

THE DAY OF PENTECOST



Sunday, May 24, 2026

**COME, HOLY SPIRIT, FILL THE HEARTS OF YOUR FAITHFUL;
AND KINDLE IN US THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.**

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PARISH OF LANCASTER

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We acknowledge that the land on which
we gather is the traditional unceded
territory of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet)
and Mi'kmaq Peoples.

10:30 am HOLY COMMUNION FOR PENTECOST

The liturgy is an adaptation of *The Book of Alternative Services*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP
IN THE JOY OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION**

Prelude

The Gathering of the Community

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.

Alleluia! Christ is risen
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom now and forever.

Processional hymn "Come down, O Love Divine" CP 645

- 1 Come down, O love divine,
 seek thou this soul of mine,
 and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
 O Comforter, draw near,
 within my heart appear,
 and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

- 2 O let it freely burn,
 till earthly passions turn
 to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
 and let thy glorious light
 shine ever on my sight,
 and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

- 3 Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
- 4 And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till they become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

Collect for Purity

While still standing, as you're able, let us pray.

Almighty God,
**to you all hearts are open,
all desires 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 worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

“Glory to God on high” CP 365

- 1 Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly king.
We give you praise,
almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.
- 2 Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
the Father's only Son. the sacrificial Lamb,
who saves the world from sin, have mercy Lord.
Beside the Father's hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.

3 You only are the Lord. You only are most high.
You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.
And now you reign
with Father and with Spirit one in glorious light.

Text Glory to God; para. Paul Gibson (1932-2022)
Music DARWALL, John Darwall (1731-1789)

Collects of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

While still standing, let us pray.

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your
Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the
earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everliving God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of eternal life,
keep us in the unity of your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

The Pentecost Reading Acts 2:1-21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹ On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. ² Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³ Then, what looked like flames or

tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴ And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

⁵ At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. ⁶ When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.

⁷ They were completely amazed. “How can this be?” they exclaimed. “These people are all from Galilee, ⁸ and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! ⁹ Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!” ¹² They stood there amazed and perplexed. “What can this mean?” they asked each other.

¹³ But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, “They’re just drunk, that’s all!”

¹⁴ Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o’clock in the morning is much too early for that. ¹⁶ No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days,’ God says,

‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions,
and your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ In those days I will pour out my Spirit
even on my servants—men and women alike—
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will cause wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below—
blood and fire and clouds of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will become dark,
and the moon will turn blood red
before that great and glorious day of the Lord arrives.

²¹ But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
will be saved.’ [NLT]

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Psalm 104:25-35

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

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-13

A reading from First Corinthians.

³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. *[NRSV-A]*

Hear God's word for God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn “*O Holy Spirit*”

O Holy Spirit, come to this place.
Come in Your Glory, come with Your grace.
Come with Your fire
and sweep through our hearts.
Kindle the flame that has died.
Holy Spirit set us apart. *Repeat*

Words and Music Ruth Fazal

The Holy Gospel John 20:19-23

Alleluia, alleluia.
Come, Holy Spirit, come,

fill the hearts of your faithful people
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁹ 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.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' [NLT]

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Fr. Chris Ketch

The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith, as we say,
**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

ALL KNEEL OR SIT FOR OUR PRAYERS.

The Prayers of the People

While kneeling or seated, and crying Abba, Father, let the children of God offer prayers for the needs, concerns, and hopes of all the world.

For peace from God and for our healing.
Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all.
Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all who are here today and for those who come with faith, joy, and love of God.
Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For David our bishop, Chris our priest and all bishops, priests, deacons and those who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all children, parents and grandparents, and all who live by the light of Jesus Christ.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, for those who are ill especially....., and the dying and those who help them.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the world and its leaders, for Canada and all its people.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

We pray for all who follow Jesus, as we give ourselves to God through Jesus Christ.

To you, O Lord.

Blessed are you, God our Father, who sends us the Spirit of truth. Hear our prayers and fill your holy people with your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ALL STAND AS ABLE.

The Peace of Christ

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us express a sign of Christ's peace to one another.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn "Shine, Jesus, Shine" CP 460

The Prayer over the Gifts

As we remain standing, let us pray.

Almighty God, source of all joy, receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Keep us in the love of Christ and bring us to the vision of his glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

The Spirit of God is with us.

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 indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks because by the Holy Spirit you lead us into all truth, and give us power to proclaim your gospel to the nations, and to 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.**

PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED.

Hear us, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, through him accept our sacrifice of praise; and grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and blood;

Who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying, 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, Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

We then proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, having in remembrance his death once for all upon the cross, his resurrection from the dead, and his ascension into heaven, and looking for the coming of his kingdom, we make with this bread and this cup the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Accept through him this offering of our duty and service; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, fill us with your grace and heavenly blessing; nourish us by his body and blood, that we may grow into his likeness and made one by your Spirit, become a living temple to your glory.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, from all who stand before you in earth and heaven, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Silence is kept for a time.

The Breaking of the Bread

The presider breaks the consecrated bread, and says,

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Communion - invitation

Come, take bread,
the body of our Lord Jesus Christ broken for you.
Drink wine, his blood shed for you.
Receive God's gifts, with faith and thanksgiving.

