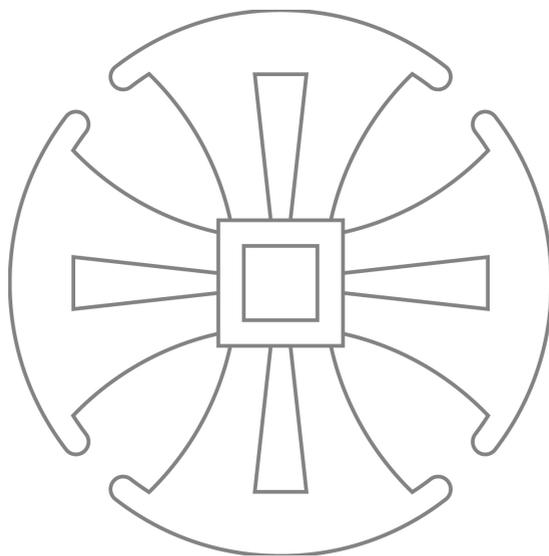


June 28, 2020 at 10am

## **Pentecost 4**



## **A Liturgy of the Word**

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# **ASCENSION**

*We gather on the traditional territory of the  
Algonquin Anishinabe Nation.*

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# **Welcome to Church of the Ascension**

## **Hymn – “All Praise to Christ”**

All praise to Christ, our Lord and King  
divine,  
yielding your glory, in your love’s design,  
that in our darkened hearts your grace  
might shine: Alleluia!

You came to us in lowliness of thought;  
by you the outcast and the poor were  
sought  
and by your death was our redemption  
bought: Alleluia!

The mind of Christ is as our mind should be -  
he was a servant, that we might be free;  
humbling himself to death on Calvary:  
Alleluia!

And so we see in God's great purpose,  
how Christ has been raised above all  
creatures now;  
and at his name shall every nation bow.  
Alleluia!

Let every tongue confess with one accord,  
in heaven and earth, that Jesus Christ is  
Lord,  
and God the Creator be by all adored:  
Alleluia!

## **Opening Prayers and Penitential Rite**

God is with us

**O come, let us worship!**

Although we have come together in digital  
space, we each stand in place on solid  
ground that is the ancestral territory of  
peoples who were here long before

Europeans crossed the ocean. I live in the City of Ottawa which is located on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg people. On whose territory do you live?

*Silence*

Let us pray,  
**Loving God,**  
**help us to live respectfully on these lands,**  
**seeking justice and peace. Help us to pray**  
**to you in faith, to sing to you with**  
**gratitude, and to listen to your word with**  
**eagerness; so that we might follow Christ**  
**our Lord. Amen.**

God knows the innermost workings of our hearts and God's love does not fail.

Confident, therefore, in God's faithfulness,  
let us confess our own sins and those of  
our broken world.

*Silence*

**We need your healing, merciful God:  
give us true repentance.  
Some sins are plain to us;  
some escape us,  
some we cannot face.  
Forgive us;  
set us free to hear your word to us;  
set us free to serve you.**

God brings new life for all.

You are forgiven.

Take hold of this forgiveness and live your  
life in the Spirit of Jesus Christ to bring  
God's healing to the world.

**Amen.**

## **Gloria**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

*Repeat*

## **First Reading – Romans 6:12-23**

*A reading from the Letter to the Romans*

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under

law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did

you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 13** – *interpreted in song by Steve Bell*

How long, O Lord?

Will you forget me for ever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,

and grief in my heart, day after day?  
How long shall my enemy triumph over  
me?

Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my  
God;  
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;  
lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over  
this one,"  
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

But I put my trust in your mercy;  
my heart is joyful because of your saving  
help.

I will sing to the Lord who has dealt with  
me richly;  
I will praise the name of the Lord Most  
High.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Repeat*

## **Gospel Reading – Matthew 10:40-42**

God is here.

