



Pride Sunday

14 June | 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

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

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

Julian of Norwich

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Prelude

June

Pyotr Illyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

Welcome & Announcements

Canon Penny

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, to engaging in reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, and to doing our part to change the world.

Please rise in spirit or in body.

Opening Hymn: God of Many Faces

Amy Cerniglia

God of many faces, we offer our praise,
singing your glory through all of our days.
Hear ever growing voices, once fragile, now strong,
carrying melodies in expansive new songs.

God of many genders, our world reflects you,
sunrise and sunset uniting our hues,
woven into a city with jewels of all shades,
houses of ruby and walls rowed with jade.

God of many names, we invite you to show

us the new names that reflect our true souls.
Breathe with your holy spirit to give us the Word
that will indwell dry bones, granting new life once heard.

God of many bodies, abide within ours,
shifting more each day through time and through scars.
Come sanctify our bodies, all fashioned by you,
holier every day still becoming more true.

Gathering Prayer

Presider Life-changing God,
you love all you have made
and rejoice in the ways
we reflect your image in our lives
and in our relationships.
Renew us as we draw near to you and to one another,
that our community may embody your love for the world;
through Jesus Christ,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Hearing God's Word

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (62.1-5)

Read by Gary Fisher

Reader For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a beautiful crown in the hand of the Lord
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her
and your land Married,
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,

Reader and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise in spirit or in body.

Before the Gospel: Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Blue book #433 vv. 1,2

1. Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.
2. Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us
closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark (6.1-13)

Reader May God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Reader The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

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

After the Gospel: Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Blue book #433 v. 5

5. Lord, you bless with words assuring:
 "I am with you to the end."
 Faith and hope and love restoring,
 may we serve as you intend,
 and, amid the cares that claim us,
 hold in mind eternity;
 with the Spirit's gifts empower us
 for the work of ministry.

Please be seated.

Homily

Canon Penny

Silence for reflection.

Anthem: As Truly As God Is Our Father

William Matthias (1934-1992)

As truly as God is our Father,
so just as truly is he our Mother.
In our father, God Almighty, we have our being;
in our merciful Mother we are remade and restored.

Our fragmented lives are knit together.
And by giving and yielding ourselves,
through grace, to the Holy Spirit
we are made whole.

It is I, the strength and goodness of Fatherhood.
It is I, the wisdom of Motherhood.
It is I, the light and grace of holy love.

It is I, the Trinity, it is I, the unity.

I am the sovereign goodness in all things.

It is I who teach you to love.

It is I who teach you to desire.

It is I who am the reward of all true desiring.

All shall be well,
and all shall be well,
and all manner of thing shall be well.
Amen.

Julian of Norwich (b. 1342)

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 Gary Fisher

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: Child of God

Mark Miller

No matter what people say,
Say, or think about me,
I am a child,
I am a child of God.

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 me,
I am a child,
I am 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!

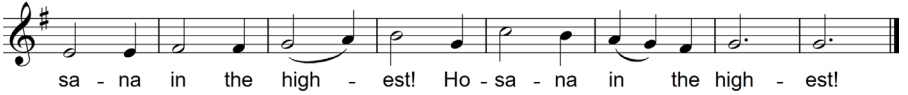
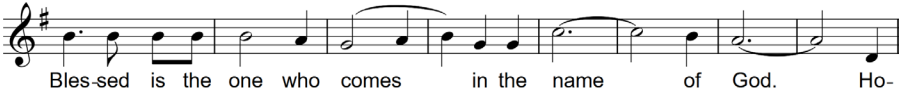
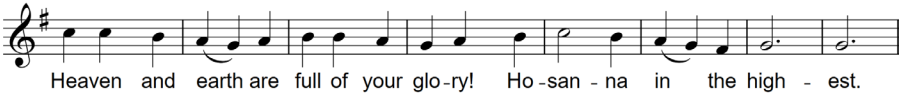
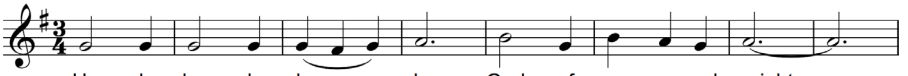
The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Blessed are you, O God of all creation,
You meet us in bread and wine, and make us one.
Come among us in this sharing and feed us,
that we may be strengthened
in faith and hope,
and embody the fullness of your life-giving love;
through Jesus Christ,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

All

Stephen



Presider

In Jesus, your Beloved,
 you showed us how to live and how to love.
 Jesus loved the poor and the disenfranchised.
 He challenged the rich and powerful to use their goods
 for others' flourishing.

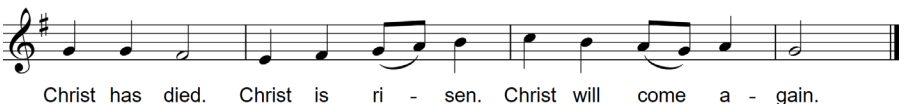
As the powers of domination closed around him,
 Jesus gathered his friends and followers.
 He took bread, gave you thanks,
 broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
 "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you;
 do this to remember me."

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, to this to remember me."

Great is the mystery of faith:

All

Stephen



Presider

Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit upon us now,
as on the day of Pentecost,
to make us and all who share these gifts
into one holy people.
Send your Spirit upon this bread and wine
that this mystery may help us to embody your goodness,
calling us to new life and empowering us to love one another.
Lift our imaginations and our hearts
to embrace the lives and identities we were born to live,
until we all find a place
in the new society you are raising up,
O Trinity of peace and love.

All

Stephen



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

Presider

We pray as Jesus taught us, singing

All

Brown

Our Fa - ther in heav - en

hal-owed 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 Forthine 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

Christ's body is broken for us.

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.

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

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Songs During Communion

One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All

Blue book #73

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

Please rise in spirit or in body.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Life-changing God,
you have fed us at your table.
Empower us 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: New Patterns of Loving

Barbara Hamm

New patterns of loving make room for new ways,
creating new families to care for and raise.
All those who have loved us and helped us to grow
are families of choice by the caring they show.

Our ancestry marks us with visible signs;
we bear in our bodies genetic designs.
But love, beyond limits of gender or race,
can fashion new families and new ways embrace.

God bless all the mothers and fathers today;
help us to raise children to walk in God's way,
to care for each other as children of God,
whose love is inclusive, far-reaching, and broad.

Dismissal

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Over the Rainbow

Harold Arlen (1905-1986)
arr. George Shearing (1919-2011)

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

Pride Sunday

The Eucharistic Prayer is based upon the prayer used at *Fiercely Loved 2026*.

The Prayers of the People are based upon intercessions written by Hanna Kae for *Fiercely Loved 2026*.

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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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