



Christ Church  
Cathedral  
Ottawa

## The Feast of Pentecost

Sunday | May 24<sup>th</sup> | 2026

10.30 am | Festal Eucharist | Confirmation and Reception

*Missa brevis | Jonathan Dove*

The flowers are given to the glory of God

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## Welcome

Children are welcome to fully participate in the service  
and activity sheets are available at the entrance to the Cathedral.  
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*Our diocese was founded on the homeland of the Anishinaabe Algonquins.  
May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

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# The Gathering of the Community

**Prelude** | *Prelude on 'Down Ampney' | Henry Ley*

## Announcements

**Introit** | *Gloria | Jonathan Dove*

*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.*

## Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

May his grace and peace be with you.

**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

There is one body and one Spirit,

**There is one hope in God's call to us;**

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

**One God and Creator of all.**

*Let us go forth in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!*

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

**Processional Hymn** | *Christians, lift up your hearts*

***Refrain: Christians, lift up your hearts, and make this a day of rejoicing;***

***God is our strength and song; Glory and praise to God's name!***

***Praise for the Spirit of God, who came to the waiting disciples;***

***There in the wind and the fire God gave new life to the world: Refrain***

**God's mighty power was revealed when those who once were so fearful  
Now could be seen by the world witnessing bravely for Christ: Refrain**

**Praise that his love overflowed in the hearts of all who received him,  
Joining together in peace those once divided by sin: Refrain**

**Strengthened by God's mighty power the disciples went out to all nations,  
Preaching the gospel of Christ, laughing at danger and death: Refrain**

**Come, Holy Spirit, to us, who live by your presence within us,  
Come to direct our course, give us your life and your power: Refrain**

**Spirit of God, send us out to live to your praise and your glory,  
Yours is the power and the might, ours be the courage and faith: Refrain**

## Collect at the Station

*Lord our God, we thank you for all the blessings that we receive at your hand through the Church, for the beauty of worship, the inspiration of teaching, and the joy of knowing you in our daily lives. Refresh us with your Spirit, that each day we may be renewed in our praise and in our service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Hymn |** *Come down, O Love divine*

***Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.***

***O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.***

***And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
Shall far out-pass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace, till they become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.***

## Collect of the Day

God of wind and flame, send your life-giving Spirit upon your people: give fire to our words, strength to our witness and boldness to our proclamation of your wondrous work in Christ; who, with you and the Spirit, lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### First Reading | *Acts 2:1-21*

A reading from the book of Acts.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm | 104:25-35, 37

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

## Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual | *Listen sweet dove | Grayston Ives*

*Listen sweet dove unto my song, And spread thy golden wings in me; Hatching my tender heart so long, Till it get wing and flie away with thee. Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow The earth did like a heav'n appeare, The starres were coming down to know If they might mend their wages and serve here. The sunne which once did shine alone, Hung down his head and wisht for night, When he beheld twelve sunnes for one Going about the world and giving light. Lord though we change thou art the same, The same sweet God of love and light: Restore this day for thy great name, Unto his ancient and miraculous right.*

## Holy Gospel | *John 20:19-23*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Sermon

## Hymn 649 | *Breathe on me, breath of God*

# Confirmation

## Presentation and Examination

The candidates for confirmation will now be presented.

*I present Emma, Bem, Chloe, Natalya, Mena, Jayden, and Isla for confirmation; and I present Helen, Stephen, Thomas, Stephen, Matthew, and Jessie to be received into this Communion.*

*The Bishop asks those who have been presented to renew their baptismal commitment.*

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*I do.*

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*I do.*

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.*

*After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation.*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**We will.**

## The Baptismal Covenant

Let us join with those who commit themselves again to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

**I will, with God's help.**

Let us pray for those who are affirming their baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere.