**The Spirit is with us.**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you  
welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me  
welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever  
welcomes a prophet in the name of a  
prophet will receive a prophet’s reward;  
and whoever welcomes a righteous person  
in the name of a righteous person will  
receive the reward of the righteous; and

whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Sermon – the Rev'd Rhonda Waters**

**Hymn – “There Is a Redeemer”**

*Refrain*

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank you, O my God for giving us your  
Son  
and leaving your Spirit till the work on  
earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all  
names  
precious Son of God, Messiah, Lamb for  
sinners slain.

*Refrain*

When I stand in glory, I shall see his face  
and there I'll serve my King forever in that  
holy place.

*Refrain*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

*Together, let us affirm our faith as we say:*

**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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Collect**

Ruler of the universe, you call us to a loyalty  
beyond all earthly claims; grant us strength  
to offer ourselves to you as a people who  
have been raised from death to life;  
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and for ever

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**Our Mother, 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.**

## **Closing Prayers**

Blessed be God who calls us together and  
makes us one.

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin  
and gives us hope and freedom.

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed  
and is revealed to be Love.

Blessed be God who alone has called us.  
Therefore we offer all that we are and all  
that we shall become.

Glory to God  
whose power working in us can do  
infinitely more than we can ask or  
imagine.

Glory to God from generation to  
generation, in the Church and in Christ  
Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

**Celebration and Blessing of the  
Graduates** – *Video presentation*

May the peace which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of God's Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

And the blessing of the Holy Trinity, the Source of all being, the Eternal Word, and the Holy Spirit be upon you this day and forevermore.

**Amen.**

## **Hymn – “Will You Come and Follow Me”**

Will you come and follow me

If I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know

And never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,

Will you let my name be known,

Will you let my life be grown

In you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind  
If I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
And never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
Should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
In you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true  
When you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
And never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
Where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
In you and you in me.

*This service is assembled from resources found in the Book of Alternative Services, published by the Anglican Church of Canada; New Patterns for Worship, published by the Church of England; and A New Zealand Prayer Book, published by the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.*

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## **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God! **Online Community**

## **Zoom Link for Sunday Worship**

- **Sunday morning services** are livestreamed at 10am:  
<https://zoom.us/j/301177504?pwd=Q3RaZCtIQ3V0OSsreUpFRDV4RDZXUT09> (or phone 1-587-328-1099). Meeting ID: 301 177 504 Password: 089370
- **Facebook** users can stream an edited version of the service at [facebook.com/ascensionottawa](https://www.facebook.com/ascensionottawa)
- **Service booklets** are available at [churchoftheascension.ca/booklets](https://www.churchoftheascension.ca/booklets)

## **Prayer, Fellowship, Study**

- **Thursday Bible Study and Prayer** (aka “Lectio”) — Thursdays at 10 am: Email [rhonda@churchoftheascension.ca](mailto:rhonda@churchoftheascension.ca) for a link and password.
- **Story at the Rectory** — First and third Thursdays at 7:30pm:  
<https://zoom.us/j/698700963?pwd=andFNVV3TC9oY3BVVjBBMms5YnBzQT09> (ID: 698 700 963; Password 526601)
- **Virtual Coffee** — Café Zoom is closing for the summer, but don’t hesitate to contact Rhonda or the office if you would like to schedule an Ascension social time using our Zoom account.
- **Rhonda’s Office Hours:** On Mondays from 4 to 6pm, Rhonda is available for private prayer, conversation, or check-in on **Zoom**. You are also welcome to call 613-236-3958.

## Church at Home

- **Daily Prayer for Pentecost:** A resource for simple daily prayer at home is available at [churchoftheascension.ca/home-church](http://churchoftheascension.ca/home-church)
- **Reflections from a Distance** is a weekly email digest of art, poetry, playlists, and reflections. Contributions are welcome; email [rhonda@churchoftheascension.ca](mailto:rhonda@churchoftheascension.ca).
- **Ascension's Prayer Team** welcomes your prayer requests via email at [prayerteamascension@gmail.com](mailto:prayerteamascension@gmail.com). Prayer Team members are also available to pray with you in a phone call.

## **Make a Donation**

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