

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST IN



October 25, 2026

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
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Anglican Church of Canada

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we gather is the traditional unceded
territory of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet)
and Mi'kmaq Peoples.

From Supplementary Texts (2001) to *The Book of Alternative Services*.

THE GATHERING OF THE CHURCH

Greeting

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

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise “For the Fruit of All Creation” CP 259

Invitation, Confession and Prayer of Forgiveness

Officiant Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God’s commandments
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

All **Most merciful God,
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.

Officiant

Merciful God,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Officiant

We are the body of Christ; in the one Spirit we were all
baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that
makes for peace and builds up our common life.

People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

We greet one another in the peace of Christ.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant

Let us pray.

Lord God our redeemer,
who heard the cry of your people
and sent your servant Moses
to lead them out of slavery,
free us from the tyranny of sin and death,
and by the leading of your Spirit
bring us to our promised land;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People

Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Officiant

Thank you, Father,
for making yourself known to us
and showing the way of salvation
through faith in your Son.
We ask you now to teach and encourage us

through your Word,
so that we may be ready to serve you;
for the glory of the One in whose name we pray,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

(from *A Prayer Book for Australia*,
Anglican Church of Australia 1999)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

A reading from Deuteronomy.

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. ⁴The Lord said to him, ‘This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, “I will give it to your descendants”; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.’ ⁵Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. ⁶He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. ⁷Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. ⁸The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

⁹Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

¹⁰Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. ¹¹He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, ¹²and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel. [NRSV-A]

Hear God’s word for God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 90

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 **Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, ***
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
“Go back, O child of earth.”
- 4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday
when it is past ***
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 **In the morning it is green and flourishes; ***
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 **Our iniquities you have set before you, ***
**and our secret sins in the light of your
countenance.**
- 9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- 10 **The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; ***
**yet the sum of them is but labour and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**
- 11 Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?
- 12 **So teach us to number our days ***
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 **Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; ***
**so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our
life.**
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you
afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 **Show your servants your works ***
and your splendour to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

A reading from First Thessalonians.

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. [NRSV-A]

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

Gradual Hymn "*Fairest Lord Jesus*" **TSH 204**

- 1 Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
 O thou of God and man the Son,
 Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
 Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown!
- 2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
 Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
 Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
 Who makes the woeful heart to sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
 And all the twinkling starry host:
 Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
 Than all the angels heaven can boast.
- 4 Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Glory and honor, praise adoration,
 Now and forever more be thine!

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:34-46

A reading from Matthew.

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² ‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ ⁴³ He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ “The Lord said to my Lord,
‘Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet’”?

⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions. [NRSV-A]

Hear God’s word for God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Brenda Clayton

The Apostles’ Creed

Officiant Let us confess our faith as we say,
All **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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Leader Let us join in prayer with God's faithful people throughout the world, saying "God of love: hear our prayer."
Lord God almighty, we pray for the unity of your church, that our life may reflect the love you have shown us.

People **God of love: hear our prayer.**

Leader We ask your grace for David our bishop, Chris our priest-in-charge, and for all who minister in word and in action, that we may bear faithful witness to your good news.

People **God of love: hear our prayer.**

Leader We seek your peace and justice in our world, our country and our community, that the needy may never be forgotten.

People **God of love: hear our prayer.**

Leader We ask your blessing on our homes, our friends and family, and on those who live alone, that we may know your presence ever near us.

People **God of love: hear our prayer.**

Leader We name before you all whom you have given us to pray for [*especially....*], knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can ask or imagine.

People **God of love: hear our prayer.**

Leader We commend to you all who have died [*especially....*] that our trust in you may deepen as you show us the depth of your mercy.

People **God of love: hear our prayer.**

Leader We offer our thanks and praise for all you have done for us,
rejoicing in the knowledge that you are with us always.

People **God of love: hear our prayer.**

Leader We look for your purposes to be accomplished, and ask you to fill
us with the strength and vision to further your reign.

