



Youth Sunday

7 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Penny'.

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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9.30 am Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Dreaming

Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

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 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.

Please rise in spirit or in body.

Opening Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me

Blue book #430

Gathering Prayer

Presider

Loving God,
when Jesus called Levi the tax collector to follow him,
you showed you are willing to call
some unlikely people
to join your work in the world.
Empower us, too, to follow Jesus;
through Jesus Christ,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

All

Hearing God's Word

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah (1.4-9) *Read by Nella Ford-Jones*

Reader

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,
"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak,
for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me,
"Do not say, 'I am only a boy,'
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the
Lord said to me,
"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

All

Thanks be to God.

Please rise in spirit or in body.

Before the Gospel: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Blue book #606 vv. 1,2

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
2. There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

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

Read by McKinley Stewart

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.**

After the Gospel: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Blue book #606 v. 5

5. For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

Please be seated.

Homily

Canon Penny

Silence for reflection.

Anthem: A Child Went Forth

David Waggoner

There was a child went forth,
there was a child went forth every day;
and the first thing that he saw,
and the first thing that he looked upon,
the first thing that his eyes received...
he became.

The grass and morning glories,
the sprouts of yellow corn,
the noisy brood of the barnyard,
and the March lambs, newborn.

The apple trees with their blossoms
on strong fruit bearing limbs,
these became and will always remain
a part of him.

The village on the highland
at sunset, far away,
the multicoloured cloudbanks
that fade at end of day.

The shimmer of the river,
the lonely traveller,
these became and will always remain
a part of her.

By Walt Whitman, adapted by Douglas Waggoner
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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, after he was carried up,
works in us and others
by the Holy Spirit.**

All **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 Lily Parker, Claire Lickman, Maisy Perkins, Violet Perkins

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: Be Not Afraid

Yellow book #212

You shall cross the barren desert,
But you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
And all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain:

Be not afraid.

I go before you always.

Come follow me,

And I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters
In the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
You shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
And death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all.

Refrain:

Be not afraid.

I go before you always.

Come follow me,

And I will give you rest.

Blessed are your poor,
For the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
For one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you
All because of me,
Blessed, blessed are you!

Refrain

The Prayer over the Gifts


Presider Gracious God,
accept all we offer you this day.
May we who are made whole at this table
bring wholeness to our broken world;
through Jesus Christ,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

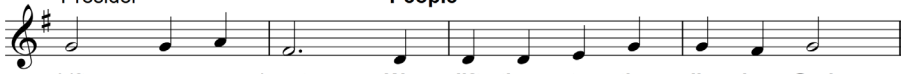
All *Stephen*

Presider *People*



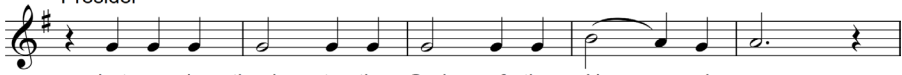
May God be with you. And al - so with you.

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 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.**

Presider God of life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your goodness.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.
You give us your love,
even when things go wrong.

All **Alleluia! Let your face shine!**

Presider

Jesus knew hurt and pain.
Through Jesus you wipe away our tears,
and fill us with your peace.
You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and declare your praise:

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

We thank you, loving God,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus to us.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live
in unity with you.

All

Alleluia! Let your face shine!

Presider

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and blood.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

Invitation

Presider This is God's table
ready for those who love God
and those who want to love God more.

Presider 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

Here I Am, Lord

Yellow book #270

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone;
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my Life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

You Are Near

Yellow book #120

Refrain:

*Yahweh, I know you are near,
Standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe,
And you lead me, in ways everlasting.*

Lord, you have searched my heart,
And you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me,
Protecting me from death,
Keeping me from harm.

Refrain

Where can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens you are there;
If I fly to the sunrise
Or sail beyond the sea,
Still I'd find you there.

Refrain

You know my heart and its ways,
You who formed me before I was born,
In the secret of darkness
Before I saw the sun,
In my mother's womb.

Refrain

Marvellous to me are your works;
How profound are your thoughts, my Lord.
Even if I could count them,
They number as the stars,
You would still be there.
Refrain

Please rise in spirit or in body.

Prayer after Communion

Presider God of compassion,
we are fed by your grace.
Call us, and strengthen us
to answer your call,
that we may 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: The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy

Blue book #631

Dismissal

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Concerto No. 1 in G major, BWV 592 iii Presto *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

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

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The Eucharistic Prayers are based upon Prayer Two in the Church of England's *Common Worship*

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