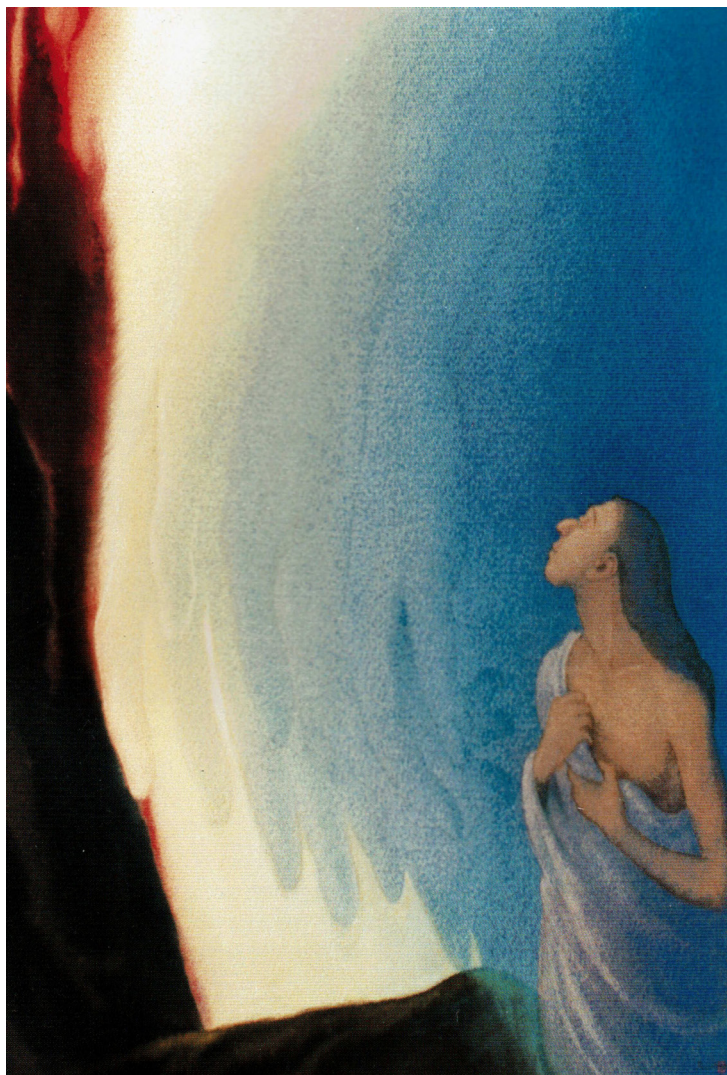




Pentecost 21

18 October | 2026 | 9.30am

The 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 Grannie'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

"Come let us sing to the Lord
Let us come to him with thanksgiving."

Psalms 95

On the Cover

Frank Wesley's painting, "The Hand of God is My Refuge," is inspired by this morning's first reading. Wesley was born in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh into a fifth generation Christian family of Hindu and Muslim descent. Wesley's Moses is certainly trying to get a good look!

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Special Thanks

We extend thanks to Audrey Chan, violinist,
for her contribution to our worship this morning.

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9.30 am Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Apré un rêve

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

The Government of Canada launched an independent inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ people in June 2018. The Commission's final report finds that persistent and deliberate human and Indigenous rights violations and abuses are the root cause behind Canada's staggering rates of violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQIA+ people. The report delivers 231 individual Calls for Justice directed at governments, institutions, social service providers, industries and all Canadians. The report further includes a National Action Plan which lays out a series of goals and short term priorities to assist organizations seeking to embody the Calls for Justice.

The first goal is to achieve transformative changes in attitudes, behaviours, and knowledge within our broader society to prevent and end the root causes of systemic racism, inequality, injustice, and violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ people in Canada. One short term priority attached to this goal is to provide trauma-informed training for those who work with Indigenous people on topics such as history, culture, anti-racism, anti-sexism, anti-homophobia, and anti-transphobia.

May we who gather for worship on the territory of the Anishinaabeg and the Haudenosaunee peoples commit ourselves to ending violence, and to engaging in reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

Please rise in spirit or in body.

Opening Hymn: Holy Spirit, Come with Power

Blue book #643

The Collect of the Day

Presider

O God,
we ask you to enliven our faith,
that forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to what is before,
we may walk in the way of Jesus,
and join your work in 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 Book of Exodus (33.12-23)

Read by Gill Jones

Moses said to the Lord, 'See, you have said to me, "Bring up this people"; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight." Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.' God said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.' And Moses said to him, 'If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.' The Lord said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.' Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.' And he said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, "The Lord"; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But', he said, 'you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.' And the Lord continued, 'See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.'

Reader

Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

All

Thanks be to God.

Please rise in spirit or in body.

