



Christ Church
Cathedral
Ottawa

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday | October 26th | 2025

10.30 am | Choral Eucharist | BAS

Missa super Bella Amfitrit' altera | Orlando Lassus

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the lives of Peter and Alice Pettengell, daughter Patricia Aldous, son-in-law Raymond Aldous, granddaughter Linda Aldous, grandson Phillip Pettengell, great-granddaughter Olwyn Harriet Ryan, and Alexandra and Pylyp Taranenko

Welcome

Children are welcome to fully participate in the service
and activity sheets are available at the entrance to the Cathedral.
Sidespeople can provide headsets for those who need hearing assistance.
Please turn off or set mobile devices to silent mode.

*Our diocese was founded on the homeland of the Anishinaabe Algonquins.
May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude | *Trio super "Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr"* | J.S. Bach

Announcements

Hymn 341 | *God of mercy, God of grace*

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God,

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.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

God of all holiness, in your realm of glory, those who are poor now will receive the kingdom, those who are hungry now will be filled, and those who weep now will laugh and leap in joy. Strengthen us by this vision, so that, with the saints before us, we may bring near your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading | *Joel 2:23-32*

A reading from the book of Joel.

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm | 65

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem. To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come. Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot out our transgressions. Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple. Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away. You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might. You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamour of the peoples. Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvellous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy. You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare

the grain, for so you provide for the earth. You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase. You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy. May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

Second Reading | *2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual | *Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen* | Johannes Brahms

Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen, Herr Zebaoth! Meine seele verlangt und sehnet sich nach den Vorhöfen des Herrn; mein Leib und Seele freuen sich in dem lebendigen Gott. Wohl denen, die in deinem Hause wohnen, die loben dich immerdar. | How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord. My soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God. O blest are they that dwell in thy house: they praise thy name evermore.

Holy Gospel | *Luke 18:9-14*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Hymn 474 | *Jesus, where'er thy people meet*

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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.

Prayers

Let us pray.

Inspiring Spirit, we pray that churches of the world will fulfill Jesus' command to bring the gospel of love to every heart and to every place. For the churches of the Anglican Communion and for the Anglican Church of Canada, remembering especially Shane our Primate, and Anne our Metropolitan. We pray for those discerning a call to let their name stand for election in our diocese, for members of Synod, and for our Diocesan Administrator, Bishop Michael Bird.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Faithful God, we pray that your righteousness will guide the hearts and minds of the world's leaders into ways of justice and reconciliation; and that there may be peace in the Land of the Holy One and across the face of the earth, in every nation and amongst all peoples.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Caring God, we pray that your compassion will call all those who live in our communities to care for each other; and we pray especially for those who are destitute, exploited, marginalized or isolated.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Healing Spirit, we pray that your power may bring health and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering in body, mind or spirit; and especially to those whom we hold in our hearts and minds at this time.

Silence.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Comforting Christ, we pray that you will surround those who suffer loss and those who mourn with love; and that your hope will be with us as we remember those who have died.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Generous Creator, we pray that you will fill our hearts with gratitude for all the blessings of this life; and that we will share your gifts in joy and openness with all those whom we encounter.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, accept our prayers this day, spoken aloud and in our hearts. By the inner workings of your Holy Spirit, deepen our communion with you and make each of us signs of your endless love, your steadfast hope, and your calming peace. This we pray in the strong name of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Coventry Litany of Reconciliation

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,
Creator, forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,
Creator, forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,
Creator, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,
Creator, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,
Creator, forgive.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of human beings,
Creator, forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,
Creator, forgive.

Silence.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn 385 | *Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness*



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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer Over the Gifts

God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name: *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.*

We give you thanks and praise, loving God, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Living God, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty God, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Communion

All are welcome to come to the altar rail. If you wish prayers for healing before receiving Communion, please carry an Order of Service with you; to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest; for a gluten-free wafer, hold out one hand; for a regular wafer, hold out two hands. Please do not dip the bread in the wine.

Motet | *Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake* | Richad Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives. To decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore. Amen

The Sending of the Community

Prayer after Communion

God our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days; 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

May the grace of God free you, may the Word of God uphold you, may the needs of God's creation inspire you, and may the blessing of God the Trinity be with you this day and every day. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 576 | *For the healing of the nations*

Postlude | *Sonata 2 – con moto maestoso* | Felix Mendelssohn

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Choral Evensong Today at 4 pm

Come and enjoy the beauty of the Cathedral at this lovely time of day! The Anglican Chorale will sing the Book of Common Prayer service, which is soothing and lovely, and will reflect the lives of Saint Simon and Saint Jude.

Readings Next Sunday | November 2nd

All Saints Sunday

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 150; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

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