



CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

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The Pentecost, Italian, 14th century; embroidered textile - The Met Collection.
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Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026 Holy Eucharist 10:30am

Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford

Lay Reader: Francis Richardson

Organist: Ashton Dunk

Server: Sarah Howard

Reader: Barb Horne

Greeter: Gene Latour

Cantor: Lynn McTaggart



Our Land Acknowledgement

We at Christ Church are gathered together on the territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation and commit ourselves to the hard work of reconciliation.



Our Mission Statement

Christ Church is committed to live in a generous and loving spirit in all its relationships.

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Welcome and Announcements

Post-Covid, we have curtailed the “passing of the plate” at Christ Church. There are offering envelopes in the pews and on the table at the back of the church. We thank you for your donation to the ministry and upkeep of the parish which can be placed on the offering plate as you enter the church.

Prelude Prelude in A – Eugene Thayer; Allegretto with Grace in B – Edward J. Hopkins

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SENTENCE

The service begins at the font at the back of the building.

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Presider: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: **May he fill our hearts with joy!**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Presider: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness.
.....
To him to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Processional

Hymn: #645 Come Down, O Love Divine

blue hymn book

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Please be seated.

Children’s Focus

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

Reader: A reading from the Book of Acts.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

The psalm refrain is sung once by the cantor and is then repeated by the congregation.



Send forth your Spi - rit, O God, and re - new the face of the earth.

- (1) O God, how manifold are your works:
- (2) in wisdom you have made them all;
- (3) the earth is full of your creatures.
- (1) Yonder is the great and wide sea
- (2) with its living things too many to number,
- (4) creatures both small and great. **R.**
- (1) There move the ships,
- (2) and there is that Leviathan,
- (3) which you have made for the sport of it.
- (1) All of them look to you
- (2) to give them their food in due season.
- (3) You give it to them; they gather it;
- (4) you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. **R.**
- (1) You hide your face, and they are terrified;
- (2) you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
- (3) You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
- (4) and so you renew the face of the earth. **R.**
- (1) May your glory endure for ever;
- (2) may you rejoice in all your works.
- (3) You look at the earth and it trembles;
- (4) you touch the mountains and they smoke. **R.**
- (1) I will sing to you as long as I live;
- (2) I will praise my God while I have my being.
- (1) May these words of mine please you;
- (2) I will rejoice in you, O God.
- (3) Praise God, O my soul. (4) Hal-lë-lujah! **R.**

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (from Sing a New Creation)

Sung 3x or until procession stops mid-aisle.

190 Alleluia

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia #190. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains chords and a melody line. The bass staff contains a bass line. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the treble staff. The chords are: D, A/C#, G2/B, D/A, G, D/F#, Em, A, D. The melody in the treble staff is: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The bass line in the bass staff is: G2, F#2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1, F#1, E1, D1.

Please turn to face the Gospel reader.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 20:19-23

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

After the reading:

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #190 Alleluia (from Sing a New Creation)

repeated by congregation.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

The Rev. Brendon Bedford
Priest & Rector

Please stand, as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

Lay Reader: Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All: **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 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.

Please sit, kneel or stand, as you're able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lynn McTaggart

Intercessor

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Lay Reader: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Lay Reader: Most merciful God,

All: 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 neighbours 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.

Presider: 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.

People: Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace.

Remain standing, as you are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN: The Holy Spirit Came to Me #162 Sing a New Creation
(tune, #40 blue hymn book - *see words following*)

The Holy spirit came to me: she fed and clothed me, worked and played; she showed me how to look and see the world, and not to be afraid.

2. The Holy Spirit came to me; she taught me music of the soul; she showed how time and sound and touch combine to make a radiant whole.

3. The Holy Spirit came to me: and soon became a trusted friend; though springs and winters come and go her constant love will never end.

4. The Holy Spirit came to me: she loved me as I was but said she loved me more, and sought to bring to life the me I'd left for dead.

5. The Holy Spirit came to me: she knew my worth and saw my need; she lifted lids, she opened doors; we swept the house and planted seeds.

6. The Holy Spirit comes to me: in every time, on every side; wherever I may turn she is already there: my friend and guide.

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer # 3– BAS page 198 with Preface for Pentecost (pg 222)

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: (BAS, pg 222) Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth,
..... Therefore joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells, to proclaim the glory of your name.

THE SANCTUS (HOLY)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord - #212 Sing a New Creation

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed, blessed, blessed is the one coming in the name,
the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

BAS pg 198

Presider: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
..... Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

**All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Presider: 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.

.....
..... 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.

People: Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (sung)

#684 blue hymn book

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (FRACTION RITE) sung
Lamb Of God (Agnus Dei)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

THE COMMUNION

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion at God's altar. If you are not baptized, you are very welcome to come forward to the communion rail for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you are interested in exploring baptism, please speak to the priest after the service.

Gluten free host (wafers) are available at the altar rail upon request.

COMMUNION HYMN #637 Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire
blue hymn book

Please stand, as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE DOXOLOGY (Sung)

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.**

THE FINAL BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN #656 She Comes Sailing on the Wind
blue hymn book

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please be seated.

THE POSTLUDE

Risoluto in A – Jaques-Nicolas Lemmens (Free Organ Music from the 19th Century).

Psalm from George Black Psalter;

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This Week’s Prayer List

(We invite you to hold all on our list in your prayers for the coming week.)

The Diocese: We hold in our prayers the people and clergy of: All Saints, Waterloo; Church of the Holy Saviour, Waterloo; the Staff of Church House.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: Robert Richardson, Ed & Janine Robinson, Murray Sarafinchin and their families as well as all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

The Wider Church: We hold in our prayers the clergy and people of the Episcopal Church of the USA; the clergy and people of the Diocese of Jerusalem; the clergy and people of Bath Abbey and St. Giles, Cripplegate, UK as well as Bishop Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Intercessions: For healing and hope we hold up to God: Bev, Carol, Charlie, Marg, Deanie, Fraser, Gord, Katharine, Ted and their families, and any others who are in need of our prayers.



Our Prayer List. Please let Fr. Brendon know if there is anyone who continues to need our prayers and whose name will continue on the prayer list into the next month.



Memorial Flowers on the Altar

Flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and with grateful thanks for the life and ministry of past members of the Chancel Guild.

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one, please contact Muriel Armitage, with advance notice if possible, at 519-538-2852.



NEXT WEEK

Sunday, May 31, 2026, Trinity Sunday

The readings are: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the service, please join us for coffee/tea and fellowship in the Parish Hall – all are welcome.

The Wednesday BCP (Said) Eucharist at 12noon and Study Group at 1pm continues this Wednesday May 27, 2026.

Choir practice is every Thursday, at 2:30pm – new members welcome! We will continue the run-through of hymns Sunday am.

The Free Community Breakfast resumes this Monday May 25th and is every Monday (unless a stat holiday) from 8:30 to 10AM as usual.

With Pentecost's arrival, we are having a brief meeting on **Wednesday, May 27th** to plan the next **Country Kitchen & Craft Sale** (for October). Please join us at 2pm.

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