



Pentecost 2

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Welcome to St. Christopher's

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.

Canon Penny Anderson



On the Cover

Rembrandt's "The Calling of St. Matthew,"
completed in 1599-1600.

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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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Welcome!

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

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 2017, Prime Minister Trudeau apologized at HappyValley-Goose Bay NL to the Indigenous former students who attended residential schools in Newfoundland and Labrador, and to their “families, loved ones and communities impacted by these schools for the painful and sometimes tragic legacy these schools left behind.” Residential school students in the province, having been excluded from the 2007 Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, were also excluded from Prime Minister Harper’s 2008 apology.

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: Heavy/Come However You Are

Birdtalker/City Harbour

If you’re lost and lonely
Go and figure out why
Take a trip to your dark side
Go on and have a good cry
Cause we’re all lonely
Yeah we’re all lonely
Together

I want to see your sadness
I want to share your sins
I want to bleed your blood and
I want to be let in
Don't you just,
Don't we all just
Want to be together

Leave what's heavy
What's heavy behind
Leave what's heavy
What's heavy behind

Interlude

To anyone walking down a hard road
Worn out with blisters on your feet
To anyone with a heart that's shattered
Doing your best to hold it together
With no prayer to pray and no song left to sing

Oooo...

Whatever pain you're dealing with

Oooo....

Let me offer this

Come however you are
Come with all your heart breaks
Come with all the mistakes you've made
Lay them down at the cross
Give them to the God who loves you
Hurt, scarred, falling apart
Come however you...

Are you feeling fearful brother?
Are you feeling fearful sister?
Only way to lose that fearful feeling
Replace it with love that's healing
Are you feeling fearful brother?
Are you feeling fearful sister?

Leave what's heavy
What's heavy behind
Leave what's heavy
What's heavy behind
Leave what's heavy
What's heavy behind

Listening for God

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark (2.13-17)

Jesus went out again beside the sea; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician but those who are sick; I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

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

Homily

Canon Penny

Silence for Reflection

Song: Oceans

Hillsong United

You call me out upon the waters,
the great unknown where feet may fail.
And there I find you in the mystery,
in oceans deep, my faith will stand,

[Refrain]

*And I will call upon your name
and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in your embrace
for I am yours and you are mine.*

Your grace abounds in deepest waters,
your sovereign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
you've never failed and you won't start now.

[Refrain]

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders,
let me walk upon the waters
wherever you would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
and my faith will be made stronger
in the presence of my saviour.

[Repeat]

[Refrain]

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: Crowded Table

The Highwomen

You can hold my hand
When you need to let go
I can be your mountain
When you're feeling valley-low
I can be your streetlight
Showing you the way home
You can hold my hand
When you need to let go

[Refrain]

*I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young and able
And bring us back together when the day is done*

If we want a garden
We're gonna have to sow the seed
Plant a little happiness
Let the roots run deep
If it's love that we give
Then it's love that we reap

If we want a garden
We're gonna have to sow the seed

[Refrain]

The door is always open
Your picture's on my wall
Everyone's a little broken
And everyone belongs
Yeah, everyone belongs

[Refrain]

Prayer over the Bread and Wine

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.**

Sharing Bread and Wine

As we serve one another:

All **The body of Christ.
The blood of Christ.**

Communion Song: You Say

Lauren Daigle

I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough
Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up
Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low
Remind me once again just who I am because I need to know

[Refrain]

*You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
And you say I am held when I am falling short
And when I don't belong, oh you say I am Yours
And I believe
Oh, I believe
What you say of me
I believe*

The only thing that matters now is everything you think of me
In you I find my worth, in you I find my identity

[Refrain]

Taking all I have, and now I'm laying it at Your feet
You have every failure, God, You have every victory

[Refrain]

Prayer After Communion

Song: Rainbow

Kacey Musgraves

When it rains, it pours
But you didn't even notice
It ain't rainin' anymore
It's hard to dream when all you know is
The struggle of stayin' above
The rising water line

[Refrain]

*Well the sky has finally opened
The rain and wind stop blowin'
But your stuck out in the same old storm again
You hold tight to your umbrella
Darlin' I'm just tryin' to tell ya
That's there's always been a rainbow
Hanging over your head*

If you could see what I see
You'd be blinded by the colours
Yellow, red, orange and green
And at least a million others
So tie up the boat, take off your coat
And take a look around

[Refrain]

Oh tie up the boat,
take off you coat,
And take a look around
Everything is alright now

[Refrain]

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

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reaching beyond ourselves
caring for creation
making a difference with others.

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