's. Programming for children 4 and older takes place with Carrie Ford-Jones in the Youth Room during the 9.30am service. Caregivers, please pick up your children from the Youth Room at the end of the service. Parents are welcome to spend time with their children ages 0-3 in Grannie's Place. Please ask one of our greeters if you need assistance finding your way there.

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. When it's your turn, please hold out your hands and the communion minister will drop the wafer into your hands (without touching you). Once you have received the wafer, you may choose to receive the wine, or simply touch the base of the cup. Please return to your seat by the side aisle. If you are not comfortable receiving the bread or wine, 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 communion minister.

Sensory Room

There is a space for you at St. Christopher's! Including a brand new sensory room, located in the South hallway, on the left just beyond the freezers. The sensory room is a space where you can lower or raise sensory inputs - there are blackout curtains so you can control the lighting, mats you can place on the floor, and options for listening to the service, or to enjoy silence. The space is available for people of all ages, although we ask that care givers remain with children who wish to use the sensory room.

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 you will encounter God's grace in a way that frees you to experience newness, compassion and hope.

If you are looking for a spiritual home, we have a variety of services and programs to meet your needs. For more information, please visit our website. We are at www.stcb.ca.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Penny'.

Canon Penny Anderson

On the Cover

“Do Not Lose Heart”,
drawn by graphic artist Trey Everett in 2018.

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Pentecost 19

9.30 am Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Prelude on Slane

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Welcome & Announcements

Canon Penny

Land Acknowledgement

John Edmond, an Ottawa lawyer who practiced constitutional and Indigenous law, compiled a chronology of the Indian Residential Schools. Author Bob Joseph says Edmond compiled the chronology “to convey, by historic milestones, how the Indian residential school system came to be, how it embodied attitudes of its time, how critics were dismissed, and how, finally, the deep harm it did to many members of generations of Indian children was exposed in the course of a reconciliation process that continues.”

In one such historic milestone, in 1971, Blue Quills School, in St. Paul Alberta, became the first Indigenous-run school, following a month-long, contentious occupation by elders and others. (In 2015, the school became Blue Quills University, a First Nations owned and operated university, the first of its kind in Canada.)

May we who gather for worship on the territory of the Anishinaabeg and the Haudenosaunee peoples commit ourselves to learning our history, and to engaging in reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

Please rise in spirit or in body.

Opening Hymn: King of Glory, King of Peace

Blue book #345

The Gathering

Presider

Merciful God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to what is before,
we may join your work
of creating your new society;
through Jesus Christ,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All

Amen.

Hearing God's Word

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Second Letter to Timothy (3.14-4.5)

read by Gill Jones

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

<i>Reader</i>	Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.
<i>All</i>	Thanks be to God.

Please rise in spirit or in body.

Before the Gospel: God, You Have Caused to Be Written

Blue book #476 v.1

God, you have caused to be written
your word for our learning;
grant us that, hearing, our hearts
may be inwardly burning.
Give to us grace,
that in your Son we embrace
life, all its glory discerning.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke (18.1-8)

Reader May God be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Reader The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke.
All **Glory to you, O Jesus Christ.**

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Reader The Gospel of Christ.
All **Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.**

After the Gospel: God, You Have Caused to Be Written

Blue book #476 v. 2

Now may our God give us joy,
and all peace in believing
all things were written in truth
for our thankful receiving.
As Christ did preach,
through all the world love must reach:
grant us each day love's achieving.

Please be seated.

Homily

Canon Penny

Silence for reflection.

Anthem: Bring Me Little Water, Silvy

*Lead Belly
arr. Moira Smiley*

Bring me little water, Silvy
Bring me little water now
Bring me little water, Silvy
Ev'ry little once in a while

Bring it in a bucket, Silvy
Bring it in a bucket now
Bring it in a bucket, Silvy
Ev'ry little once in a while

Silvy come a runnin'
Bucket in my hand
I will bring a little water
Fast as I can

Can't you see me comin'
Can't you see me now
I will bring a little water
Ev'ry little once in a while

Please rise in spirit or in body.

Affirmation of Faith

Presider Let us affirm the faith we share.

