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Pentecost II

June 22, 2025

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Organist

Rt Rev Dr Todd Townshend
The Ven. Megan Collings-Moore
Rev Sharla Malliff
Robert Aszmies
John Shaw

Celebrant
Crucifer and server
Warden on Duty

Rev Sharla Malliff
Michael Chine
Debra Zanon-Barclay

10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

The Gathering of the Community

Announcements

Processional: CP #384 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty' (verses 1, 2, 4, 6)

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

A: **And also with you.**

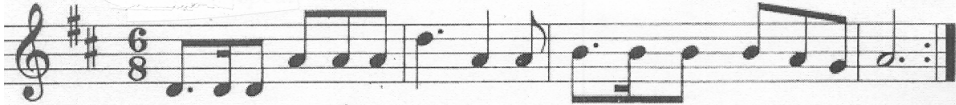
C: Almighty God,

A: **to you all hearts are open, all desires are 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 worthy magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

John L. Bell



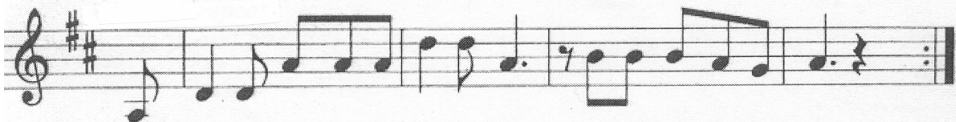
Glo- ry to God in the high- est, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.

Lord, God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.



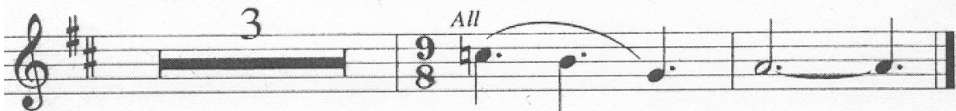
Glo- ry to God in the high- est, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.

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, receive our prayer.



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

You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
glory of God the Father, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



A - men.

The Collect or the Day

C: Living God, you call us to yourself so that we may
live in wholeness with ourselves and our neighbors.
Unchain your people and set us free to rejoice in your
saving word, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

A: Amen.

Children's Message

The Proclamation of the Word

1st Reading Isaiah 65:1–9

Coralee Little

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, 'Here I am, here I am',
to a nation that did not call on my name.

² I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

³ a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;

⁴ who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵ who say, 'Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.'
These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.

⁶ See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps

⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,
says the LORD;
because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,
I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.

⁸ Thus says the LORD:
As the wine is found in the cluster,

and they say, 'Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it',
so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.
⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalms 22:19-28

Rev Sharla

- 19 Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
**stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their
poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to
the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down
in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

2nd Reading Galatians 3:23–29

Adriana Cronin

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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The Holy Gospel Luke 8:26–39

Rev Sharla

C: The Lord be with you.

A: **And also with you.**

C: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

A: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

²⁶ Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— ²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Response to the Gospel: '10 000 Reasons'

CHORUS

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul,

I'll worship your holy name.

VERSE ONE

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,

It's time to sing Your song again,

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes.

VERSE TWO

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,

Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

VERSE THREE

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Homily

Apostle's Creed

C: Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

A: 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.

The Prayers of the People

Catherine Carlson

The flowers in the church today are given in loving memory of Brian, husband, friend, father and grandfather who is greatly missed, given by Christine Ledbury and family.

We pray now for all the world,
the church, people of faith,
and those who live in want, saying:
God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
God of kings, prophets, children, and all
who are in need, we give you thanks for
the breath of life you pour into the living
and into us all when we are in trouble.
Bless your world in times of struggle and days
of rejoicing. Make us one with you and one another.

God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

We thank you for your care of the earth,
especially for rain and sun,
for the flowers that give food to bees,
for fish in all their shapes and colors,
and for the shelter we find underneath your
trees. Let all creation praise your name.

God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

We pray for the church,
that fellowship in this congregation,
and in the families of faith in all the lands,
give us both comfort and challenge.
Teach us to give thanks for insights new to us.
Make us able to rejoice with people of other
Faiths that Christians, Jews, Buddhists, Hindus,

Muslims, and others may speak kindly of one another.

God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

We pray for people everywhere to take courage,
especially this day the people of Ukraine, Russia,
Israel, Palestine, who face uncertain futures.

God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

For widows, widowers, divorced parents,
children, orphans, all who live alone,
families of origin, and families formed by friendship,
that they find love in community and comfort in you.

God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

For all in any need:
for those enduring cancer treatments,
those awaiting and recovering from surgery,
those reshaping their lives from tornadoes, fires,
and floods; for people who have no food, no work,
we especially pray today for,
and for those we name now aloud or in our hearts . . . *[silence]*.
God, in your mercy,
All: hear our prayer.

For all the saints who from their labors now rest, especially
God, in your mercy,
All: hear our prayer.

We place into your safekeeping all for whom we pray,
trusting that in your wisdom,
the needs of all people will be met,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

C: 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. Most merciful God,
A: **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.**

C: 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.
A: **Amen.**

The Peace

C: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

A: And also with you.

Please exchange the peace in a manner that is comfortable for you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Invitation to the Offering

C: For the sake of those who have yet to hear the word of God,
for those who are in need of our bounty, and for the discipline that comes
with sacrifice, let us bring our tithes and offerings.

A: Amen

Offertory Hymn: CP #540 'Just As the Deer'

The Prayer over the Gifts

C: With these gifts, O God, we remember with thanksgiving the life that we
have because of you.
Make us grateful every day for the privilege of offering ourselves for the
well-being of all your world

A: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer III

C: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

C: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them up to the Lord.

C: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

C: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;....Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

C: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, ...Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, Father, according to his command

**A: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

C: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; ... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

A: Amen.