Before the Gospel: Love, Love

Yellow book #313 v. 1

1. Love, love, love, love,
Christians, this is your call.
Love your neighbour as yourself,
For God loves all.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew (22.15-22)

Reader May God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Reader The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

After the Gospel: Love, Love

Yellow book #313 v. 1

1. Love, love, love, love,
Christians, this is your call.
Love your neighbour as yourself,
For God loves all.

Please be seated.

Homily

Canon Penny

Silence for reflection.

Anthem: Teach Me Your Ways, O Lord

David Catherwood

Teach me your ways, O Lord,
and make them known to me.
Teach me to live in truth
your servant here to be.
I put my trust in you
for days I cannot see.
Teach me your ways, O Lord,
and make them known to me.

Teach me your will, O Lord,
and make it known to me.
Teach me to live in love,
a friend to others be.
I put my trust in you
for days I cannot see.
Teach me your will, O Lord,
and make it known to me.

Please rise in spirit or in body.

Affirmation of Faith

Presider

Let us affirm our faith:

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 Winston Tinglin

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: God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Blue book #601

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of all,
may we who gather at your table
trust you in all things;
through Jesus Christ,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

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.**

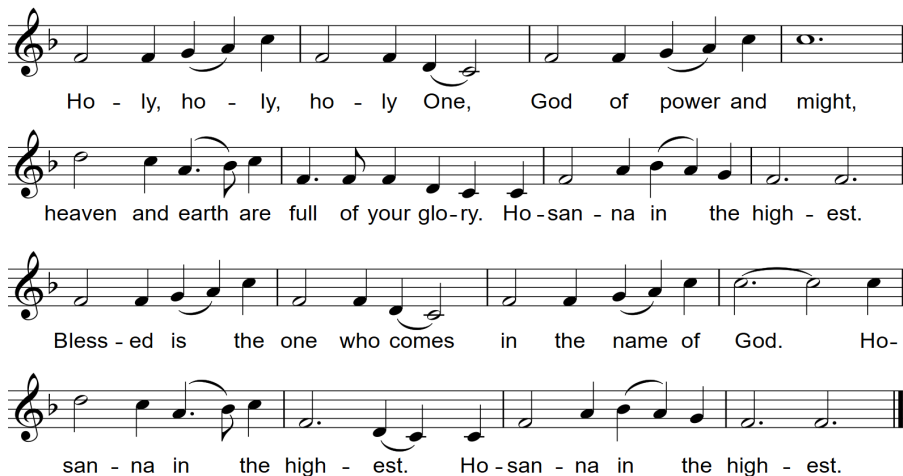
Presider We praise you and thank you, O God.

Because you love creation,
you have come among us in liberation and promise,
and in Jesus' dying and rising
you have opened your life for us to share.
In your tender mercy
you have broken upon us the dawn from on high
and shown us your goodness in the face of Jesus Christ.
You cover us with your loving hand
that we may dare to stand in your presence,
and you tell us your name
that we may see into your heart.

Presider

So, now, we come before you
with all the company of heaven,
to praise you with these ancient words:

All



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of God. Ho-san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
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san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Presider

Merciful God, you have given us the law
as the covenant between your ways and our ways.
In Jesus you have renewed that covenant
by giving us the fulfillment of that law.
In this meal you show us
how much you long for us to be your companions
and how constant is your presence among us.
Send down your Holy Spirit upon us now,
that we might become the body of Christ
that you give us to eat.
Give us your very self
in these gifts of bread and wine
and make them 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, eat: this is my body 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, do this to remember me."

Presider

Great is the mystery of faith:

All



Presider

God of endless love,
you call upon us to give you the things that are yours.
As we realize with joy that all things are yours,
turn every action of our lives
into ways of worshipping you.
Unite us with your saints,
as with them we join your work of
turning fear into hope,
hunger into fulfillment,
isolation into companionship,
and suffering into love,
until the day when we and all your people
see you face to face,
O Trinity of peace and love.

All



Presider

We pray as Jesus taught us:

All

Our fa - ther in heav - en hal-lowed be your name, your
king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give
us to-day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as
we for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the
time of trial, and de - li - ver us from e - vil. For the
king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are
yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider

The body that was broken

All

has become for us the bread of life!

Invitation to Communion

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.

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 communion minister.

Songs During Communion

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

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:
Be not afraid.
I go before you always.
Come follow me,
And I will give you rest.

Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love

Blue book #504

Please rise in spirit or in body.

Prayer After Communion

Presider God of our peace,
you have nourished us in this sacrament
with the body and blood of Christ.
May we whom you have drawn together
live with renewed faith;
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: A Spendthrift Lover Is the Lord

Blue book #177

Dismissal

Presider
All

Go forth from this place rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Automne

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

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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