



## SUNDAY CHORAL EUCHARIST

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 28, 2023

CHRIST'S CHURCH CATHEDRAL, HAMILTON

*Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Anglican Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words and actions through which public worship is conducted.*

*The people's responses are in **bold**.*

### **Territorial Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that we gather today on the lands occupied by the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe nations at the time of the creation of the "Dish With One Spoon" wampum agreement. We honour and respect these nations and commit ourselves to walk together gently upon this land

## The Gathering of the Community

*When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental or vocal piece of music during which the congregation can prepare for worship.*

PRELUDE                      Chorale Preludes on 'Melcombe' and 'Rockingham'                      Hubert Parry

WORDS OF WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN O Glorious Day                      CP#253

O glorious day when God's love overflowed  
and all its beauty on the earth bestowed;  
the Spirit gave all creatures life and health  
and on them breathed the life of God's own self.  
In all creation, in each tiny flower,  
in every life we see God's living power.

More glorious still that day of storm and flame  
when God on Sinai's mount to Moses came;  
when Israel, from the waters brought ashore,  
received its calling and God's holy law.  
For on that day of God, the great I AM,  
the spirit on the chosen people came.

Most wonderful of all that holy dawn  
in which the Saviour of the world was born!  
The Spirit rested on a Hebrew maid  
and God in human form came to our aid.  
Then, Holy Spirit, your great love excelled  
when we our God in flesh and blood beheld.

Christ rose from death, victorious over sin;  
the ascended Lord now reigns, the world to win;  
and on the church that it may witness give,  
God's love was poured, that through it all might live.  
On this fresh Pentecost, life-giving Lord,  
come, spread through us your saving love abroad.

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May his grace and peace be with you.

**May fill he fill our hearts with joy.**

## INTRODUCTION

*The president introduces the service.*

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and we have walked with him through his journey of love.

We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross.

We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death.

We have enjoyed his risen presence with us

and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread.

We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord.

And now, with the followers of his own time,

we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

## RESPONSORY

As we wait in silence,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we listen to your word,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we worship you in majesty,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your refreshing,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your renewing,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your equipping,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your empowering,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

*A moment of silence is kept.*

## THE GLORIA



Glo - ry to God in the high - est,  
and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly king,  
al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the  
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God you take a - way the  
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed  
at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For  
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray that the Spirit will work through our lives  
to bring Christ to the world.

*The community may pray silently. The president then says the collect:*

Almighty and everliving God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation

the way of life eternal,  
keep us in the unity of your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2.1-21

*A reading from the book of Acts*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another.*



- 25 O Lord how manifold / are your / works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the / earth is / full of • your / creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea,  
with its living things too / many to / number, \*  
crea/tures both / small and / great.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is / that Lev/iathan, \*  
which / you have / made • for the / sport of it.
- 28 All of them / look to / you \*  
To / give them • their / food in • due / season.
- 29 You give it to / them; they / gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and / they are / filled with • good / things.
- 30 You hide your face, and / they are / terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they / die and • re/turn to • their / dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and / they are • cre/ated; \*  
and so you re/new the / face of • the / earth.
- 32 May the glory of the Lord en/dure for / ever; \*  
may the Lord re/joyce in / all his / works.

## THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12.3b--13

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians*

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one

individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL HYMN

Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

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Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove,  
with light and comfort from above;  
be thou our guardian, thou our guide;  
o'er every thought and step preside.

The light of truth to us display  
and make us know and choose thy way;  
plant holy fear in every heart,  
that we from God may ne'er depart.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20.19-23

*This reading is from one of the four Gospels (Matthen, Mark, Luke and John) which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Lead us to Christ, the living way,  
 nor let us from his pastures stray;  
 lead us to holiness, the road  
 that we must take to dwell with God.

Lead us to heaven, that we may share  
 fullness of joy forever there;  
 lead us to God, our final rest,  
 to be with him forever blest.

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Canon J. Lefebvre

*The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.*

## THE CREED

*The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325AD and confirmed in 381AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist, particularly on special feast days, declaring our loving trust in the Triune God and exploring the relationship between the three "persons" of God – the Creator/Father, Jesus the Christ/Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 of one being with the Father.  
 Through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven:  
 by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
 and was made man.  
 For our sake he was crucified  
 under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.**



**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the universal church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are a part of a larger fellowship, the Church – the Body of Christ.*

#### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The president invites the people to confession,*

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed.  
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The presider offers absolution and the people respond*  
Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

*The community stands for the Peace.*

God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

### **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

#### THE OFFERTORY

*At the offertory we gratefully offer back some of what God has given us, symbolically in the elements, and in our contributions towards the work of the church.*

OFFERTORY HYMN Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid

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Creator Spirit, by whose aid  
the world's foundations first were laid,  
come, visit every humble mind;  
come, pour thy joys on humankind;  
from sin and sorrow set us free,  
and make us temples worthy thee.

