TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, AUGUST 17th, 2025

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me. John 10:27

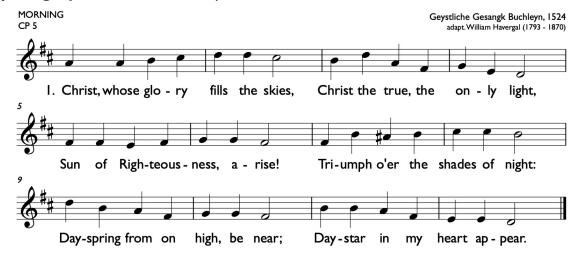




SUNG EUCHARIST (Book of Alternative Services)

Please stand when clergy enter.

Opening Hymn Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies



- Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see, till they inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart.
- Wisit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, Radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the

Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People And also with you.

Presider In this time and place, we gather on the ancestral beaver hunting grounds of the

Algonquin, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaran peoples; the traditional lands of the Anishnaabe Peoples, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Lenni-Lanape Peoples; and the current communities of the Chippewa of the Thames First

Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames, and Munsee-Delaware Nation.

People From many places and peoples we come to this time of prayer.

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Presider We uphold our common stewardship of creation and our common birthplace of

God's earth.

People We respect our place on this land and move forward in love and peace.

Presider Almighty God,

People to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets

are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify

your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Act of Praise

I Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of Heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing. We worship You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

- Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
 Re-ceive our prayer, grant us your peace within.
- 3 Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord, At God's right hand in majesty most high: Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored, With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray. (silence)

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

"Children's Corner" - Children are welcome to join Heather in the Assembly Room.

Congregation be seated fro the Proclamation of th Word.

Reader: Murray Hunter

Reader: Susan Patterson

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

(Silence is observed between the readings and the homily for reflection.)

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah:

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry! (Isaiah 5:1-7)

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18



Be - hold, and tend this vine; pre - serve what your right hand has plant - ed.

Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews:

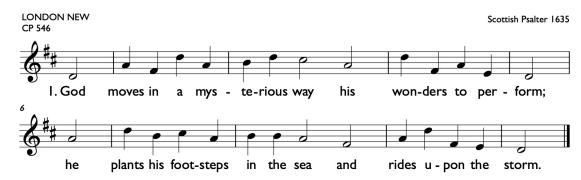
By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises,

shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 11:29-12:2)

Reader The word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn God Moves in a Mysterious Way

(Verses 1-3 before gospel, v 4-6 after the gospel.)



Deep in unfathomable mines of never-failing skill he treasures up his bright designs and works his sovereign will. Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head.

Holy Gospel Luke 12:49-56

Reader The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

- 4 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace; behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face.
- 5 His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding every hour; the bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flower.
- 6 Blind unbelief is sure to err and scan his work in vain; God is his own interpreter and he will make it plain.

Homily The Most Reverend Linda Nicholls

Please be seated

The Nicene Creed Please stand

Presider 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 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.

Prayers of Intercession

Led by Marilyn Papple

Leade

Let us pray for the church, the cration, and the whole people of God, for God is near. I invite you to take a comfortable posture: standing or sitting for the Prayers of the People.

(A brief silence.)

Raise up faithful leaders for your church around the world. Inspire global missionaries with a spirit of accompaniment, as they walk alongside our partners in the gospel in solidarity, interdependence, and mutuality. Hear us, O God.

People Your mercy is great.

Leader Safeguard rivers and lakes from pollution. Sustain the work of conservationists, policy makers, and advocacy groups seeking to protect fresh water sources. Hear us, O God.

People Your mercy is great.

Leader Bridge divisions across partisan lines. Strengthen cooperative efforts among lawmakers who enact policies that protect our neighbours who are most vulnerable. Hear us, O God.

People Your mercy is great.

Leader Embrace all who suffer in isolation: for those who are incarcerated or detained, those who are sick or homebound especially Ann & Ellis, Marg, George, Trudy, Helen, Sharon, Ken, Carol, Harvey & Family, Leigh, Sue, Esther, Rhonda, Roland, George Family. Reassure them of your care in all times and places. Hear us, O God.

People Your mercy is great.

Leader Guide the leaders of this congregation. In these late summer weeks, inspire their planning for a new program year ahead. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration and support for their work. Hear us, O God.

People Your mercy is great.

Leader With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses who surround us. By the example of their faith, enable us to run with perseverance the race set before us, until that day when we join their unending praise. Hear us O Lord.

People Your mercy is great.

Leader Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Presider 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.

Silence is kept.

Presider 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 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.

