

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

with CONFIRMATION AND REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH on the Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023 • 10:00 AM

Welcome to St. John's, Shaughnessy! Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, and whether you are joining us in the church building or via the livestream, we are glad you are here!

If you are new here and would like to learn more, please introduce yourself to the clergy after the service. If you would like to be added to our mailing list so that we may keep you informed of upcoming events, please contact the church office.

Infants and children (and their accompanying noises) enliven our services. Colouring, crafts, and quiet toys are available in the children's area, just to the left of the front pews.

We acknowledge with respect that we worship on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples, and we pray that we may live more deeply into the calls to action from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

A brief organ voluntary offered a few minutes before the hour bids us all keep silence for prayer and preparation.

The people's responses are in **bold**.

PRELUDE Fugue in D major, WoO 31

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

GREETING

THE ENTRANCE RITE



THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

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 Father of all.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CHILDREN'S FOCUS

The Rt. Rev. John Stephens

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown God.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

The Choir sings the Refrain; then all repeat.



- ⁷ Bless our God, you peoples;
 - make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.
- For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

Refrain

- I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows, which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- ¹³ I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.
- Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- ¹⁵ I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue.

Refrain

- If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;
- But in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his love from me.

Refrain

A reading from the first letter of Peter

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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Thanks be to God.



THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Cantor sings the Refrain; then all repeat.



Cantor

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you. Refrain

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. John Stephens

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES The Bishop says,

The candidates for confirmation and reaffirmation will now be presented. *The Presenters say to the Bishop,*

I present Ruth Freedman for confirmation.

I present Charlotte Burns who desires to reaffirm her baptismal vows.

I present Patti Vieta who desires to reaffirm her baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks those who have been presented to renew their baptismal commitment,

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my

Saviour and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation,

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

We will.

The Bishop invites the congregation to renew their baptismal vows, saying,

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE 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 PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Bishop continues,

Let us pray for those who are affirming their baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

The Cantor leads the petitions.

That they may be redeemed from all evil, and rescued from the way of sin and death; in your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth; in your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church; in your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love; in your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory; in your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Bishop concludes,

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence may be kept. Then the Bishop says,

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

The Bishop lays his hands upon the heads of the Candidates, saying,

Defend, O Lord, your servant Ruth with your heavenly Grace, that she may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until she comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

Charlotte, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

Patti, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

The Bishop then says,

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand or kneel, as you are able.

Let us give thanks to God, always and in everything, for the gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of creation, in earth and sky and sea. On this Rogation Sunday, we give thanks for the growth of all things, and we pray that God's gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvest of the land and of the waters, and may prosper all who labour to gather them. May we be good stewards of all God has entrusted to us, sharing with one another out of our abundance. For the goodness we receive from your hand,

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of human beings, revealing the image of Christ. We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Linda, our Primate; for Chris, the National Indigenous Archbishop; and for John, our own bishop. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa. In the Diocese of New Westminster, we pray for the parishes of St. Helen, Surrey, and St. Helen, Point Grey. We pray also for our companion diocese, the Diocese of Northern Philippines; and for our companion parishes of St. Luke, Butbut Proper and St. James, Luccong. For their witness to your love,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends. On this Mother's Day, we pray for mothers everywhere: for our own mothers, those living and those who have died; for the mothers who have loved us, and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for those who hope to be mothers someday, and for all whose yearning to have children has been frustrated; for those mothers who, through death or separation, no longer see their children; and we give thanks for Christ, our spiritual Mother, who longs to gather us together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. For the divine gift of motherhood in all its forms, and for all those among us who have mothered others in need,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve. We give thanks for the gathering of Synod this weekend—for all who worked so hard to prepare for it, and for all who came together to celebrate our common life as a diocese and the holy work to which God calls us. For all the ministries of this parish, and for all who seek to know you and to serve you,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play. For the vocations and tasks that call us to offer the best of ourselves, and for time to enjoy the fruits of our labour,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity. We pray this morning for those who have asked our prayers (especially . . .). For your steadfast love and for your presence with us in our times of pain and heartache,

We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice; for the prophets of old, and for the prophets of today, who call us more closely to follow the example of your Son, and to work to make your peace and justice known in our world,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places. We pray this morning for those who mourn the loss of loved ones, and for those who have died (especially . . .). For all those we love but see no longer, and for the sure and certain hope of the resurrection,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To Christ be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

As the altar is prepared for Holy Communion, the congregation is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. A QR code is provided for those who prefer to donate online. During the collection, a hymn is sung.



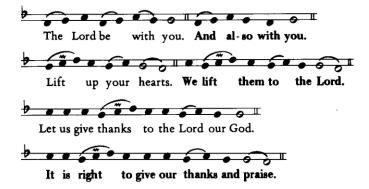


THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

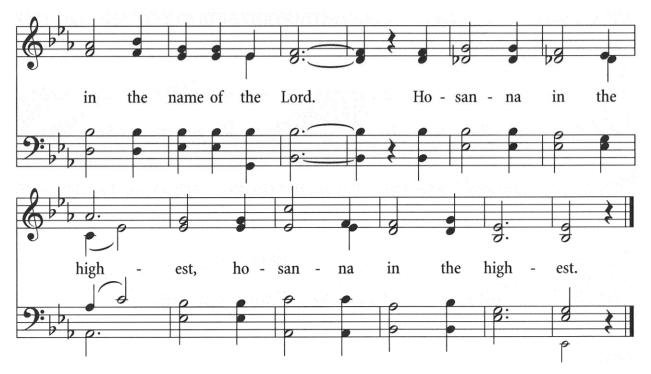
Glory to you for ever and ever.

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:





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

As our Saviour taught us, 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

Alleluia. Alleluia.



THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, you may indicate that desire by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please ask a sidesperson to have Communion brought to you.

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION If Ye Love Me T. Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may 'bide with you forever; E'en the sp'rit of truth.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

THE DOXOLOGY

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE NOTICES

THE BLESSING OF SEEDS

O God, by your wondrous providence you made all grass, herbs, and trees, each with seed after its own kind: Accept and bless our offering of these seeds to be planted in our gardens, and these tools and symbols of our labour, that by their good use, we may bear fruit to your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EPISCOPAL BLESSING

The Bishop blesses the people.



THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God, BWV 79 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) Arr. Virgil Fox (1912-1980)

Please remain standing as the procession leaves the church. We hope you will join us for refreshments in the Trendell Lounge after the service.

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