

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

IN



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Anglican Church of Canada

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and Mi'kmaq Peoples.

The liturgy is according to *The Book of Alternative Services*.

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Opening

Processional Hymn “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” CH 405

- 1 I love Thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of Thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.
- 2 I love Thy church, O God! (*Men*)
Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,
And graven on Thy hand.
- 3 For her my tears shall fall; (*Ladies*)
For her my prayers ascend,
To her my cares and toils be given,
Till toils and cares shall end.
- 4 Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.
- 5 Sure as Thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield
And brighter bliss of Heaven.

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Greeting

The Collect for Purity

“Glory to God”

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The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,

your Son Jesus Christ has taught us

that what we do for the least of your children

**we do also for him.
Give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us,
but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

First Reading

Genesis 24:34-67

A reading from Genesis.

³⁴ So he said, ‘I am Abraham’s servant. ³⁵ The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. ³⁶ And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. ³⁷ My master made me swear, saying, “You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; ³⁸ but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.” ³⁹ I said to my master, “Perhaps the woman will not follow me.” ⁴⁰ But he said to me, “The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel with you and make your way successful. You shall get a wife for my son from my kindred, from my father’s house. ⁴¹ Then you will be free from my oath, when you come to my kindred; even if they will not give her to you, you will be free from my oath.”

⁴² ‘I came today to the spring, and said, “O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! ⁴³ I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, ‘Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,’ ⁴⁴ and who will say to me, ‘Drink, and I will draw for your camels also’—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master’s son.”

⁴⁵ ‘Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, “Please let me drink.” ⁴⁶ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, “Drink, and I will also water your camels.” So I drank, and she also watered the camels. ⁴⁷ Then I asked her, “Whose daughter are you?” She said, “The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.” So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. ⁴⁸ Then I bowed my head and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my

master's kinsman for his son. ⁴⁹ Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.'

⁵⁰ Then Laban and Bethuel answered, 'The thing comes from the LORD; we cannot speak to you anything bad or good. ⁵¹ Look, Rebekah is before you; take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master's son, as the LORD has spoken.'

⁵² When Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed himself to the ground before the LORD. ⁵³ And the servant brought out jewellery of silver and of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave to her brother and to her mother costly ornaments. ⁵⁴ Then he and the men who were with him ate and drank, and they spent the night there. When they rose in the morning, he said, 'Send me back to my master.' ⁵⁵ Her brother and her mother said, 'Let the girl remain with us a while, at least ten days; after that she may go.' ⁵⁶ But he said to them, 'Do not delay me, since the LORD has made my journey successful; let me go, that I may go to my master.' ⁵⁷ They said, 'We will call the girl, and ask her.' ⁵⁸ And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' ⁵⁹ So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. ⁶⁰ And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

'May you, our sister, become
thousands of myriads;
may your offspring gain possession
of the gates of their foes.'

⁶¹ Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

⁶² Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. ⁶³ Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. ⁶⁴ And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, ⁶⁵ and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶ And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷ Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death. [NRSV-A]

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

Psalm 45:11-18

- 11 “Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
forget your people and your father’s house.
- 12 **The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *
he is your master; therefore do him honour.**
- 13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people seek your favour.”
- 14 **All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
her gown is cloth-of-gold.**
- 15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
- 16 **With joy and gladness they are brought, *
and enter into the palace of the king.**
- 17 “In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
you shall make them princes over all the earth.
- 18 **I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to another; *
therefore nations will praise you for ever and
ever.”**

Second Reading Romans 7:15-25a

A reading from Romans.

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin. [NRSV-A]

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Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"* CP 508

Gospel Matthew 11:16-30

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁶ 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

¹⁷ "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

²⁰ Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done, because they did not repent. ²¹ 'Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I tell you, on the day of judgement it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades. For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I tell you that on the day of judgement it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.' ²⁵ At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.' [NRSV-A]

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

Sermon Rev. Ann Fairweather

The Nicene Creed *page 188*

The Prayers of the People

Lay-Reader: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

All: **And grant us thy salvation.**

(Prayers for the wider world...)

L: ...O Lord, save the King;

All: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

(Prayers for the Church...)

L: ...Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

All: **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

(Prayers for the sick and distressed...)

L: ...O Lord, save thy people;

All: **And bless thine inheritance.**

(Prayers for those suffering from war, persecution or injustice...)