All **We trust in God,
who has created and is creating;
who came to us in Jesus,
the word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new;
who works in us and others
by the Holy Spirit.**

**We believe we are called to be God's people:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus' death and resurrection
by word and deed.**

**We live in hope because
in life, in death, in life beyond death,
we are not alone:
God is with us.**

**Thanks be to God.
Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Led by Christyn Perkons

The Peace

The presider addresses the people.

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

The members of the community offer signs of peace to one another.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: For the Healing of the Nations *Blue book #576*

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Loving God,
 your word inspires our faith.
 May we who gather at your table
 arise to answer your call to service;
 through Jesus Christ,
 in the power of the Holy Spirit.
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 praise you, O God,
 because you dwell in covenant love with your people.
 Again and again, through prophets and sages,
 you call us back, reminding us
 to renounce all that draws us from your love
 and to continue in what we have learned and firmly believed.

Presider

In the body and blood of Jesus
you make a new covenant,
and in his death and resurrection
we are bound to you and you to us for evermore.
And so we lift our voices
to join the song of praise
offered by the whole company of heaven:

All

Traditional

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of God. Ho-
san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a whole note, the second with a half note, the third with a half note, and the fourth with a half note. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Presider

Loving God,
you shape us through this holy meal
to be your companions,
to befriend the stranger,
and to be reconciled with you
and the whole earth.
Send your Spirit upon your church,
that your people may endure adversity,
and that, being encouraged,
we may learn to live in your grace.
By the same Spirit
sanctify these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may be for us the body and blood
of your beloved one, Jesus Christ;
who, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
"Take, eat: this is my body given for you;
do this to remember me."

Presider

After supper Jesus took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his friends, saying:
“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.
As often as you drink it, do this to remember me.”

Great is the mystery of faith.

All

Traditional



Presider

God of justice,
your children call upon you
like a widow pleading her cause.
As you constantly knock on the door of our hearts,
inviting us to embrace your ways,
so we seek to wear you out
with our longing for you to grant justice
to your children who cry to you day and night.
Give hope to any who are close to losing heart.
Bring consolation to all who can hardly continue another day.
Uphold those who have nowhere to turn.
Hasten the day when every tear turns to joy
all sorrow turns to dancing,
and you are all in all,
O Trinity of peace and love.

All

Traditional



Presider

We pray as Jesus taught us,

All

Tirro

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-lo-wed be Thy name.
Thy king-dom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav-en.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us as we for-give each oth-er;
and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-li-ver us from e-vil;
for Thine is the king-dom and the po-wer and the
glo-ry for-e-ver. A-men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider

The body that was broken

All

has become for us the bread of life!

Invitation

Presider

This is God's table
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.

Please be seated.

All are invited to share in the Holy Eucharist. Please remain seated until you are invited up the centre aisle by the greeter. If you require gluten-free bread, please ask the priest. Please do not dip your bread in the cup of wine.

Songs During Communion

I Come with Joy

Blue book #60

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Jacques Berthier

O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

Please rise in spirit or in body.

Prayer after Communion

Presider

God of peace,
you have nourished us in this meal
with the body and blood of Christ.
May we who are fed holy things
be strengthened to join your work in the world;
through Jesus Christ,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All

Amen.

Doxology

Presider

Together, we say,

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

Closing Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

Blue book #505

Dismissal

Presider Alleluia! Go forth from this place
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Refreshments are served in the Atrium.
We invite you to join us,
or to remain in the church to enjoy the postlude.

The Eucharistic Prayer based on Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher,
Eucharistic Prayers.

Thought for the Month

Interdependence over Independence:
Christian theology values interdependence, mutual care, and shared
vulnerability over the modern ideal of self-sufficiency.

*One of the "Ten Tenets of Disability Theology",
From *The Disabled God* by Nancy Eiesland*



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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HARVEST FEST 2025

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23 · 6:30PM

Paradiso



A meal to support **Open Doors**, Burlington's vital community hub offering free, wraparound services to those in need.

Enjoy a three-course prix fixe dinner at Paradiso, complete with red and white wine pairings, all for \$150 per person.

Live music, door prizes, and the joy of giving back.