



Holy Baptism

17 May | 2026 | 9.30am

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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 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.



Canon Penny Anderson

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

Special thanks to Daniel Lu who is playing the organ for the prelude, postlude and opening hymn this morning.

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Prelude

Récit de Tierce en Taille

Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)

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 December 2015 the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada released its six volume, 3,200 page Final Report. The report names the assimilation policy imposed through the schools a cultural genocide. The first page of the report reads, “For over a century, the central goals of Canada’s Aboriginal policy were to eliminate Aboriginal governments; ignore Aboriginal rights; terminate the Treaties; and, through a process of assimilation, cause Aboriginal peoples to cease to exist as distinct legal, social, cultural, religious, and racial entities in Canada. The establishment and operation of residential schools were a central element of this policy, which can best be described as ‘cultural genocide’.”

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: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Blue book #300 vv. 1,3,5

Gathering Prayer

Presider God of loving care,
Jesus Christ was carried up,
withdrawing his physical presence
that he may be embodied
in the people of faith
who live by his Spirit.
Empower us now to continue Jesus' work
of justice, peace and love;
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 Daniel (7.13-14)

Read by Chris Byrnes

As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

Reader Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise in spirit or in body.

Before the Gospel: Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Blue book #211 v. 1-3

1. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. The Lord of life is risen today!
Sing songs of praise along his way;
let all the earth rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke (24:44-53)

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 said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

After the Gospel: Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Blue book #211 v. 4

4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Please be seated.

Homily

Canon Penny

Silence for reflection.

Anthem: Come Away

Mark Hayes

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.
Arise, my love so beautiful, and come away.
For lo, the winter is past.
The rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth.
The time for singing has come!

The voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land.
The fig trees are bursting with buds and the promise of fruit.
The grapevines are fragrant with blossoms.
How delicious they smell!
Spring is here and my heart is filled with love!

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm.
For love is as strong as death,
and passion, fierce as the grave.
Many waters cannot quench love.
All the world's riches cannot buy love.

Song of Solomon 2:10-13, 8:6-7

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Presider Please present the candidate for Holy Baptism.

*Parents &
Sponsors*

**We present Harley Evelyn Deveau
to receive the sacrament of baptism.**

Presider Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God,
do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

*Parents &
Sponsors*

I do.

Presider

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism,
you are entrusted with these responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,
place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow
in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents &
Sponsors*

I do.

Presider Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this child in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors **I do.**

Presider People of God, will you help Harley hear the gospel of Jesus Christ within this household of faith?

All **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Prayers for the Candidate

Led by Christyn Perkons

The Celebration of Baptism

Thanksgiving over the Water

Presider May God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the living God.

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

Presider We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led the children of Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To Christ, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Presider Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant

Presider

Do you believe in God?

All

**I believe in God,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's Beloved One.
He was conceived by the Holy spirit
and born of Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All

**I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Presider

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All

I will, with God's help.

Presider

Will you persevere in resisting evil and,
whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to faith in Jesus Christ?

All

I will, with God's help.

Presider

Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

All

I will, with God's help.

Presider

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

All

I will, with God's help.

Presider

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

All

I will, with God's help.

Presider

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation,
and respect, sustain and renew the life of the earth?

All

I will, with God's help.

Please be seated.

The Baptism



Harley Evelyn Deveau

At the baptism:

Priest Harley Evelyn, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

At the anointing:

Priest I sign you with the cross and mark you as Christ's own forever.

At the candle lighting:

Priest Receive the light of Christ,
to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

All **Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify the God who animates you.**

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: She Flies On

Blue book #656
Soloist: Stephanie Furtado

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Eternal God,
Jesus Christ has promised
to be with us until the end of time.
Give us grace to encounter Jesus
in this meal of remembrance and love;
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

Loving God,
in Jesus you open your heart to us.
In Jesus' passion and death
we see the consequences of our rejection
and the depth of your yearning
to share your life with us.
You defeated the power of death
when you raised Jesus from the grave.
In Jesus' ascension you seal as complete
the work of Jesus' physical presence among us.
And so we join our voices
with all the faithful who have gone before,
and all the company of heaven
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

Gracious God, at his ascension
Jesus promised the disciples
they would be clothed with power from on high.
Send now your Holy Spirit,
that we may know the presence of Jesus among us,
and that bread broken, and wine outpoured,
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."

