

Morning Prayer – The FEAST OF PENTECOST, May 31, 2020

*Families or small groups might gather, taking turns serving as “Leader” and others responding with words in **bold print**, or the entire service is said by one person, knowing that others are praying in the same way in their own locations.*

A candle may be lit, to set apart this time of prayer.

A Penitential Rite & Territorial Acknowledgment

The freedom in which we live is bounded by promises we are called to keep.

As children of Noah, we inherit his Covenant: to honour all life.

Grafted on to the root of Abraham, we inherit his Covenant: we are blessed, so that we might be a blessing to all nations.

Having received, through Moses, the 10 Commandments, we inherit his covenant: to worship no other gods; to rest from ceaseless work; to honour the wisdom of our elders; to keep our promises; to disavow idolatry, blasphemy, murder, theft, dishonesty, and greed.

As Canadians we are party to the treaties which formed us as a nation- We acknowledge that the land on which we stand and in which we serve is the traditional territory of the Ottawa, Chippewa, and Potawatomi nations of the Three Fires Confederacy, and the Huron/Wyandot nation. We also acknowledge that we are parties to Treaty 116 (1786), McKee Treaty 2 (1790), Treaty 12 (1800), Treaty 35 (1833), and Cession #85 – Peach/Peché Island (1857) signed by our forebears.

In our baptism, we vow to seek, and find, and honour God in scripture and sacrament, in each other, in the stranger, the outsider, and the marginalized. We vow to seek justice, safeguard the integrity of creation, to resist evil and whenever we fall into sin, to repent and return to the Lord.

In the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus we are embraced into a new covenant, of eternal hope, and the forgiveness of sins.

According to our baptismal covenant, we confess that we have failed to live within the bounds of these promises. We confess our sins- individual, institutional, and systemic, and repent of the harm that is caused by our collective failure to honour all life.

Trusting that God keeps God’s promises, that light shines in the darkness and is not overcome, that love has power to make all things new; that God’s will can and one day shall be done on earth as it is in heaven: we ask for strength and courage to live each day as people of covenant, vow, and treaty.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Opening Responses

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in us the fire of your love.
O Come, Let us Worship.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Lord, open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Christ our Passover

1 Corinthians 5.7–8; Romans 6.9–11; 1 Corinthians 15.20–22

Alleluia!

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. **Alleluia!**

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Alleluia!**

Christ has been raised from the dead, *

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a human came death, *

by a human has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, * so also in Christ shall all be made alive. **Alleluia!**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in us the fire of your love.

O Come, Let us Worship.

The Proclamation of the Word

Numbers 11:24-30 *New Revised Standard Version*

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!' And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (*Inclusive Language Psalter*)

24 O Lord, how manifold are your works! * In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
25 **Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, ***
creatures both small and great.
26 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
27 **All of them look to you * to give them their food in due season.**
28 You give it to them; they gather it; * you open your hand,
and they are filled with good things.
29 **You hide your face, and they are terrified; * you take away their breath,**
and they die and return to their dust.
30 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
31 **May your glory, O Lord, endure for ever; * may you rejoice in all your works;**
32 you look at the earth and it trembles; * you touch the mountains and they smoke.
33 **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; * I will praise my God while I have my being.**
34 May these words of mine please you; * I will rejoice in the Lord.
35b **Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

Acts 2:1-21 *New Revised Standard Version*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed,

these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

*"In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Music might be Inserted here, either a "live" offering of praise to God, or a recorded selection.

Stand or sit for the Gospel reading, as seems appropriate for your setting.

A reading from the Gospel according to John (20:19-23)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

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

*Did anything stand out for you in this story while you heard it this time?
What does this story have to say to you today?*

Affirmation of Faith

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

(In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of glory!")

For the beauty and wonder of creation,

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food, for our homes and families and friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think and hearts to love,

We thank you, Lord.

For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all who pursue peace, justice, and truth,

We thank you, Lord.

For James, and Matthias, and all the saints whose lives have reflected the light of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our own needs and those of others.

Silence. people may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The people may name their remembered dead

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

Collect

God of wind and flame,

send your life-giving Spirit upon your people:

give fire to our words,

strength to our witness

and boldness to our proclamation

of your wondrous work in Christ;

who, with you and the Spirit, lives and reigns

now and for ever. **Amen.**

Opening Prayers (1997) alt.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

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.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

May the God of peace give us peace in all ways and at all times. **Amen.**

If a candle was lit, it is extinguished now

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