

**June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

## **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,  
That you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who  
called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. 1 Peter 2:9*



# SUNG EUCHARIST

Book of Alternative Services

*Please stand and sing our opening hymn*

## Opening Hymn The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI  
CP 348

Traditional Yigdal Melody

1. The God of A-braham praise who reigns en-throned a - bove;  
5 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
10 Je - ho - vah, great I AM! by earth and heav'n con - fessed;  
15 I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.

- 2 **The great I am has sworn;  
I on this oath depend.  
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend.  
I shall behold God's face;  
I shall God's power adore,  
and sing the wonders of God's grace for evermore.**
  
- 3 **The goodly land I see  
with peace and plenty blest;  
a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest.  
There milk and honey flow,  
and oil and wine abound,  
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.**

**4**            **Triumphant hosts on high  
give thanks eternally  
and “Holy, holy, holy” cry, “great Trinity!”  
Hail Abraham’s God and ours!  
One mighty hymn we raise:  
all power and majesty be yours and endless praise!**

### **The Gathering of the Community**

Presider     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.**

Presider     In this time and place, we gather on the ancestral beaver hunting grounds of the Algonquin, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaran peoples; the traditional lands of the Anishnaabe Peoples, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Lenni-Lanape Peoples; and the current communities of the Chippewa of the Thames First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames, and Munsee-Delaware Nation.

**People**     **From many places and peoples we come to this time of prayer.**

Presider     We uphold our common stewardship of creation and our common birthplace of God's earth.

**People**     **We respect our place on this land and move forward in love and peace.**

Presider     Almighty God,

**People**     **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.**

### **Act of Praise**

- 1     Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;  
      Of Heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.  
      We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
      Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.
  
- 2     Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
      You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
      O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,  
      Re-ceive our prayer, grant us your peace within.

3 Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,  
At God's right hand in majesty most high:  
Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored,  
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

### **The Collect of the Day**

Presider Let us pray. (silence)  
Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law.  
May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our  
strength, and may we love our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever.

People **Amen.**

*“Christian Education” – The children are invited to the Assembly Room for the church school.*

*Please be seated*

### **A Reading** from the Book of Genesis:

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took



Happy are the people who know the festal shout! they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.

For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favour our might is exalted.

Truly, the Lord is our ruler; the Holy One of Israel is our king. *Refrain*

**A Reading** from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:      Reader: Tristan Fair

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (*Romans 6:12-23*)

Reader      The word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

### Alleluia

*Piano*      Full:  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,  
6  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel** *Matthew 10:40-42*

Reader The Lord be with you.  
People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Reader The Gospel of Christ.  
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Homily** The Very Reverend Dr. Kevin George

*Please stand*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

Presider Let us confess the faith of our baptism, 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.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

led by Tristan Fair

Leader Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world. *I invite you to take a comfortable posture: standing or sitting for the Prayers of the People.*

(A brief silence.)

Leader Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world. God of grace,  
**People hear our prayer.**

Leader Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us. God of grace,  
**People hear our prayer.**

Leader Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division. Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace. God of grace,  
**People hear our prayer.**

Leader Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We pray especially Marg, George, Sue, Leigh, Ruth, Gwen, Marina, Ernest. Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service. God of grace,  
**People hear our prayer.**

Leader Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbours. God of grace,  
**People hear our prayer.**

Leader Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places. God of grace,  
**People hear our prayer.**

Leader Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you. O God, through Jesus our Saviour.  
**Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to God's 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.**

*Please stand*

## The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*Please offer one another a sign of the peace before we all sing the hymn*

## Offertory Hymn Let Us Build a House Where Love Can Dwell

TWO OAKS  
CP --

Marty Haugen  
b. 1950

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell, and all can safe - ly live,  
A place where saints and child - ren tell how hearts learn to for - give.  
Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace.  
Here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions, All our wel - come,  
All our wel - come, All our wel - come in this place.

- 2** Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all **God's** children dare to seek  
to dream **God's** reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and a symbol of **God's** grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:      *Refrain*
- 3** Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat;  
a banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of **God**, through **Jesus**,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in **Christ** the feast that frees us:      *Refrain*
- 4** Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the **Word** they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of **God's** face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:      *Refrain*
- 5** Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the **Word**.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:      *Refrain*

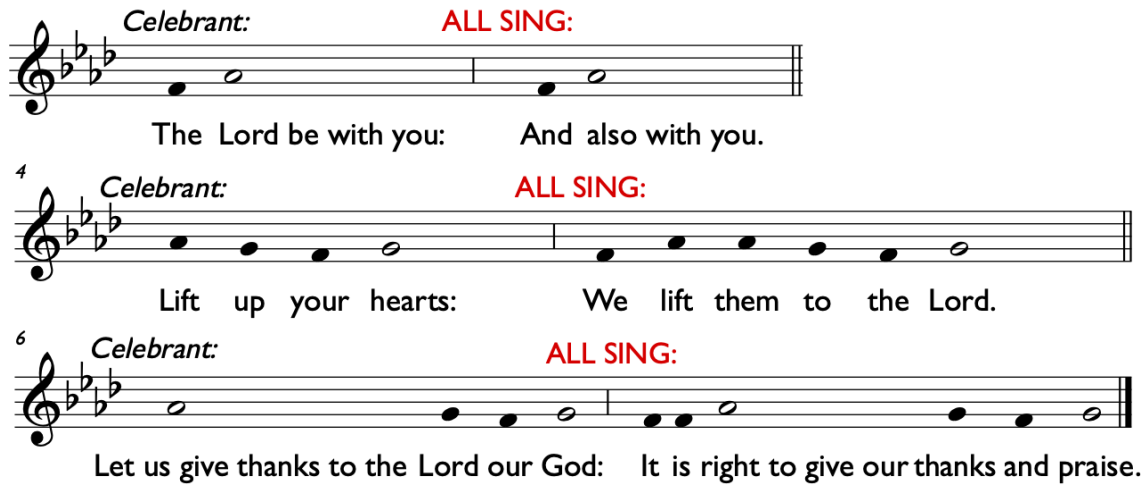
### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Celebrant      God of wisdom, receive all we offer you this day. Enrich our lives with the gifts  
of your Spirit, that we may follow the way of our Lord Jesus Christ, and serve  
one another in freedom. We ask this in his name.

