



4th Sunday after Pentecost

21st June 2026

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the triune God, the Creator of heaven and earth and God's ownership of all things (Psalm 24:1). In God's sovereignty, God has allowed other groups to migrate to these shores. We acknowledge the cultures of our First Nations Peoples and are thankful for the community that we share together now.

Cantor: Thank you for joining our Service today, as we celebrate the 4th Sunday in the season of Pentecost. We welcome those watching via livestream. I invite you to stand to sing our opening hymn.

Opening Hymn: Holy Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,
early in the morning to you our praise shall be;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore you,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before you,
God everlasting through eternity.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide you,
though the sinful human eye
your glory may not see,
you alone are holy, there is none beside you
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,
all your works shall praise your name
in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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Minister's Welcome

All of you who serve the Lord; who come to worship in his house, who lift up your hands in this holy place and praise the Lord: may the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth be praised.

**Praise the Lord of our salvation, according to the will of God our Father
to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Sentence

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it.
(Matthew 10:39)

Prayer of Approach

Assistant: Knowing the goodness of God and His generous love towards us, let us approach His throne of grace,

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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.

Minister:

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, we who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death: we pray that, as you raised him from death, so by the power of the Holy Spirit we may live the new life to your glory, knowing ourselves to be dead in sin but alive for you in Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

The first reading is from the book of Jeremiah chapter 20 verses 7-13.

⁷You deceived me, Lord, and I was deceived; you overpowered me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and destruction. So the word of the Lord has brought me insult and reproach all day long. ⁹But if I say, "I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name," his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot. ¹⁰I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side! Denounce him! Let's denounce him!" All my friends are waiting for me to slip, saying, "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we will prevail over him and take our revenge on him."

¹¹But the Lord is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their dishonour will never be forgotten.

¹²Lord Almighty, you who examine the righteous and probe the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance on them, for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the Lord! Give praise to the Lord! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm reading today comes from Psalm 69, verses 7-10.

⁷For I endure scorn for your sake,
and shame covers my face.

**⁸I am a foreigner to my own family,
a stranger to my own mother's children;**

⁹for zeal for your house consumes me,
and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.

**¹⁰When I weep and fast,
I must endure scorn;**

Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, **as in the beginning, so now and forever. Amen.**

The second reading is from Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 6 verses 1-11.

¹What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ²By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—⁷because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Song: Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love all that you love
and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with you I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God.
and all my life refine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.

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Hearing the Gospel of our Lord

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 10 verses 24-39. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴“The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

²⁶“So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. ²⁸Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. ³⁰And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

³²“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.

³³But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to turn “a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—³⁶a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’

³⁷“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon: Br Bill Nicolle will be presenting the message

Assistant: Let us stand and declare our faith:

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come 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**

Offertory Hymn: Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ his Son. *(repeat)*

And now let the weak say 'I am strong,'
let the poor say, 'I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us.'
(repeat)
give thanks

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Giving and Offerings The minister will pray over the offering.

The Prayer of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, save through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers for the world and our community.

The intercessor on the roster will prepare prayers for:

A prayer for the world ... A prayer for all in authority ... A prayer for the church ...

A prayer for our community, and those on our prayer list ...

Let us pray together,

**Come, Spirit of God, and make within us your dwelling place and home. May our
darkness be dispelled by your light, and our troubles calmed by your peace; and may
all evil be redeemed by your love, all pain transformed through the suffering of Christ,
and all dying glorified by his risen life. Amen.**

We say together the prayer Jesus taught his disciples:

**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 forever. Amen.

Assistant:

Confession

*Confident of God's goodness and his willingness to forgive us, let us bring the confession of sins
before him.*

God of mercy, we humbly admit that we need your help.

We have wandered from your way.

We have sinned in thought, word and deed,

**and failed to do what is right. You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us, wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit
that we may live the new life to your glory.
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.**

Assistant: Please stand to hear God's promise of forgiveness.

Promise of Forgiveness

You are blessed by the Lord: your sins are forgiven, your faults have been forgotten by the Lord. The Lord will not count your sin against you, for you have confessed to him your faith in the saving work of his Son Jesus Christ. Rejoice now in the Lord and be glad, for you have been made a holy member of God's family. **Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**
The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Thanksgiving and Communion

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 thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, ever living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By His death on the cross, and rising to new life, He offered the one true sacrifice for sin, and obtained an eternal deliverance for His people.

As we walk by the promised Spirit, poured out at Pentecost, continue to fill us with power and love so we may boldly proclaim your gospel to all peoples,
and serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying.

**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.**

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of bread and this wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

'Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples saying,

'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, we do as our Saviour has commanded;
proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

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

Let us draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in our hearts with thanksgiving.

Quiet music will play during communion.

Announcements: Please refer to the church newsletter for notices.

Commitment to live out our worship of the Lord

Living God, in this holy meal you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, give us courage for our daily lives and bring us to the joys you promise.

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.

Almighty God, you have redeemed us through the resurrection of Christ and raised us to newness of life. You brought us out of slavery into everlasting freedom. May the eternal God give you joy and peace in faith and bring you to your eternal inheritance; and the blessing of God Almighty; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you all ever more. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, thy child let me be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my armour, my sword for the fight,
be thou my dignity, thou my delight;
thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward,
O Power of my power.

Riches I scorn and the world's empty praise,
thou my inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only the first in my heart;
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, what ever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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