

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

commemorating the

Battle of Britain

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
and the Third Sunday in the Season of Creation

The Cathedral Church of Saint George
20 September 2026 • 10:30 a.m.

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Welcome to St George's Cathedral

We are so glad you're here! 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. Children and young people are invited to attend Sunday School in the Cathedral Library. We are thrilled you have decided to worship with us!

Land Acknowledgement

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.

Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the high altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my wife, Elizabeth, and my daughter, Reverend Sharon Murdoch, from Bill Murdoch.

The flowers on the Nave altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our father James A. Kirkpatrick and beloved husband and brother-in-law by Jane, Anne, and Jim Kirkpatrick.

About Battle of Britain Sunday

On this Battle of Britain Sunday, we remember with gratitude those who served during the Battle of Britain in 1940, and especially those who gave their lives in the defence of their country. We give thanks for their courage and sacrifice and remember before God all who have served in times of war. As we honour their memory, we pray for those who continue to serve, and for the peace of the world.

Leading the Service

<i>Preacher</i>	The Venerable Bob Hales
<i>Presider</i>	The Very Reverend Douglas Michael, <i>dean</i>
<i>Organist</i>	Brad Barbeau, <i>director of music</i>

Assisting with the Service

<i>Reader</i>	Gordon Gwynne Timothy	<i>Intercessor</i>	Holly Gwynne Timothy
<i>Servers</i>	Derek Falkner & Gerald Courage	<i>Vergers</i>	Jane Kirkpatrick
<i>Lay Ministers</i>	Eric Friesen	<i>Sidespeople</i>	Brian Hinchey & Heather Buchan
<i>Livestream</i>	Derek Falkner & Peter McCubbin		

Eucharistic Prayer

The Book of Alternative Services, Eucharistic #2

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

The people stand as the procession enters the Cathedral.

Processional Hymn | Sung by all.

lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry, Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the
coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the
grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his
terrible swift sword:
His truth is marching on.

Glory, glory, Hallelujah!
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

2 I have seen him in the watch-fires of a
hundred circling camps,
They have builded him an altar in the
evening dews and damp;
I have read his righteous sentence by the
dim and flaring lamps:
His day is marching on.

atr William Steffe (1852)

3 He has sounded forth the trumpet that
shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of all before
his judgment-seat;
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him! Be
jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

4 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was
born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that
transfigures you and me.
As he died to make us holy, let us live to
make all free,
While God is marching on.

Julia Ward Howe, 1861, alt

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 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.

Gloria in Excelsis | Sung by all.

D. Hurd (b. 1950)



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,



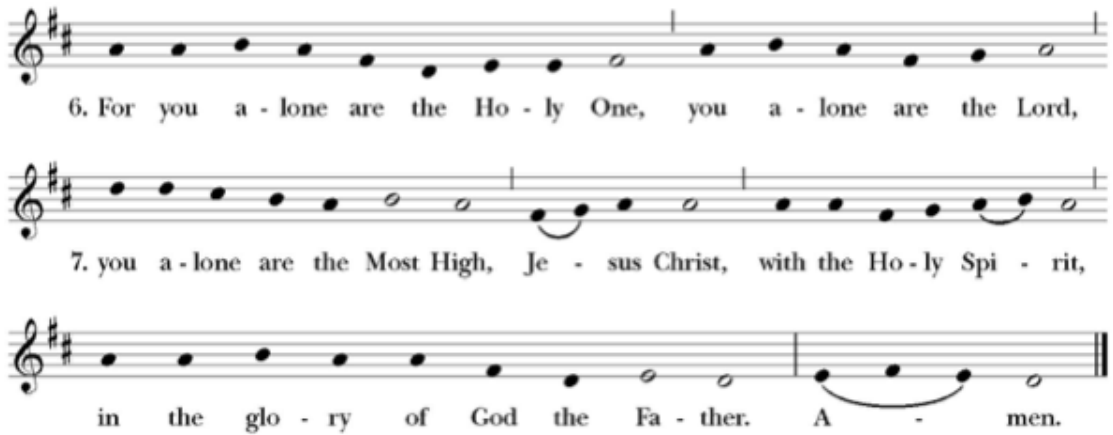
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



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.



