

St. John's Anglican Church

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AFTER

PENTECOST

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ORDER OF SERVICE

A Celebration
of the Holy Eucharist

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Ian McDowell/Frank Van Heck

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun (383)

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays

Sandy Wood, Nicole Sanderson, Bill Sanford

Anniversaries

Henry and Nancy Puhr

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

All stand. The presiding celebrant greets the community.

Celebrant: 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.

The following prayer may be said.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: 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.

Kyrie Eleison

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,
increase in us your gift of faith,
that forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to what is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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Please be seated for the readings.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

Gloria Aykroyd

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

(JEREMIAH 31:27-34)

After a period of silent reflection one of the following is said.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119: 97-104 (Sung)

Elizabeth Rolls

REFRAIN The words of the Lord are sweeter than honey.

Oh, how I love your law!

all the day long it is in my mind.

Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies,
and it is always with me.

REFRAIN The words of the Lord are sweeter than honey.

I have more understanding than all my teachers,

for your decrees are my study.

I am wiser than the elders,

because I observe your commandments.

REFRAIN The words of the Lord are sweeter than honey.

I restrain my feet from every evil way,
that I may keep your word.
I do not shrink from your judgements,
because you yourself have taught me.

REFRAIN The words of the Lord are sweeter than honey.

How sweet are your words to my taste!
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
Through your commandments I gain understanding;
therefore I hate every lying way.

REFRAIN The words of the Lord are sweeter than honey.

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy

Ruth Ford

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

(2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5)

After a period of silent reflection one of the following is said.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Gradual Hymn.

Gospel Gradual Hymn

Seek Ye First (458) - Verses 1 & 2

The Holy Gospel

The Rev'd. Vermell Stevens

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.**

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (*LUKE 18:1-8*)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Gradual Hymn (continues)

Seek Ye First (458) - Verses 1 & 2

THE HOMILY

The Rev'd. Vermell Stevens

Please stand for the Apostles' Creed.

The Apostles' Creed

The celebrant may invite the people, in these or similar words, to join in the recitation of the creed.

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
he was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,
he suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Prayers of the People

Elizabeth Rolls

Lay Reader: Let us pray

In our prayer cycle today, we pray for the following Parish families:
Darryl Carter, Ann Chevers, Bernice Christie, Bob Clifford and Janet Booker,
Alex and Joanne Coffin.

And at this time, we keep in our prayers, all those who are sick and bereaved
and their families. Including: Mary Jean, Elaine and Dean, Lynda and Derrell,
Gary, Lori, Rayburn, Joan, Tanya, Marg, Gladys, Allan, Laurel, Sue, Ann, Reg, Jim,
Nathalie, Marilynne, Judy, Ada, Pat and Ted.

In the Diocese of Huron, we pray for the Parishes of:

St. James, Paris; St. Paul's, Port Dover;

Parish of Long Point Bay:

- St. John's, Port Rowan • Port Ryerse Memorial Church, Port Ryerse
- St. John's, Woodhouse • St. Andrew's-by-the-Lake, Turkey Point.

Today we pray for Darryl Carter, who has donated the altar flowers to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of his aunt and uncle, Patricia and Bob MacFarlane.

The Litany

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, “Lord hear our prayer.”

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

The people are invited to confession in these or similar words.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,
People: 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.

Celebrant: 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

All stand, and the presiding celebrant addresses the people.

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

People: And also with you.

The members of the community, ministers and people, may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (532) – (3 Verses)

Doxology (sung)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Prayer Over Gifts

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God,

your word inspires our faith.

May we who offer you our praise

trust you in all things.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer #3



Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Here follows one of the proper prefaces:

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
you are the source of light and life for all your creation,
you made us in your own image,
and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus (689) sung

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: 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 the 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,
All: **we remember his death,**
 we proclaim his resurrection,
 we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Adapted from a chant by R. Langdon (c. 1729-1803)

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

People: **Our Father who art in heav'n,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heav'n.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us all our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespasses against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom and the pow'r and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread for distribution, and may say the following:

Celebrant: “I am the bread which has come down
from heaven,” says the Lord.

All: **Give us this bread for ever.**

Celebrant: “I am the vine, you are the branches.”

All: **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

The Communion

*We invite all Christians who are baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity, who are
communicant members of their own church, regardless of their denomination,
to join with us in receiving the church's highest offering of praise to God,
the Holy Eucharist.*

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The celebrant and people then receive communion.

The sacrament is given with the following words:

Celebrant: The body of Christ (given for you).
The blood of Christ (shed for you).

Communion Hymns

Be Thou My Vision (505)

Father of Heaven, Whose Love Profound (616)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.
God of peace,
you have nourished us in this sacrament
with the body and blood of Christ.
May we who have taken holy things
keep faith in our hearts and lives,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

Doxology

Celebrant: Glory to God,

People: 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 Benediction

Recessional Hymn

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (388)

Dismissal

