



Christ Church
Cathedral
Ottawa

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday | July 5th | 2026

10.30 am | Sung Eucharist | BAS

St Anne Mass | James MacMillan

The flowers are given to the glory of God

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.

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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.*

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Announcements

Hymn 427 | *All beautiful the march of days*

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 name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God

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

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading | *Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67*

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Eliezer said, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.' Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered

herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm | 45:11-18

"Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; forget your people and your father's house. The king will have pleasure in your beauty; he is your master; therefore do him honour. The people of Tyre are here with a gift; the rich among the people seek your favour." All glorious is the princess as she enters; her gown is cloth-of-gold. In embroidered apparel she is brought to her sovereign; after her the bridesmaids follow in procession. With joy and gladness they are brought, and enter into the royal palace. "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; you shall make them princes over all the earth. I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

Second Reading | Romans 7:15-25a

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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Gradual | *For the mountains shall depart | Felix Mendelssohn*

For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but thy kindness shall not depart from me; neither shall the covenant of thy peace be removed.

Holy Gospel | *Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Hymn 44 | *I believe in God Almighty*

Prayers

Let us pray.

Living God, awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it. Teach us to care creatively for its resources and to share its bounty equitably. Come, Holy Spirit, creator: renew the face of the earth.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Holy One, bless Bishop Kathryn in her ministry and enliven our diocese and cathedral, so that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world. Breathe fresh life into your people and give us power to reveal Christ in word and action. Come, Holy Spirit, counsellor: and touch our lips that we may proclaim your word.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Reconciling Spirit, lead us and all people into ways of justice and peace, that we may respect one another in freedom and truth. Be with those who live in the midst of war and conflict, and bring safety to refugees and those in danger. Come, Holy Spirit, power from on high: make us agents of peace, ministers of wholeness.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Healing God, be with all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, and be with those who mourn. May those we name in the silence of our hearts know the power of your comforting love.

Silence.

Make us willing agents of your compassion and strengthen us as we share in making people whole. Come, Holy Spirit, breath of God: give life to the dry bones of this exiled age, and make us a living people, holy and free.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Faithful God, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others, that all may act with integrity and courage. Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. Come, Holy Spirit, wisdom and truth: strengthen us in the risk of faith.

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence.

Most merciful God,

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.

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn 508 | *I heard the voice of Jesus say*



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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer Over the Gifts

God of heaven and earth, receive our sacrifice of praise, and strengthen us for the perfect freedom of your service, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them 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, 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 Creator 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. ***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.***

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. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

In the language of your heart let us pray.

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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

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 | *Priez pour paix* | Francis Poulenc

Priez pour paix, douce Vierge Marie, Reine des cieux, et du monde maîtresse, Faites prier, par votre courtoisie, Saints et saintes, et prenez votre adresse Vers votre Fils, requérant sa haultesse Qu'il lui plaise son peuple regarder, Que de son sang a voulu racheter, En déboutant guerre qui tout dévoie; De prières ne vous veuillez lasser: Priez pour paix, le vrai trésor de joie. | Pray for peace, gentle Virgin Mary, queen of the heavens, and mistress of the world, by your courtesy, encourage the saints and lady saints to pray, and take your address to your Son, beseeching his highness. that he may please to look upon his people, that, with his blood, he wished to redeem, by rejecting war which disrupts all; of prayers, do not tire: pray for peace, the true treasure of joy!

The Sending of the Community

Prayer after Communion

O God, may we who have shared in holy things never fail to serve you in your world, and so come to the fullness of joy, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Pledge of Transformation

For love, which heals wounds,
we will stand.

For generosity, which opens space for hope,
we will stand.

For nurturing, which builds a culture of peace,
we will stand.

For compassion, which seeks the best for all,
we will stand.

For respect, which enables us to love with difference,
we will stand.

For humility, which allows healthy relationships with others,
we will stand.

Together for hope,
we will stand.

Blessing and Dismissal

May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit be with you every step of the way, and be your guide as your road changes and turns; and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. **Amen.**

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

Hymn 467 | *Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go*

Postlude

Celebrant | The Right Reverend Kathryn Otley
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Readings Next Sunday | July 12th

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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