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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Jerusalem & the Holy Land Sunday

May 17, 2026 Holy Eucharist 10:30am

Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford
Lay Reader: John Howard
Organist: Ashton Dunk

Server: Lynn McTaggart
Reader: Linda Emptage
Greeter: Garry Minielly
Cantor: John Howard



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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The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Acts 1:6-14

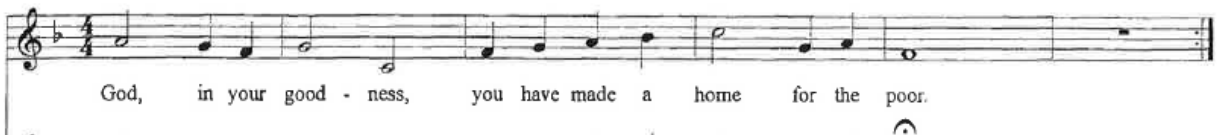
Reader: A reading from the Book of Acts.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36

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



Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; I let those who hate him flee . be-fore him
Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence. of God. **R**

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; / Iet them also be merry and joyful.
Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens:
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him. **R**

Father of orphans, defender of widows, / God in his holy habitation!
God gives the solitary a home and brings forth . prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in dry places. **R**

O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,
The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai.
at the presence of God, the God of Israel. **R**

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; / you refreshed the land when it .
was weary
Your people. found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for
the poor. **R**

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; / sing praises to the Lord.
He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; / he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice. **R**

Ascribe power to God; / his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.
How wonderful is God in his holy places!
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God! **R**

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Peter

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (from Sing a New Creation)

190 Alleluia

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia #190. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a guitar accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The guitar accompaniment is a simple chordal pattern. The vocal line consists of two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia!' and 'Al - le - lu - ia!'. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The guitar accompaniment is written below the vocal line. The chords are: D, A/C#, G2/B, D/A, G, D/F#, Em, A, D.

Please turn to face the Gospel reader.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

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

John Howard

Lay Reader

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: #84 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour
blue hymn book

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer # 3– BAS page 198 with Preface for Easter

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 the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise 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 Beyond the Beauty and the Awe #31

Sing a New Creation

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 #278 Jerusalem the Golden blue hymn book

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Please be seated.

THE POSTLUDE

Lead On O King Eternal – Meditations No. 4 for Organ (Lorenz Pub.)

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CCLI Streaming Plus Licence™ A 22817038. Alleluiah! #190 Gospel Acclamation from “Sing a New Creation”

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: St. George’s of Forest Hill, Kitchener; St. John the Evangelist, Kitchener Waterloo; St. George’s, New Hamburg; All Saints’ Filipino Community Church, Waterloo.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: Francis Richardson, Jean Richardson, John Richardson 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.

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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.

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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 Lloyd and Ruth Norton, a gift of their daughter, Carol.

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.

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NEXT WEEK

Sunday, May 24, 2026, Day of Pentecost

The readings are: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:25-35, 37; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for coffee/tea and fellowship in the Parish Hall – all are welcome.

The Wednesday Said Eucharist at 12noon and Study Group at 1pm continues this Wednesday May 20, 2026.

Choir practice is every Thursday, at 2:30pm. We are working on a special anthem and look forward to your voice “in song” – new members welcome! We will continue the run-through of hymns Sunday morning as well.

On Monday, May 18th, there will be no Free Community Breakfast, as it is a statutory holiday. Happy Victoria Day!



With recent requests, we recognize Christ Church as a scent-free facility. Thank you for your observation of this and cooperation.

Pentecost is coming and that means it is time to start planning for this year’s Country Kitchen & Craft Sale (CKCS). Those interested (new and old) should plan to attend a quick opening meeting on Wednesday, May 27th at 2pm. See you then. Kevin+.

Hymn Sing with Ashton Dunk and David Hamilton – Friday, May29th, 2026 at Kincardine United Church, from 7:00-8:00pm. Free will offering to the Royal Canadian College of Organists.

To help keep our Little Free Pantry stocked, we ask that each parishioner attending worship services bring one non-perishable item to leave at the back of the church for the LFP. A poster of items most needed is on the table at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

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