



Pentecost 23

16 November | 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. Also, there is now a tap machine on a stand in the Atrium. You can tap with your credit card or using your mobile phone or watch. Please use your mobile device to scan the QR code if you wish to receive a tax receipt.

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, reading "Penny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a trailing flourish.

Canon Penny Anderson

On the Cover

This “drawing in the style of of an ancient map of Jerusalem”
seeks to communicate peace among
Islam, Christianity, and Judaism.

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Thought for the Month

Every day, as long as “today” lasts, keep encouraging one another ...

Hebrews 3:13

Pentecost 23

9.30 am Holy Eucharist

Prelude

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 1976, the National Indian Brotherhood (precursor to the Assembly of First Nations) proposed a series of amendments to the *Indian Act*, all of which were rejected by the government.

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: For the Healing of the Nations

Blue book #576

The Gathering

Presider

O God,
in your wisdom and love
you hold all times and ages
and all people in your care.
Guide us through the
trials and uncertainties of our own time
that we may join you
in 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 Book of Isaiah (65.17-25)

read by Chris Byrnes

Reader

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating,
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy
and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred
will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat,
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord –
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
but the serpent – its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

All

Please rise in spirit or in body.

Before the Gospel: Should I Rehearse with Human Voice

Blue book #495 v. 1

Should I rehearse with human voice
the words which angels make their choice,
devoid of love, my song resounds
magnificent but empty.
And should I preach with earnest tone
and know whatever can be known
and move the hills by faith alone -
if I lack love, I'm nothing.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke (21.5-19)

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.**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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

After the Gospel: Should I Rehearse with Human Voice

Blue book #495 v. 3

Let strange and startling language cease,
let tongues their ecstasy release,
let knowledge come and go in pleasure -
these things are not eternal;
for all the thought and skill we show
are but a stage through which we grow
till, face to face with God, we'll know
that love which lasts forever.

Please be seated.

Homily

Rev. Wojtek

Silence for reflection.

Anthem: Thy Kingdom Come on Bended Knee

Mark Sirett

"Thy Kingdom come!" on bended knee
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day.

The slow, slow watches of the night
not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear;
Prepare! Prepare ye prophet souls,
proclaim the day is near.

The day to whose clear shining light
all wrong shall be revealed,
when justice shall be throned in might,
and every hurt be healed.

When knowledge hand in hand with truth
shall walk the earth abroad;
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.

Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929)

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 John Reszitaryk

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: Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Blue book #388

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Faithful God,
in this eucharist we renew the covenant of our baptism.
Strengthen us with this meal
to renounce all that draws us from your love;
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 Loving God,
we lift our hearts to you in praise and thanksgiving
because in your generosity you created all things
in overflowing plenty.
In love you called the children of Abraham
to be your companions;
in covenant goodness you sent prophets to restore their life,
and in grace you sent your beloved one, Jesus Christ,
to redeem the past and embody our future in you.
In Jesus' crucifixion we see the worst that we can do,
yet in his resurrection we behold your will and your power
to make sin and death the threshold of everlasting life.
And so, with all the company of heaven,
we gladly sing your praise:

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 each staff. 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.

Presider

God of longing and destiny,
as wheat and grapes reach their fulfillment in bread and wine,
so we your children await the day
when you will transform us from faltering followers
into faithful friends.
Bless your church in the power of your Spirit
that we may be strengthened
to join your work in the world.
Send your Spirit on this bread and cup
that they may be for us
the body and blood of Jesus Christ;
who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
"Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this to remember me."

After supper he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, 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."

Therefore we declare the mystery of faith.

All

Traditional

Christ has died. Christ is ri-sen. Christ will come a - gain.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the staff. The score ends with a double bar line.

Presider

God of hope,
in you the future is always bigger than the past.
Be close to your children
when the sound of their weeping is heard in our cities;
transfigure the lives of any who labour in vain.
Strengthen those who build houses and plant vineyards.
Inspire all who strive to restore communities
after conflict or disaster.
Give endurance to those who are hated and betrayed,
until the time when you create new heavens and a new earth,
and the former things pass away
and your whole creation is once again in union with you,
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.

All The gifts of God, for the people of God.
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

Lion and Lamb, Lying Together

Blue book #597

Guide My Feet

Blue book #513

Please rise in spirit or in body.

Prayer after Communion

Presider God of love,
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in this sacrament
we have shared the body and blood of Christ.
May we who are nourished by holy things
hunger ever more for your justice and peace;
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: All My Hope on God is Founded *Blue book #529*

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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.



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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