



## **Easter 6**

**10 May | 2026 | 9.30am**

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

**Andy Elmhirst - Director of Music**

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

# Welcome to St. Christopher's

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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 Granny's Place. There are also activity kits available in the atrium for those who prefer to remain in church. 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.

## 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 enjoying silence. The space is available for people of all ages, although we ask that caregivers remain with children who wish to use the sensory room.

## **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.

## **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](http://www.stcb.ca).

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Penny". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Canon Penny Anderson

### **On the Cover**

Frank Wesley titled this painting, "The Holy Spirit."  
Wesley was born in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh into a fifth generation  
Christian family of Hindu and Muslim descent.

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### **Thought for the Month**

"We seek the presence of God  
.... as the restoration of human dignity  
the reclamation of our joy  
and the liberation of all  
it is the gravitas of presence  
incarnated in our flesh and bones."

*From 'Gravitas', by David Gate*

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**9.30 am Holy Eucharist**

**Prelude**

May: Starlit Nights

*Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)*

**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 November 2015, a plaque plaque at Ottawa’s Beechwood Cemetery honouring Duncan Campbell Scott as a Confederation Poet was modified to include information about his role in expanding the Indian Residential School system, and implementing a policy of cultural assimilation within those schools.

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: Where Charity and Love Prevail**     *Blue book #487*

**Gathering Prayer**

*Presider*     God, who first loved us,  
                  kindle in our hearts  
                  such love for you and for our neighbours,  
                  that we may always  
                  embody your love in our time and place;  
                  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 Acts (17.22-31)** *read by Kevin Turpin*

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.' "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

*Reader*            Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

*All*                 **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise in spirit or in body.*

## **Before the Gospel: O Saving Victim, Opening Wide**

*Blue book #83 v. 1*

1.            O saving Victim, opening wide  
              the gate of heaven to us below,  
              our foes press on from every side;  
              thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

## The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John (14.15-21)

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

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

## After the Gospel: O Saving Victim, Opening Wide

*Blue book #83 v. 2*

2. All praise and thanks to thee ascend  
for evermore, blest One-in-Three;  
O grant us life that shall not end  
in our true native land with thee.

*Please be seated.*

## Homily

*Canon Penny*

*Silence for reflection.*

## Anthem: If Ye Love Me

*Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)*

If ye love Me, keep My commandments.  
And I will pray the Father,  
and He shall give you another Comforter,  
that He may bide with you for ever,  
even the Spirit of Truth.

*St. John 14:15-17*

*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 Bob Goodwin*

## **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: Loving Spirit**

*Blue book #657*

## The Prayer over the Gifts

*Presider* God of grace,  
you give us new life  
when you pour out your Holy Spirit for us.  
As we celebrate Jesus' resurrection,  
renew your gift of life within us;  
through Jesus Christ,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*All* *Stephen*

*Presider* *People*

May God be with you. And al - so with you.

*Presider* *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the liv - ing God.

*Presider*

Let us give thanks to the God of the U - ni - verse.

*People*

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

*Presider* O God,  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
The fullness of your life is beyond our imagining.  
Yet, in sending Jesus Christ to us,  
you embody all your promises to your people.  
In Jesus' dying and rising,  
you open to us grace and renewal,  
and in sending us the Spirit, you give us new life.

Now we join with all who have served you  
in every place and time  
to praise you with these ancient words:

All

Stephen

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry! Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Bles-sed is the one who comes in the name of God. Ho-

sa - na in the high - est! Ho - sa - na in the high - est!

Presider

Sending and accompanying God,  
 you do not leave us orphaned,  
 but in Christ you make us your adopted children,  
 and in your Spirit  
 you send an Advocate to be with us forever.  
 Send your Spirit to transform us  
 evermore into the likeness of Christ.  
 And send your Spirit upon this bread and this wine  
 that these gifts may be for us  
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ;  
 who, at supper with his friends,  
 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 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

Stephen

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

*Presider*

God-with-us,  
from the abundance of your grace,  
bless your children who suffer for doing right.  
Be close to any who live with public shame,  
and all who carry the humiliation of others in their hearts.  
Breathe your power upon your people  
where they face persecution, oppression, or false charge,  
and illumine us with your wisdom,  
until that day when you renew the face of the earth,  
and we stand before you  
forgiven, loved and free,  
O Trinity of peace and love.

*All*

*Stephen*

A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four measures. The first measure contains a half note G4. The second measure contains a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The third measure contains a half note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, and a half note G5. The fourth measure contains a half note G5. The lyrics 'A - men. A - men. A - - - men.' are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllable placement under the notes.

*Presider*

We pray as Jesus taught us, singing,

*All*

*Brown*



Our Fa - ther in heav - en hal-lowed be thy Name Thy



king-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav'n Give



us this day our dail-y bread and for-give our sins As we for-give



those who sin a- gainst us And lead us not in-to temp



ta - tion but de - liv - er us from ev - il For thine is the king- dom and



thine is the pow - er And the glo - ry for - ev - er, the glo - ry for



ev - er The glo - ry for ev - er, a - men

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Presider*

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

*All*

**Live in us, that we may live in you.**

## 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.*

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## Songs During Communion

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

*Yellow book #241*

Draw us in the Spirit's tether,  
For when humbly in your name,  
Two or three are met together,  
You are in the midst of them.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Touch we now your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather  
In the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the Father  
Break the bread and bless the cup:  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living  
Make as sacraments of you,  
That by caring, helping, giving,  
We would be disciples true.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Live, O Christ, in all we do.

Mothering God, you gave me birth  
In the bright morning of this world.  
Creator, source of ev'ry breath,  
You are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form,  
Offering me your food of light,  
Grain of life, and grape of love,  
Your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one,  
In arms of patience hold me close,  
So that in faith I root and grow  
Until I flow'r, until I know.

*Please rise in spirit or in body.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Presider* God of love,  
you restored us to life  
when you raised Jesus from the dead.  
May we who share this meal  
always be strengthened to do your will;  
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: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

*Blue book #374 vv. 2,4,5*

## Dismissal

*Presider* Alleluia! Go forth into the world  
rejoicing in the risen Christ!  
*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Postlude

Finale on Hyfrydol

*Henry Coleman (1888-1965)*

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

### **Easter 6**

The Eucharistic Prayers are based on Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher,  
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