Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday | October 18th | 2026

10.30 am | Holy Baptism | Choral Eucharist | BAS

Missa L'hora passa | Matthew Larkin

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.

Please turn off or set mobile devices to silent mode.

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 | *Andante (1844) | Felix Mendelssohn*

Announcements

Hymn 389 | *O God of font and altar*

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.

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.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading | *Exodus 33:12-23*

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.' Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For

how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm | *99*

The Lord reigns; let the people tremble; the Lord is enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth shake. The Lord is great in Zion and is high above all peoples. Let them confess your name, which is great and awesome; you are the Holy One. "O mighty Sovereign, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before the footstool of God; the Lord is the Holy One. Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, they called upon you, O Lord, and you answered them. You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them. "O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds." Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship upon the holy hill of God; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading | *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

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

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy

Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual | *Teach me O Lord | William Byrd*

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law. Yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments for therein is my desire. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies and not unto covetousness. O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity and quicken thou me in thy way. O 'stablish thy word in thy servant that I may fear Thee. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning and is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Holy Gospel | *Matthew 22:15-22*

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.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor

the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Hymn 540 | *Just as the deer*

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The children are presented by their parents and sponsors.

We present Aurora Rose Mary, Isabelle June Selous, Lily Grace Savage, and Maisie Morgan Victoria to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?
I will, with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?
I do.

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

Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?
I do.

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

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

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.***

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Creator, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptismal Covenant

Let us join with those who are committing themselves 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.

The Baptism

Aurora Rose Mary | Isabelle June Selous | Lily Grace Savage | Maisie Morgan Victoria, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Giving of the Light

Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.
Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.
We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

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

Offertory Hymn 433 | *Lord you give the great commission*

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer Over the Gifts

Eternal God, your word inspires our faith. May we who offer you our praise trust you in all things. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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.

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again, you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages, you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn: *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.*

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he 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 for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.
Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please pray using these words, or whichever version or language is closest to your heart.

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

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.
So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

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

God of peace, you have nourished us in this sacrament with the body and blood of Christ. May we who have taken holy things keep faith in our hearts and lives, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

May the love of the Creator, the tenderness of the Son, and the presence of the Holy Spirit, bless you this day and all your days. **Amen.**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn 425 | *The church's one foundation*

Postlude | *Allegro (1844) | Felix Mendelssohn*

Celebrant | The Very Reverend Beth Bretzlaff
Preacher | The Reverend Canon Victoria Scott
Readers | Judith O'Rourke | Trudy Seliger
Duty Warden | Stephen Giles

Organist | James Calkin
Director | Andrew McAnerney
Sung by | Boys Choir

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Readings Next Sunday | October 25th

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46