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive 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 | Exodus 16:2-16

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him - what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of

bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

<i>Reader</i>	The word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105 | Sung by the choir.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, and call upon his Name; / tell the peoples what things he hath done.

2 O let your songs be of him and praise him; / and let your talking be of all his wondrous works.

3 Rejoice in his holy Name: / let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.

4 Seek the LORD and his strength: / seek his face evermore.

5 Remember the marvellous works that he hath done, / his wonders, and the judgements of his mouth;

6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, / ye children of Jacob, his chosen.

37 But he brought forth his own people with silver and gold; / and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.

38 Egypt was glad at their departing, / for they were afraid of them.

39 HE spread out a cloud to be a covering, / and fire to give light in the night-season.

40 At their desire he brought quails, / and filled them with the bread of heaven.

41 He opened the rock of stone, and the waters flowed out, / so that rivers ran in the dry places.

42 For why? he remembered his holy promise, / and Abraham his servant.

43 And he brought forth his people with joy, / and his chosen with gladness;

44 And gave them the lands of the nations, / and they took the labours of the peoples in possession;

45 That they might keep his statutes, / and observe his laws.

The Second Lesson | Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side

with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

<i>Reader</i>	The word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able.



Father, hear the prayer we offer:
not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength that we may ever
live our lives courageously.

2 Not for ever in green pastures
do we ask our way to be;
but the steep and rugged pathway
may we tread rejoicingly

3 Not for ever by still waters
would we idly rest and stay;
but would smite the living fountains
from the rocks along our way.

4 Be our strength in hours of weakness,
in our wanderings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.

Sussex
English Traditional Melody

Love M. Whitcomb Willis, 1824-1908

The Holy Gospel | Matthew 20:1-16

<i>Gospeller</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

<i>Gospeller</i>	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
<i>People</i>	Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first

came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Gospeller

The Gospel of Christ.

People

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Sermon | The Venerable Bob Hales

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
People

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.

Celebrant
People

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 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.



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Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able.



Light of the minds that know him,
may Christ be light to mine!
my sun in risen splendour,
my light of truth divine;
my guide in doubt and darkness,
my true and living way,
my clear light ever shining,
my dawn of heaven's day.

2 Life of the souls that love him,
may Christ be ours indeed!
the living bread from heaven
on whom our spirits feed;
who died for love of sinners
to bear our guilty load,
and make of life's brief journey
a new Emmaus road.

Aurelia
S. S. Wesley

3 Strength of the wills that serve him,
may Christ be strength to me,
who stilled the storm and tempest,
who calmed the tossing sea;
his Spirit's power to move me,
his will to master mine,
his cross to carry daily
and conquer in his sign.

4 May it be ours to know him
that we may truly love,
and loving, fully serve him
as serve the saints above;
till in that home of glory
with fadeless splendour bright,
we serve in perfect freedom
our strength, our life, our light.

St Augustine
Para. Timothy Dudley-Smith b. 1926
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Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant

God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe.
Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony
with all your creation, for the sake of 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.

Choir

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
People

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

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

Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son.
May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him.
This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

The people stand as able.

The Blessing

Celebrant

May God, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon
all created things, and upon you, that you may use them to His glory and the
welfare of all peoples.

And may God the Father, who spoke the waters of the earth into being, and God
the Son, who gives living water to all who would receive it, and God the Holy Spirit,
who refreshes our souls continually, bless you that you might be a blessing to
others, today and always.

People

Amen.

The Dismissal

Celebrant

Go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Royal Anthem

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King;
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the King.

National Anthem

Thesaurus Musicus c.1743

Recessional Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able.



Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

2 Lord, guard and guide the ones who fly
Through the great spaces of the sky;
Sustain them with thy saving grace
Of thy great power and boundless space.
O hear us when we lift our prayer,
For those in peril in the air.

3 O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
who bad'st its angry tumult cease,
and gavest light and life and peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and power,
thy people shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them whereso' er they go:
and ever let there rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Melita

John Bacchus Dykes 1823-76

William Whiting 1825-78, *alt*

Postlude: *Spitfire Prelude* from *The First of the Few*, William Walton

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.

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