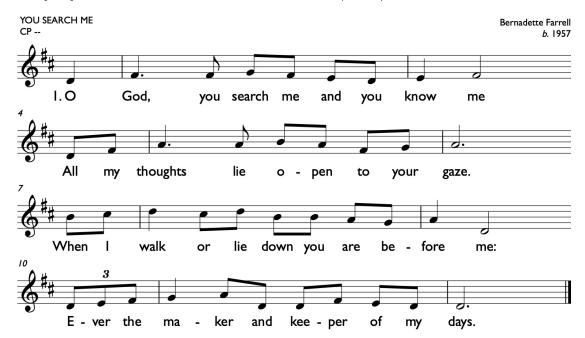
People Amen.

The Peace Please stand

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn O God, You Search Me and Know Me (Farrell)



(continued)

- You know my resting and my rising You discern my purpose from afar And with love everlasting, you besiege me In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are
- Although your Spirit is upon me
 Still I search for shelter from your light
 There is nowhere on Earth
 I can escape you
 Even the darkness is radiant
 in your sight
- Before a word is on my tongue, Lord You have known its meaning through and through You are with me beyond my understanding God of my present, my past and future, too
- For you created me and shaped me
 Gave me life within my mother's womb
 For the wonder of who I am, I praise you
 Safe in your hands,
 all creation is made new
 Mmm, all creation is made new

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Loving God and Father, you have adopted us to be your heirs. Accept all we offer you this day and give us grace to live as faithful children. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider May God be with you.
People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up.

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

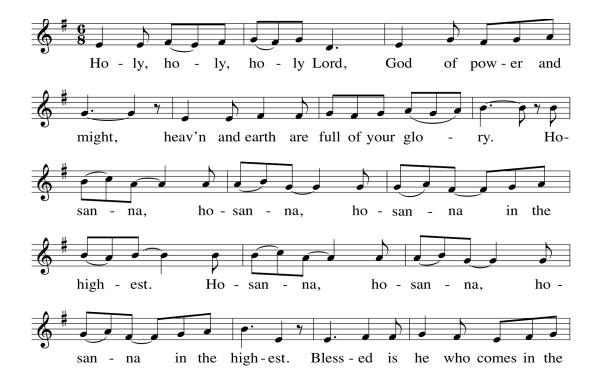
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

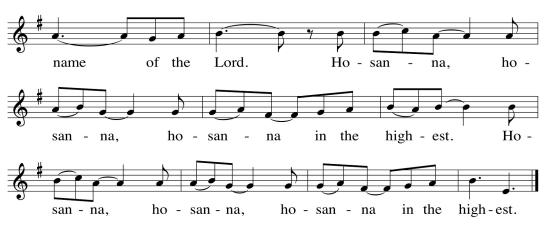
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Presider It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here where the Thames River blends and flows, where city and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with archangels and ancestors, eagle and bear, salmon and sheep, pine and trillium, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song of Your praise:





Music: Mass of the Angels and Saints, Steven R. Janco, © 1996, GIA Publications, Inc.

Presider We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labour and wages, yeast and bread.

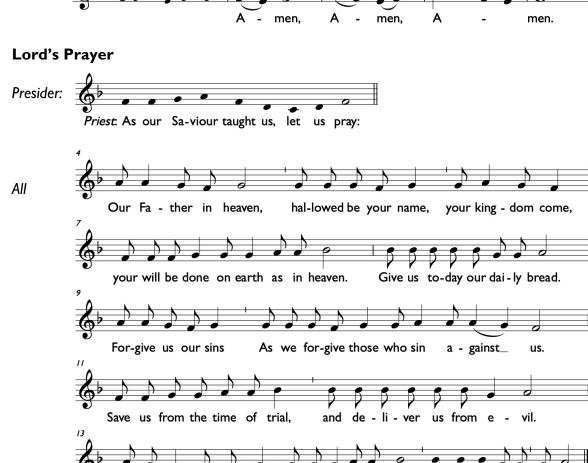
On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

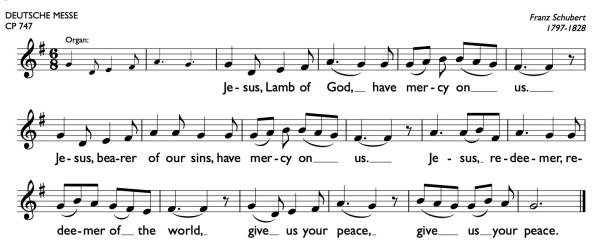
Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup. Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation. Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come. All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.





Agnus Dei from the Deutsche Messe



The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please indicate your wish to the administrant at Communion.

Prayer after Communion (silence is kept)

Please stand

Presider Let us pray.

Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

Doxology

Presider Glory to God,

All

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.