L: ...Give peace in our time, O Lord;

All: **And evermore mightily defend us.**

(Prayers for ourselves as God's people...)

L: ...O God, make clean our hearts within us;

All: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

Invitation, Confession, Absolution *page 191*
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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory *"Come Follow Me" (Recorded by Susan Taylor & Ginny Higgins)*

Prayer over the Gifts *page 366*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Breaking of the Bread (#2) *page 212*

The Communion – invitation
***Lamb of God*” CP 690**

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Receiving of Communion

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

“Come, Everyone Who Is Thirsty” CH 720

- 1 Come, everyone who is thirsty in spirit;
 Come, every one who is weary and sad.
 Come to the fountain; there’s fullness in Jesus—
 All that you’re longing for; Come and be glad.

*“I will pour water on him that is thirsty;
I will pour floods upon the dry ground.
Open your heart for the gift I am bringing;
While you are seeking Me I will be found.”*

- 2 Child of the world, are you tired of your bondage?
 Weary of earth-joys, so false, so untrue?
 Thirsting for God and His fullness of blessing?
 List’ to the promise, a message for you.

- 3 Child of the Kingdom, be filled with the Spirit!
 Nothing but fullness thy longing can meet.
 ‘Tis the enduement for life and for service.
 Thine is the promise, so certain, so sweet!

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“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” CLH 297

- 1 O soul, are you weary and troubled?
 No light in the darkness you see?
 There’s light for a look at the Saviour,
 And life more abundant and free!

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.*

- 2 Through death into life everlasting
He passed and we follow Him there;
Over us sin no more hath dominion,
For more than conquerors we are!
- 3 His word shall not fail you - He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well;
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell.

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

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Prayer after Communion

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Blessing *as given by the presider*

THE CHURCH DEPARTS TO WITNESS AND TO SERVE

Dismissal

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Recessional Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" CP 505

- 1 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.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
Thou in my dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only; first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

- 4 High King of heaven, when victory is won,
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, what ever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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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>	Finished for Summer
<i>Sound system</i>	Chris Titus
<i>Greeter</i>	Patti & Jim Touchbourne
<i>Layreader & First Reader</i>	Paul Desjardins
<i>Second Reader</i>	Margaret Penchoff
<i>Prayer Leader</i>	Layreader
<i>Organist & Choir Director</i>	David Mitchell
<i>Presider & preacher</i>	Rev. Ann Fairweather
<i>Guitarist</i>	Shayne Galbraith
<i>Counters</i>	Terry Ricketts & Janet Brown
<i>Building care</i>	Beverly Janes

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

NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday – July 12 Pentecost 7-Service of the Word-
Heather Masson Scripture readings Genesis 25:19-34; *Psalm*
119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Happy Birthday this Week to:



Joanne Francella, July 10
Wendy Ricketts, July 11

“Remember you are a Child of God through Baptism”

Food Bank

Please remember the **West Side Food Bank** with a toonie or a loonie in the can in the Narthex, or a donation in a special envelope marked with your name or number. We aim to support the Food Bank by at least \$ 200/month!

PRAYER

Parish Cycle of Prayer for Week of July 5-11

Mon: Prabin Yesuhasan, Esther Sheeba Rani and Family
Tue: Andrew and Barbara Aalund, and Sergiy
Wed: Ginny Abbott
Thur: Lynn Adams and Family
Fri: Camp Medley and its ministry and youth.

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, Grenville Ingraham, 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.

Saint John Mission to Seafarers Prayer Cycle:

In July, we pray for all Seafarers, and for the Christian Societies that seek to assist seafarers, and the International Christian Maritime Association, the North American Maritime Ministry Association and those who bring the missions together.

Prayer Shawls - if you know someone in our parish who is in great need for prayer and would find comfort in a shawl made with love and care. Contact Ngaire Nelson at 506-672-8666 or the church office at 506-635-8145.

OUR PARISH PRAYER TREE

A team of volunteers is available upon request, to pray for you or your loved one (with their permission) daily, for two weeks. These prayers will be treated with the strictest confidence. Prayer-requests should be short and to the point, and will be passed on verbatim. The Lord knows what we need best! A follow-up of thanks or an update encourages our intercessors in their ministry.

To initiate the prayer-tree ministry please call your request to our “Captain”, Ngaire Nelson (672-8666)