## Litany of the Saints | *Becker* | *Adapted to reflect the names of congregations in our Diocese*

*Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.***

*Mary the Virgin, **pray for us.** Bartholomew and Michael, **pray for us.** Columba and Julian, **pray for us.** Clare and John the Baptist, **pray for us.** Bernard and Patrick, **pray for us.** Barnabas and Helen, **pray for us.** Bede and Stephen, **pray for us.** Alban and Thomas, **pray for us.** **All you holy men and women, pray for us.***

*Paul and Lawrence, **pray for us.** Margaret and Aidan, **pray for us.** Anthony and Clement, **pray for us.** Mary Magdalene, **pray for us.** James and George, **pray for us.** John, Apostle and Evangelist, **pray for us.** Matthew and Mark, **pray for us.** Luke and All Saints, **pray for us.** **All you holy men and women, pray for us.***

*Lord, be merciful, **save your people.** From all evil, **save your people.** From every sin, **save your people.** From everlasting death, **save your people.** By your incarnation, **save your people.** By your death and resurrection, **save your people.** By your gift of the spirit, **save your people.** Have mercy on us sinners, **save your people.** **Christ, hear us. Lord Jesus, hear our prayers.***

*Lord, give your Spirit, **hear our prayer.** To these chosen, **hear our prayer.** By the grace of baptism, **hear our prayer.** O Jesus, Son of the living God, **hear our prayer.** Send your Spirit, **hear our prayer.** In its fullness, **hear our prayer.** On these your servants, **hear our prayer.** Who believe and profess you, **hear our prayer. Christ, hear us. Lord Jesus, hear our prayers.***

*Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy. Amen.***

*Silence may be kept. Then the Bishop prays.*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Confirmation

*Those being confirmed come forward in turn to receive the laying on of hands.*

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him/her* for your service; and sustain *him/her* all the days of *his/her* life. **Amen.**

## Reception

*Those being received come forward.*

*N*, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

*Then the Bishop prays.*

Almighty and everliving God, let your loving hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly confirmed and received.

## The Peace

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

## Offertory Hymn | *Holy Spirit, come, confirm us*

***Holy Spirit, come, confirm us  
in the truth that Christ makes known;  
We have faith and understanding  
through your helping gifts alone.***

***Holy Spirit, come, console us,  
come as advocate to plead;  
Loving Spirit stand beside us,  
grant in Christ the help we need.***

***Holy Spirit come, renew us,  
come yourself to make us live;  
Make us holy through your presence,  
holy through the gifts you give.***

***Holy Spirit, come, fulfill us,  
you the love of Three in One;  
Bring our lives to full completion  
through your work in us begun.***



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## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Prayer Over the Gifts

Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

# The Great Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory: *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.*

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,

**in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

**Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

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** | *The Lord bless you and keep you* | John Rutter

*The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.*

# The Sending of the Community

## Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, may we who have received this eucharist live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth his gifts to all the world. 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Episcopal Blessing

### Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Hymn | *Shout for joy!*

***Shout for joy! The Lord has let us feast;  
Heaven's own fare has fed the last and least;  
Christ's own peace is shared again on earth;  
God the Spirit fills us with new worth.***

***No more doubting, no more senseless dread:  
God's good self has graced our wine and bread;  
All the wonder heaven has kept in store  
Now is ours to keep for evermore.***

***Celebrate with saints who dine on high,  
Witnesses that love can never die.  
"Hallelujah!" - thus their voices ring:  
Nothing less in gratitude we bring.***

***Praise the Maker, praise the Maker's Son,  
Praise the Spirit - Three yet ever One;  
Praise the God whose food and friends avow  
Heaven starts here! The kingdom beckons now!***

## Postlude | *Fantasia super 'Komm, Heiliger Geist' (BWV 651) | J.S. Bach*

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Celebrant | Preacher | The Right Reverend Kathryn Otley  
Readers | Zixuan Zhao | Barbara Morris  
Duty Warden | Jane Morris

Organist | James Calkin  
Director | Andrew McAnerney  
Sung by | Boys | Girls | Lay Clerks

Gospel | Sheela Albert, Telugu | Charles Burton, Mandarin Chinese | Madeleine Gomery, French | Daniel Jerusalemiec, Spanish | Larry Kempffer, Latin | Godfrey Mabaleka, Zulu/Ndebele | Lucia Marc, Slovenian | Mary Mathew, Malayalam | Loutchka Prophète, Haitian Creole | Norm Villegas, Tagalog | Zixuan Zhao, Cantonese Chinese

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# Readings Next Sunday | May 31<sup>st</sup>

## Trinity Sunday

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

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