O source of uncreated light,  
the Father's promised Paraclete,  
thrice holy fount, thrice holy fire,  
our hearts with heavenly love inspire;  
come, and thy sacred unction bring  
to sanctify us while we sing.

Plenteous of grace, descend from high  
rich in thy sevenfold energy;  
make us eternal truths receive,  
and practise all that we believe;  
give us thyself, that we may see  
the Father and the Son by thee.

Immortal honour, endless fame,  
attend the almighty Father's name;  
the Saviour Son be glorified,  
who for the world's redemption died;  
and equal adoration be,  
eternal Paraclete, to thee.

#### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Let us pray.  
Giver of life,  
receive all we offer you this day.  
Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church  
continue to work in the world  
through the hearts of all who believe.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

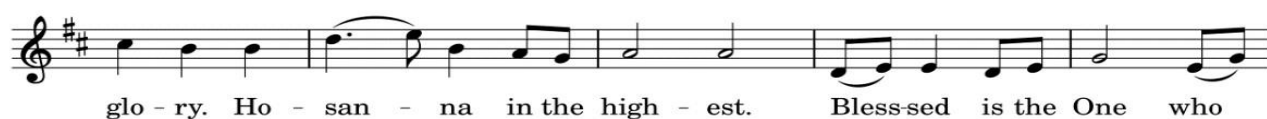
Let us give thanks to the lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
we give you thanks and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In fulfilment of your promise  
you pour forth your Spirit upon us,  
filling us with gifts and leading us into all truth.  
You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations  
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.  
Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,  
and with those in whom the Spirit dwells,  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Barrie Cabena



We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh,  
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us  
out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
and said, "Take, eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them,  
and said, "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.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death,**  
**we proclaim his resurrection,**  
**we await his coming in glory;**  
and we offer our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation,  
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
that they may be the sacrament  
of the body of Christ  
and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ,  
and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.*

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**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 forever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

## THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world: have mer-cy on us. world: grant us peace.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION      Love

Thomas Bell

Love bade me welcome. Yet my soul drew back  
    Guilty of dust and sin.  
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack  
    From my first entrance in,  
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,  
    If I lacked any thing.

A guest, I answered, worthy to be here:  
    Love said, You shall be he.  
I the unkind, the ungrateful? Ah my dear,  
    I cannot look on thee.  
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,  
    Who made the eyes but I?

Truth Lord, but I have marred them: let my shame  
    Go where it doth deserve.  
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?  
    My dear, then I will serve.  
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:  
    So I did sit and eat.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.  
Father, may we who have received this eucharist  
live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may show forth his gifts to all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**



## The Sending Forth of the Community

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE BLESSING OF LIGHT

*The sanctuary party goes to the Easter Candle.*

Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love.  
With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.  
Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer.  
Strong and weak, women and men tell out your word;  
the young receive visions, the old receive dreams.  
With the new wine of the Spirit  
they proclaim your reign of love.  
Amid the birth pangs of the new creation  
the way of light is made known.  
Source of freedom, giver of life,  
blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*Each member of the congregation has a candle which is lit. While candles are being lit, please join in singing the following verse.*

Longing for light, we wait in darkness,  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own,  
your holy people, light for the world to see.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your Church gathered today.

#### COMMISSION

*When all the candles are lit the presider says*

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us.

As part of God's Church here in Christ's Church Cathedral, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

**By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

**We will.**

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

**We will.**

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

**We will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

**We will.**

#### THE BLESSING

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

May the Spirit,  
who hovered over the waters when the world was created,  
breathe into you the life he gives.

**Amen.**

May the Spirit,  
who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us,  
make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

**Amen.**

May the Spirit,  
who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,  
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Yours be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son:  
endless is the victory  
over death you won.

Angels robed in splendour  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where the body lay.

Refrain:

Yours be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory  
over death you won.

See! Jesus meets us,  
risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us,  
scatters fear and gloom.

Let the church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord is living;  
death hath lost its sting! [Refrain]

No more we doubt you,  
glorious Prince of life;  
what is life without you?

Aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors  
through your deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to your home above. [Refrain]

## THE DISMISSAL

Filled with the Spirit's power,  
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE      Chorale Prelude on 'St Ann'

Hubert Parry

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