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

Stephen



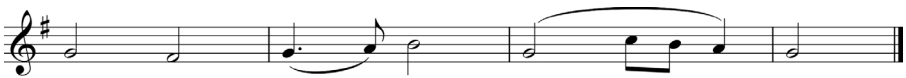
Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

Presider

Generous God, your beloved one Jesus Christ
told his disciples to stay in the city
until they were clothed by the Spirit.
Give courage to those whom you call
to stay in places of danger and disillusion.
Jesus withdrew from the disciples
when they did not know what the future would hold.
Be close to all who face an uncertain future
and who know their deep need of you.
Jesus' disciples were continually in the temple praising you.
Give your church a fresh outpouring of your Spirit
and make us a blessing for all your children;
until we stand with you
and your whole creation,
renewed and overflowing with your praise,
O Trinity of peace and love.

All

Stephen

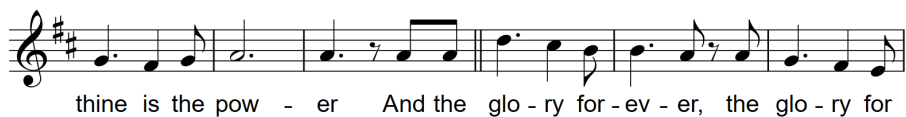
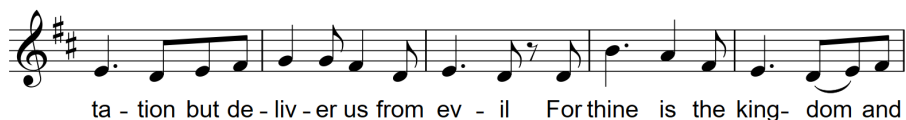
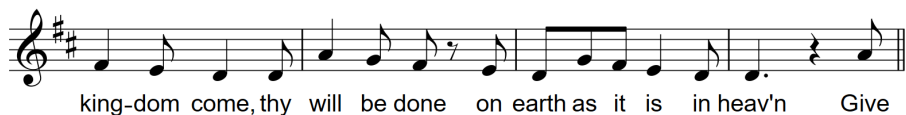


A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

Presider We pray as Jesus taught us, singing,

All

Brown



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.

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

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

Yellow book #337

Rise, O church, like Christ arisen,
From this meal of love and grace;
May we through such love envision
Whose we are, and whose, our praise.
Alleluia, alleluia;
God, the wonder of our days.

Rise, transformed, and choose to follow
After Christ, though wounded, whole;
Broken, shared, our lives are hallowed
To release and to console.
Alleluia, alleluia;
Christ, our present, past, and goal.

Rise, remember well the future
God has called us to receive;
Present by God's loving nurture,
Spirited then let us live.
Alleluia, alleluia;
Spirit, grace by whom we live.

Service be our sure vocation;
Courage be our daily breath;
Mercy be our destination
From this day and unto death.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Rise, O church, a living faith.

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Blue book #460

Please rise in spirit or in body.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Life-giving God,
your beloved one, Jesus Christ,
sends us into the world
to join the work of creating
the new society where he dwells.
Confirm us as those who are sent,
and empower us to live the good news we proclaim;
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: Hail the Day the Sees Him Rise

Blue book #247 vv. 1-4

Dismissal

Presider

Alleluia! Go forth from this place
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

All

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Sonata Giojoso

Barrie Cabena (1933-2025)

Refreshments are served in the Atrium.

We invite you to join us,
or to remain in the church to enjoy the postlude.



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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