

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Feast of Corpus Christi



“Loaf of Bread” - Wim Blom (Canadian, 1995)

mixed media on paper

The Cathedral Church of Saint George

7 June 2026 • 10:30 a.m.

*We acknowledge that in Kingston we are situated on traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Huron Wendat peoples.
We seek a new relationship with the original peoples of this land, one rooted in and based upon honour and deep respect.*

WELCOME TO ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

Welcome to worship at St George's Cathedral. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, and whether you are joining in the nave or via the livestream, you are welcome here! Please join us in the entryway for a time of fellowship after the service. We are thrilled you have decided to worship with us.

The flowers on the high altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our children Timothy, Sarah and Matthew from Peter & Mary Maley.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

The people stand as the procession enters the Cathedral.

Processional Hymn | Sung by all.



Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, 'Christian, follow me':

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
that we love him more than these.

2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred
leaving all for his dear sake.

5 Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Saviour, make us hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'

St Andrew
E. H. Thorne 1834-1916

Cecil Frances Alexander 1818-95

The people are seated.

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

The people stand as able at the invitation of the Celebrant.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

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

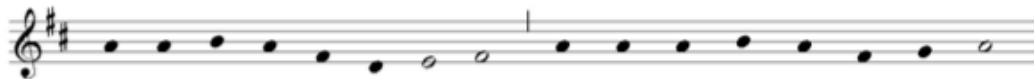
People

And also with you.

Celebrant
People

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 in Excelsis | Sung by all .



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant

O God, your Son Jesus Christ has left to us this meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and his blood. May we who celebrate this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People

Amen.

The people are seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Lesson | Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Remember the long way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

Then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good.

Reader

The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147 | Sung by the choir.

13 For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates, / and hath blessed thy children within thee.

14 He maketh peace in thy borders, / and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

15 He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth; / and his word runneth very swiftly.

16 He giveth snow like wool, / and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels: / who is able to abide his frost?

18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: / he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow.

19 He showeth his word unto Jacob, / his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.

20 He hath not dealt so with any nation; / neither have they knowledge of his laws.!

The Second Lesson | 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Reader

The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able.



O Christ, the healer, we have come
To pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored,
When reached by love that never ends?

4 In conflicts that destroy our health
We recognize the world's disease;
Our common life declares our ills:
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

2 From ev'ry ailment flesh endures
Our bodies clamour to be freed;
Yet in our hearts we would confess
That wholeness is our deepest need.

5 Grant that we all, made one in faith,
In your community may find
The wholeness that, enriching us,
Shall reach the whole of humankind.

3 How strong, O Lord, are our desires,
How weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths
Unconscious pride resists or shelves.

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Sydney Nicholson 1875-1947

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The Holy Gospel | John 6:51-58

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**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Sermon | Bread as a Metaphor for Life – Eric Friesen

Silence may be kept. The people stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

People

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.**

The people sit or kneel as they wish.

The Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution

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 people stand as able.

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.



An offering is received to support the mission and ministry of the Cathedral. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, or by visiting www.stgeorgescathedral.ca/donate.

Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able.



At the name of Jesus
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

2 At his voice creation
Sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces,
All the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations,
Stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders,
In their great array.

3 Humbled for a season,
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom he came,

Faithfully he bore it
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious
When from death he passed:

4 Bore it up triumphant
With its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures,
To the central height,
To the throne of Godhead,
To the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory
Of that perfect rest.

5 In your hearts enthrone him;
There let him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true:
He is God the Saviour,
He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped,
Trusted, and adored.

Evelyns

William Monk 1823-89

Caroline Noel 1817-1877

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant Father, we spread this table to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ, your Son. Accept all we offer you this day. Bind us together in his love and in the love he has commanded us to bring one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

People ***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 Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **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

Celebrant "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

People **Give us this bread for ever.**

Celebrant "I am the vine, you are the branches."

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

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion in this Church. Please move to the rail at the direction of the ushers. You may receive the bread in open and outstretched hands, responding: "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you prefer not to receive wine from the common cup, you may simply touch the base of the chalice, again responding: "Amen." Should you wish to receive a blessing, please indicate that to the priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

The Prayer After Communion

Celebrant Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them. Write this commandment in our hearts; give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The people stand as able.

The Blessing

Celebrant Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who journey with us. And so make haste to love, and be swift to be kind; And may the God who travels with us, the God of pilgrimage, the God of Hope, bless, care and keep you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always.

People **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able.



Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

3 Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

4 Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Kelvingrove
Traditional Scottish melody

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Postlude

The postlude concludes our worship service, sending us forth into the week ahead. You may choose to remain seated for the duration or depart following the closing hymn.

Leading the Service

Preacher Eric Friesen
Presider The Venerable Bob Hales
Organist Brad Barbeau, *director of music*

Assisting with the Service

<i>Reader</i>	Aveleigh Kyle	<i>Intercessor</i>	Irene Courage
<i>Servers</i>	Derek Falkner & Gerald Courage	<i>Vergers</i>	
<i>Lay Ministers</i>	Ruth Oliver & Eric Friesen	<i>Sidespeople</i>	Chris McElvaine, Jane Baldwin & Brian Hinchey
<i>Livestream</i>	Derek Falkner & Peter McCubbin		

Service Music

German Mass, Schubert

Eucharistic Prayer

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