Our Father in Heaven

Unison

1 Our Fath - er in heav - en, we hal - low your Name! Most
 2 Our dai - ly bread give us, ful - fil ev - ery need; grant
 3 Then, from all temp - ta - tion, come lead us a - way; from

ho - ly and glo - ri - ous, ev - er the same! Es -
 food for both spir - it and bod - y, we plead. As
 on - slaught of e - vil, de - liv - er we pray! For

tab - lish your king - dom, your pur - pose ful - fill. On
 we for - give oth - ers, our debts please for - give; with
 yours is the king - dom, the glo - ry and power in

earth as in heav - en, may all do your will!
 all re - con - ciled and at peace may we live.
 past and in fu - ture, this day and this hour!

C: Glory to God,

**A: 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.**

A: Amen.

Benediction: 'The Blessing'

The Lord bless you
and keep you,
Make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his
face toward you,
and give you peace. (x2)

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

Blessing

C: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

A: Amen.

Recessional Hymn: CP #441 'Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower'

Dismissal

C: Go in peace to care for those who cross your path, to give voice to those who need your help, to notice what is beautiful and what is amiss, to counter injustice and guard what is good, and to rest and work, mindful of God's desire for your health and faith.

A: Thanks be to God.

Readings for Next Week

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Psalm 87

2 Timothy 4:1-8

John 21:15-19

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday : 8:15 33 10:00 60

Givings

On the plate \$2,665.00

Auto Debit: \$2,589

Innisfree Donations

Again this year, your Outreach program will be collecting much needed items for Innisfree Hospice, as we have every June for the past few years. We will be collecting for 3 weeks-June 8; 15 and 22nd. Below is a list of the much needed items. There will be a bin in the Narthex underneath the Outreach bulletin board where you may leave your donations. Innisfree is such an important part of the community to help so many families going through the most difficult times!

Innisfree provides so much comfort in so many ways ❤️

THANK-YOU

Heather Murphy

On behalf of your Outreach Committee

Baked Goods

Brown and White Sugar

Cocoa powder

Canned Pumpkin

Flour

Cooking Items

Beef and Chicken Bouillon-cubes or powder and Broth

Juices-especially cranberry (Cocktail type-does not need to be 100% pure)

Pudding Cups-any flavour

Crackers-Soda/Ritz/Breton

Ginger ale-regular and diet

Paper Towels

Rectory Rental

Approval has been given for the rectory to do short-term rentals. It is not going to be widely published but careful screening for applications to rent in the short term. If you know of an applicant, please call one of the wardens.

In anticipation of this please contact Cindy if you have anything to donate to its set up for July 1. For example, furniture, lamps, bedding, towels, dishes. Please note they must be in Airbnb worthy great condition.

Cindy Kellett

519-721-4587

Christmas Market

The Christmas Market craft table is requesting donations of knitted/crocheted scarves, mitts, slippers, hats, dish cloths, etc. Quilted pet squares, table runners, tea towels, journal covers and aprons are popular as well. If you have suggestions for new or different items, would like to contribute or have questions, please contact Barb Bailey or Deb Chine.

Hello – Your Altar Guild calling!

Each week we are blessed with flowers on the Altar to commemorate a love one or just to give thanks. Each week these flower arrangements are given to a member of the congregation to thank them for services rendered or because they are celebrating a milestone or going through a difficult time or simply to let them know that their parish family remembers them.

It is getting increasingly difficult, though, to deliver these flowers as parishioners grow older and enter retirement homes. These homes are scattered throughout the region and delivering them is a constant problem.

If you're willing to lend a hand from time to time, we'd truly appreciate your help. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex, just add your name and your general location. Requests will be infrequent, but the bonus is a friendly visit from a fellow parishioner you may not have seen in a while!

Thank you – St.George's Altar Guild

Capital Project Donations to Date

From March 30th to June 15th, a total of \$12,329.00 has been contributed in donations. Thank you so much for your response so far.

Nelson Cuthbert for the Capital Project Campaign.

Ladies Lunch

Where did the time go? This will be our last lunch before summer break. We will meet on Friday, June 27 at the Concodia Club. Lunch is at 12.30. Let Sue know if you plan to join us: suzie_del-simpson@outlook.com
Bring your smiles and share about your summer plans!

Name Tags

If you would like a name tag, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and the cost is \$13.00.

Sunday Smile

May all your troubles be as short as your New Years's resolutions

Visioning Day

Thank you all for attending the visioning recap on Monday evening. For those who missed this evening, we looked at and reviewed the responses offered at our visioning day in April with fresh, outside eyes. We also began to work on some core value statements.

I know that you are all eager to move forward, and I can assure you that while it may feel like you are at a standstill, things are moving. In this time of quieter summer days, I encourage you to take some time to reflect on what has been discussed. Prayerful discernment of who you are and where you want to go is a process that takes some time, but be sure that nothing is standing still, the Holy Spirit is always moving and active!

In the coming weeks, you will find some drawings in the parish hall that were created at our visioning day. Beside them are some blank papers. I encourage you to really look at these images and truly listen to what they are telling you. On the blank pages, please jot down 1 or 2 words to let us know what you think the main priority of each drawing is depicting. For example, if the worship space is large, it could suggest that worship is very important, or that having a large group of people gathered together is important, or perhaps even that there is a desire of a large praise band that needs space to offer their gifts during worship. Whatever it is you feel the image is suggesting is key, please let us know. This will help us refine what our priorities are and will help to develop the parish profile.

As well, in the coming weeks, a summary of the core value statements that were created on Monday will be distributed for your information. As we await the instructions of the Archdeacon with respect to putting together a selection committee, I encourage you to continue praying for the guidance and direction of

the Holy Spirit to work among you and those who may consider joining you in leadership and in community.

Rev Sharla