Closing Announcements and Blessing

Post Communion Hymn Now Thank We All Our God



O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and nourish us with grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God eternal now be given, to Spirit and to Word, who reign in highest heaven: our ever faithful God, whom heaven and earth adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the congregation in these or similar words:

Deacon Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Antonio Vivaldi (1678 - 1741) - Arranged. J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

Concerto in A Minor Op. 3 Nr. 8 (RV222): First Movement (For Two [solo] Violins, String orchestra and Basso Continuo)

Notes for the Postlude:

What makes this work particularly interesting is it is a masterful transcription and arrangement by Bach of a work by Vivaldi, from his famous collection L'estro Armonico. Arranging works of other composers for different instruments was very typical in that period for a number of reasons; from learning, assimilation, showing off virtuosity on a different instrument to availability of instruments for a given performance.

This work also coincides with the time when keyboard instruments were starting to assimilate the same textures and patterns found in string writing.

Arranged around 1713-1714 during Bach's time at the ducal court in Weimar, this work demonstrates Bach's deep study and assimilation of the Italian concerto style as he focused on secular orchestral/instrumental music for court entertainment. The movement is in a typical Ritornello form (return form) where snippets of material from the opening are dotted across the first movement, albeit in different keys. They are separated by passages of virtuosity for the soloist instruments (aka in this arrangement, my two hands).

Coffee Hour After the service please join us for coffee and cold drinks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers at the Altar are to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Allen, a dedicated St. Paul's bell ringer for twenty-five years, given by his daughter Stephanie Allen.

Know Your Cathedral Tours

We are pleased to announce that our **Guided Tours** continue through the summer.

Guests will gain a new perspective and get transported through history as our guides highlight the building's unique architectural design, its rich heritage, its proud military connection, and point out the exquisite embroidered linens, the labyrinth and icons throughout the church.

Sunday Tours

Please join one of our volunteer Guides at the bottom of the chancel steps at 11:30 a.m. each Sunday in July and August.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Featuring</u>
17-Aug	Bette Ferguson	Betty McLeod Embroideries
24-Aug	Bette Ferguson	St Paul Windows
31-Aug	Carol Grant	St. Aidan's Chapel

Thursday Tours

They will meet you by the font near the west doors at 1:30 p.m.

28-Aug John Lutman History and Architecture

Special Tours

Hosts John Lutman and Allan Nagata

Kensington Residents Thursday August 21 2pm

Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer – Today we pray for the Parishes of Circle of Faith: Church of the Messiah, Kincardine; St. Matthew's, Kingarf; St. Luke's, Pine River; and St. Thomas, Walkerton.

Mid-Week Holy Eucharist will resume on Wednesday, September 3.

Cathedral Welcome Team: As we begin planning to move back into our worship space, a Cathedral Welcome Team has been formed to continue the excellent work of the previous Welcome Team. Thank you to Florence Perkes and Hazil Malone who are bringing their

expertise to this new team. The Team will focus on expanding the Greeters Roster, revamping pamphlets and signage and creating a process to connect with the many visitors we receive each week. If you have an interest in being involved in this area, please contact the Cathedral Office at cfieldhouse@stpaulscathedral.on.ca or Rev. Dr. Dawn Davis dawndavis3d@gmail.com

Updating our Database

If you did not fill out the St. Paul's contact sheet last week, please complete the one found in your bulletin and place it in one of the baskets at the Dreams and Visions display table. We have realized that over the past few years, our database has not been as up-to-date as we would like and so we need your help. All personal information is used for internal Cathedral purposes, and none is publicly shared without permission.

Memorial Flowers – This is a wonderful way to beautify our Church, while remembering our loved ones. There are available Sundays for all Altars, especially during the summer months. For more information please contact Carrie Fieldhouse at 519-434-3225, ext. 201 st.pauls@stpaulscathedral.on.ca.

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Today's Liturgical Leaders

Presider – The Venerable Sam Thomas

Preacher – The Most Reverend Linda Nicholls

Gospeller – The Reverend Pat Henderson

Organist & Director of Music - Laurence Williams

Associate Organist – Olakunle Aoko

Servers - Stephanie Allen, Victor Onebunne, Raphael Samuel

Lay Administrants - Hazil Malone, Marilyn Papple

Greeters - Joan Rolleston, Bette Ferguson

Welcome Ministers – Hazil Malone, Benita Onebunne, Catherine Morrisey Children's Ministry – Heather Clark Warden – Gord Rolleston

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Once again, we have been selected to host Doors Open which will be held on September 20th and 21st, 2025. This year's theme is *Sights, Sounds, & Stories that Make Our City*. Heritage buildings are encouraged to show how their spaces have been repurposed. We will be open from 10am to 2pm on Saturday and 11:30am to 4pm on Sunday. If you would like to participate in some way, please contact Deacon Pat Henderson who is looking for volunteers. Thank you.

The Right Reverend Todd Townshend

Bishop of Huron

The Very Reverend Dr. Kevin George

Dean of Huron & Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral

The Venerable Sam Thomas

Senior Associate Priest/Director of Pastoral Care

The Reverend Dr. Dawn Davis

Director of Faith Formation

The Reverend Pat Henderson

Deacon

The Reverend Canon Marian Haggerty

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