



# Pride Sunday

**June 14 | 2026 | 11.30am**

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# Welcome to St. Christopher's

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Thank you for being with us 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. You may take this service bulletin home with you or discard it in the blue box as you exit.

## **Children & Families**

Please enjoy being together throughout the service. 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 during the 9.30am service. Parents are always welcome to spend time with their children ages 0-3 in Grannie's Place. There are also activity kits available in the atrium. Please ask one of our greeters if you need assistance at any time during the service.

## **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, just outside the north entrance to the sanctuary, there is board that allows a \$25 donation, with a tap of your credit card. Scanning the QR code beside it ensures that a receipt will be issued.

## **Communion**

All are invited to share in the Holy Eucharist.

## **Sensory Room**

There is a space for you at St. Christopher's - including a 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.

## **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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Penny".

Canon Penny Anderson

### **Thought for the Month**

'God loved us before he made us,  
and his love has never diminished and never shall.'

*Julian of Norwich*

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## 11.30 am

### Welcome!

*Canon Penny Anderson*

You belong here!  
Everyone is welcome at the table.  
No fussy rules.  
No exceptions.

### Land Acknowledgement

In the appendix to his book, *21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act*, author Bob Joseph provides a list of 21 Things You Can Do to Help Change the World. Here are a few of his suggestions:

- Attend or volunteer at a National Indigenous Peoples Day
- Attend and support Indigenous community events.
- Donate books by Indigenous authors to school libraries.
- Donate sports equipment to remote Indigenous communities.
- Ensure you buy authentic Indigenous art.
- Write a letter to your MP to support the dismantling of the *Indian Act*

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.

### Gathering Prayer

#### Song: Child of God

*Mark Miller*

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

No matter what the world says,  
Says, or thinks about you,  
You are a child,  
You are a child of God.

No matter what the church says,  
Decisions, pronouncements on you,  
You are a child,  
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, a child of God!  
You are a child, a child of God!

## Listening for God

### A Reading from the Gospel of Mark (6.1-13)

Jesus left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

*Reader*            Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

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

## Homily

*Canon Penny*

*Silence for Reflection*

## Song: True Colours

Billy Steinberg and Tom Kelly

You with the sad eyes  
Don't be discouraged, oh I realise  
It's hard to take courage  
In a world full of people  
You can lose sight of it all  
The darkness inside you  
Can make you feel so small

And I see your true colours shining through  
I see your true colours and that's why I love you  
So don't be afraid to let them show  
Your true colours, true colours are beautiful  
Like a rainbow

Show me a smile then  
Don't be unhappy  
Can't remember when  
I last saw you laughing  
If this world makes you crazy  
And you've taken all you can bear  
You just call me up  
Because you know I'll be there

And I see your true colours shining through  
I see your true colours  
And that's why I love you  
So don't be afraid to let them show  
Your true colours, true colours  
True colours are shinin' through  
I see your true colours and that's why I love you  
So don't be afraid to let them show  
Your true colours, true colours  
Are beautiful like a rainbow

## The Prayers of the People

*Please add your own prayers, ending with,*

*One*            God is good,  
*All*            **Thanks be to God.**

*or*

*One*            God of love,  
*All*            **Hear our prayer.**

## The Peace

*the community offer peace to one another.*

### Song: For Everyone Born

*Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)*

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead.

*[Refrain]*

*And God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy.*

For gay and for straight, a place at the table,  
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,  
a rainbow of race and gender and colour,  
for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace  
*[Refrain]*

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free.  
*[Refrain]*

## 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.**

*The eucharistic prayer is spoken in the moment.*

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

**Blessed is the One who comes in God's name.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The eucharistic prayer continues.*

*All* **Amen.**

*Presider* We pray as Jesus taught us:

*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.**

## Invitation

*Presider* The gifts of God, for the people of God.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**





We invite you to join us for refreshments in the Atrium  
following the service.

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