People **God of love: hear our prayer.**

Leader These and all our prayers we offer to you, heavenly Father, in the
name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn for the Offering “Where Charity and Love Prevail” CP 487

Officiant Let us pray.

All Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory, the splendour,
and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.

Prayer of General Thanksgiving

All Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all you have
done for us. We thank you for the splendour of the
whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the
wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank
you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the
loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank
you for setting us tasks which demand our best efforts,
and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy
and delight us. We thank you also for those
disappointments and failures that lead us to
acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all,
we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of
his word and the example of his life; for his steadfast
obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his
dying, through which he overcame death; for his rising
to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your
kingdom.
Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ
and make him known. And through him, at all times and

**in all places, may we give thanks to you in all things.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,
All **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.**

Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the risen and ascended Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn “Rejoice ye pure in heart” CH 169

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart;
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing.
Your festal banner wave on high-
The cross of Christ, your King.

Refrain
*Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice,
Give thanks and sing.*

2 With all the angel choirs;
With all the saints on earth,
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
True rapture, no-blest mirth!

3 Yes, on thro' life's long path,
Still chanting as ye go;
From youth to age, by night and day,
In gladness and in woe,

- 4 Still lift your standard high;
 Still march in firm array;
 As warriors, thro' darkness toil
 Till dawns the golden day.
- 5 Praise God who reigns on high,
 The Lord whom we adore;
 The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost-
 One God forever more.

Postlude

Those serving today's worship and learning:

<i>Bulletin preparation</i>	Lori Maker (Parish Office)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Susan Dole & Nancy Kerrigan
<i>Sunday School</i>	Laura Janes
<i>Sound system</i>	Chris Titus
<i>Greeter</i>	Lori McGovern & Carol Patterson
<i>First Reader</i>	Brenda Clayton
<i>Second Reader</i>	Bruce MacLeod
<i>Prayer Leader</i>	Officiant
<i>Organist & Choir Director</i>	David Mitchell
<i>Officiant & preacher</i>	Brenda Clayton
<i>Counters</i>	Terry Ricketts & Janet Brown
<i>Building care</i>	Barry McQueen

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

THIS WEEK

- Mon, Oct 26, 7:00 pm** Tintinnabula Hand Bell Choir (Small Hall) For more info contact Lynn Adams at 506 635-8474
- Wed, Oct 28, 10:00 am** Saint John and District Senior's Shuffleboard (Large Hall) For more info contact Pauline Wilson at 506 738-8677
- Wed, Oct 28, 7:00 pm** Choir practice (Small Hall) For more info contact David Mitchell at 506 738-2798
- Sat, Oct 31, 9:00 am** Vestry (Small Hall)

NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday –November 1 *All Saints' Day -Fr. Chris presiding*
Scripture readings Revelation 7:9-17; *Psalm 34:1-10,22*; 1 John 3:1-3;
Matthew 5:1-12



Happy Birthday this Week to:

Edith Chilton, October 26

Norman Toole, October 26

Deanna Wong, October 29

“Remember you are a Child of God through Baptism”

PRAYER

Parish Cycle of Prayer for Week of October 25-31

Mon: Bruce and Debbie McKiel

Tue: Marcia McMaster

Wed: Rev. Chris and Valda McMullen and Family

Thur: Barry McQueen and Family

Fri: Our Wardens, Chris and Paul

Please pray for these parishioners and ministry this week.

Prayer for folks in nursing or special care homes

Ginny Abbott, Frances Finley, Ann Hoben, Grenville Ingraham, 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, Shirley Downing, Ernest Ellingwood, Barb Ellis, Debbie
Green, Kaye Mallory, Pam Melanson, Michael Penchoff, Susan Penchoff,
Carol Price, Margaret Ann Reid, Lois Shaw, Avery Sherriff-Craft, Bob
Sherwood, Mykayla Spinney, Norm Toole, Dennis Totton, Joe Totton,
Robbie Wong.

Saint John Mission to Seafarers Prayer Cycle:

In October, we pray for stevedores, crane drivers and port workers
that they may load and discharge ships safely.