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

While the church receives communion in silence, take the time to reflect or pray or sit quietly while enabling others to do so, and/or at any time to join in the singing of the following

Music during communion:

“O God, the Holy Ghost” CP 254

“The Risen Christ” TSH 330

- 1 O breath of God, come fill this place;
Revive our hearts to know your grace;
And from our slumber make us rise
That we may know the risen Christ.

- 2 O Word of God, so clear and true,
Renew our minds to trust in you;
And give to us the bread of life
That we may know the risen Christ.

- 3 O love of God, so unrestrained,
Refresh our souls in Jesus’ name.
Let us reflect your sacrifice
That we may know the risen Christ.

- 4 May God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit make us one.
In holiness let us unite
That we may know the risen Christ.

*Words & Music: Keith Getty, Phil Madeira
2005 Phil Madeira Music*

AFTER COMMUNION

The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Pentecost Response

God's love has been poured into our hearts.
We dwell in him and he in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,
And speak of all his marvellous works.

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty,
Who was and is and is to come!

Commissioning for God's Purposes

The following then is said,

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead be at work in us.

As part of God's Church here in this parish, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?
By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to embrace one another and grow together in love?
We will.

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to one another in need?
We will.

Will you dare to pray for one another

until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

We will.

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ
into the world's dark places?

We will.

Conclusion

The presider says,

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on
the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out
into the wild places of the world.

Blessing

The presider blesses the people, saying,

May the Spirit,
who hovered over the waters when the world was created,
breathe into you the life he gives. **Amen.**

May the Spirit,
who overshadowed the Virgin
when the eternal Son came among us,
make you joyful in the service of the Lord. **Amen.**

May the Spirit,
who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,
bring the world alive
with the love of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Filled with the Spirit's power,
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Recessional Hymn "Go Forth in His Name!" MP 955

1 We are His children,
The fruit of His suffering,
Saved and redeemed by His blood;
Called to be holy, a Light to the nations:
Clothed with His power,
Filled with His love.

*Refrain: Go forth in His Name,
Proclaiming 'Jesus reigns!'
Now is the time for the Church to arise
And proclaim Him, 'Jesus,
Saviour, Redeemer and Lord.'*

2 Countless the souls
That are stumbling in darkness:
Why do we sleep in the light?
Jesus commands us
To Go, make disciples--
This is our cause, this is our fight.

3 Listen, the Wind
Of the Spirit is blowing,
The end of the age is so near;
Powers in the earth
And the heavens are shaking,
Jesus our Lord soon shall appear!

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Postlude

Those serving today's worship and learning:

<i>Bulletin preparation</i>	Lori Maker (Parish Office)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Joyce Mitchell & Ann Stone
<i>Sunday School</i>	Laura Janes
<i>Sound system</i>	Chris Titus
<i>Greeter</i>	Bill Sherriff & Judy Galbraith
<i>Layreader & First Reader</i>	Joyce Mitchell
<i>Second Reader</i>	Ann Stone
<i>Prayer Leader</i>	Layreader
<i>Organist & Choir Director</i>	David Mitchell
<i>Presider & preacher</i>	Chris Ketch
<i>Guitarist</i>	Shayne Galbraith
<i>Counters</i>	Terry Ricketts & Janet Brown
<i>Building care</i>	Terry Ricketts

Those serving in our outreach this week:

Sun, May 24, 11:45 am HVHS Lunch Programme preparation (Large Hall kitchen)	Janet Brown Terry Ricketts
Mon, May 25, 11:30 am HVHS Lunch Programme delivery (from Large Hall)	Terry Ricketts Tim Ricketts

Who's serving next week is on the Narthex bulletin board.

THIS WEEK

- Wed, May 27, 10:00 am** Saint John and District Senior's Shuffleboard (Large Hall) For more info contact Pauline Wilson at 506 738-8677
- Wed, May 27, 7:00 pm** Choir practice (Small Hall) For more info contact David Mitchell at 506 738-2798

FOR OUR WORSHIP and LEARNING

Next Sunday – May 31 *Trinity Sunday-Fr. Chris presiding*
Scripture readings Genesis 1:1-2:4; *Psalm 8*; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13;
Matthew 28:16-20



Happy Birthday this Week to:

John Higgins, May 24

Amanda Thibodeau, May 30

“Remember you are a Child of God through Baptism”

PRAYER

Parish Cycle of Prayer for Week of May 24-30

Mon: Bev Sullivan

Tue: Jack and Susan Taylor

Wed: Jeff Taylor and Kelly Mitchell

Thur: Lorraine Taylor

Fri: The Harbourview Lunch Program Volunteers

Please pray for these parishioners and ministry this week.

Prayer for folks in nursing or special care homes

Ginny Abbott, Frances Finley, Ann Hoben, Ruth Northeast, Arlene Trask

Prayer for those in hospital or sick at home

Andrew Aalund, Diane Basque, Margaret Boyer, Edith Chilton, Shelly Clark Collins, Linda Cunningham, Jo-Ann Diamond, Bonnie Dean, Wendy DeWitt, Ernest Ellingwood, Barb Ellis, Debbie Green, Kaye Mallory, Pam Melanson, Michael Penchoff, Susan Penchoff, Carol Price, Margaret Ann Reid, Lois Shaw, Bob Sherwood, Mykayla Spinney, Norm Toole, Dennis Totton, Joe Totton, Robbie Wong.

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to all!!**