



Pentecost 19

4 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

This painting by Peter Koenig is titled “My Vineyard.”

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9.30 am Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Adoration

Florence Price (1887-1953)

Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

At this year's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation ceremony here in Burlington I was moved to hear Indigenous speakers talking about their family members who survived the Indian Residential schools. Their witness to loss and resilience was powerful.

Our local event was a marked contrast to events that took place in British Columbia last weekend. That's where members of a white nationalist group gathered on the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc reserve, wearing masks to conceal their identities. Their apparent motivation was to instil fear and promote their ideology, which includes denying the deaths linked to Indian Residential Schools.

Their claims are debunked by the knowledge of Residential School survivors, and the findings of archaeological investigators. More than that, their racist views are reprehensible and their goal of instigating violence is criminal.

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

Please rise in spirit or in body.

Opening Hymn: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Blue book #300 vv. 1,3,5

The Collect of the Day

Presider

Loving God,
you have built your church
on the foundation of the prophets and apostles,
Jesus Christ being the chief cornerstone.
Join us together in unity of spirit,
that we may live with your wisdom
and embody your love;
through Jesus Christ,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All

Amen.

Hearing God's Word

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians (3.4b-14)

Read by Amy Collard

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise in spirit or in body.

Before the Gospel: He Comes to Us as One Unknown

Blue book #456 vv. 1,4

He comes to us as one unknown,
a breath unseen, unheard;
as though within a heart of stone,
or shriveled seed in darkness sown,
a pulse of being stirred.

He comes in love as once he came
by flesh and blood and birth;
to bear within our mortal frame
a life, a death, a saving Name,
for every child of earth.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew (21.33-46)

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.**

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

After the Gospel: He Comes to Us as One Unknown

Blue book #456 v. 5

He comes in truth when faith is grown;
believed, obeyed, adored:
the Christ in all the Scriptures shown,
as yet unseen, but not unknown,
our Saviour and our Lord.

Please be seated.

Homily

Canon Penny

Silence for reflection.

Anthem: Non Nobis Domine

Anonymouse

Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sed nomini tuo da gloriam:	Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give the glory:
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Psalm 115.1

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, after he was carried up,
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

Judi McNairn

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: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Blue book #386

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Gracious God,
accept all we offer you this day.
Empower us to follow
in the pattern of Jesus Christ,
now and always.

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, O God, because
in the beginning
you poured out the gift of your grace
for the whole human family.
When we rejected your gift,
you offered it again
with surpassing fullness
in your beloved one, Jesus Christ.
When we rejected and crucified Jesus,
you raised him up
and poured out your Spirit
to empower us to live the good news
of reconciliation and love.
Now we join with all who have served you
in every place and time
to praise you with these ancient words:

All

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.

Presider

All we have is loss, O God,
compared to the love we see in Jesus Christ.
Now send your Spirit to transform us
evermore into the likeness of Christ.
And send your Spirit upon this bread and this wine
that these gifts may become 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 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, do this to remember me."

Great is the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died. Christ is ri-sen. Christ will come a - gain.

Presider

Loving God,
you abide among us, between us, and within us.
Where your servants are rejected, sustain them.
Where your messengers are beaten, renew them.
Where your children are cast out, uplift them.
Where your vineyard is in the hands of headstrong tenants,
bring your liberation, your transformation, and your wisdom,
until the day when we and all your suffering people
see you face to face,
O Trinity of peace and love.

All



Presider

Gathering all our prayers into one, 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 Christ's body is broken for us.
All **Live in us,
that we may live in you.**

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.

All The Gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

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Songs During Communion

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! who came to earth,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save:

Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The love of God exemplified!
For every wrong on him was laid;
Here in the light of Christ I live.

Prayer of St. Francis

Yellow book #333

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, truth faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness only light,
And where there's sadness ever joy.

Refrain:

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Refrain

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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: All Creatures of Our God and King

Blue book #355 vv. 1-4

Dismissal

Presider Go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Fanfare *Jacques-Lemmens (1823-1881)*

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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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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