People      **Amen.**

# The Great Thanksgiving

Simple tone



*Celebrant:* **ALL SING:**  
The Lord be with you: And also with you.

<sup>4</sup> *Celebrant:* **ALL SING:**  
Lift up your hearts: We lift them to the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> *Celebrant:* **ALL SING:**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Celebrant** It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here where the Thames River blends and flows, where city and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

**People** **Together with angels and ancestors, eagle and bear, salmon and beaver, pine and trillium, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song**

*We all sing the Sanctus:*

Piano: All Sing:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might:  
Hea - ven and earth are full, Full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho san - na in the high - est.  
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labour and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup. Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation. Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come. All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.

AMEN  
CP 737

Franz Schubert  
1797-1828

All sing:

I. A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

### Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

*Priest:* As our Sa-viour taught us, let us pray:

People

4  
Our Fa - ther in heaven, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come,  
7  
your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
9  
For - give us our sins As we for - give those who sin a - gainst\_ us.  
11  
Save us from the time of trial, and de - li - ver us from e - vil.  
13  
For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

# Agnus Dei

DEUTSCHE MESSE  
CP 747

Franz Schubert  
1797-1828

Organ:

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bea - rer of our sins, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - dee - mer, re - dee - mer of the world, give us your peace, give us your peace. **The**

## Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.  
People **Thanks be to God.**

**Gluten-free** communion wafers are available.  
Please indicate your wish to the administrant at Communion.

## Communion Anthem:

A Communion Anthem may be sung.

**We all sing the Communion Hymn** Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

SERVANT SONG  
CP 500

Richard Gillard  
b. 1953

I. Bro - ther, Sis - ter, Let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you;  
5  
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant too.

- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey,  
fellow travellers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.**
- 5 When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.**
- 6 Brother, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.**

*Please stand*

**Prayer after Communion** (*silence is kept*)

Celebrant Let us pray.  
God of power, we are nourished by the riches of your grace. Raise us to new life in your Son Jesus Christ and fit us for his eternal kingdom, that all the world may call him Lord. We ask this in his name.

**People 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.**

## Closing Announcements and Blessing

### *We all sing the* Post Communion Hymn Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET  
CP 399

Melody: Johann Crüger  
Harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four lines of music, each with a measure number (1, 5, 10, 15) at the beginning. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end.

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voi - ces,  
5 who won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joi - ces;  
10 who from our mo-ther's arms hath blessed\_ us on our way  
15 with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.

- 2 **O may this bounteous God**  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and nourish us with grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.
- 3 **All praise and thanks to God**  
eternal now be given,  
to **Spirit** and to **Word**,  
who reign in highest heaven:  
our ever faithful **God**,  
whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

## Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the congregation in these or similar words:

Deacon      Go forth in the name of Christ.

People      **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**    Trumpet Tune in D

## Coffee Hour

After the service please join us for coffee and cold drinks.

Youth Group meets in the Guild Room.

## Today's Liturgical Leaders

Celebrant – The Most Reverend Linda Nicholls

Preacher – The Very Reverend Dr. Kevin George

Gospeller – The Reverend Pat Henderson

Organist & Director of Music – Laurence Williams

Servers – Stephanie Allen, Clark Home, Victor Onebunne

Lay Administrants – Bette Ferguson, Marilyn Freeman

Greeters – Sylvia Lacon, John Lacon

Welcome Minister – Lois Gosney, Elyshia John

Live Stream – Jade Vajna

Bell Ringer – Allan Nagata

Warden – Gord Rolleston

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer** – Today we pray for the parishes of Christ Church, Port Stanley; St. Hilda's-St. Luke's, St. Thomas; St. Peter's, Tyrconnell; and Grace Church, West Lorne.

### **Know your Cathedral tours – Thursdays @ 2pm**

Our Guided Tours continue. Guests will gain a new perspective and get transported through history as our guides highlight the buildings unique architectural design, its rich heritage, its beautiful stained-glass windows, its proud military connection, and point out the exquisite embroidered linens, the labyrinth and icons throughout the church.

Please join our Tour Leader, Jean Doyle, at the Great West Doors on July 2 for a tour on *our Labyrinth*.

**Memorial Flowers** – This is a wonderful way to beautify our Church, while remembering our loved ones. There are available Sundays for all Altars, especially during the summer months. For more information please contact Carrie Fieldhouse at 519-434-3225, ext. 201 [st.pauls@stpaulscathedral.on.ca](mailto:st.pauls@stpaulscathedral.on.ca).

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