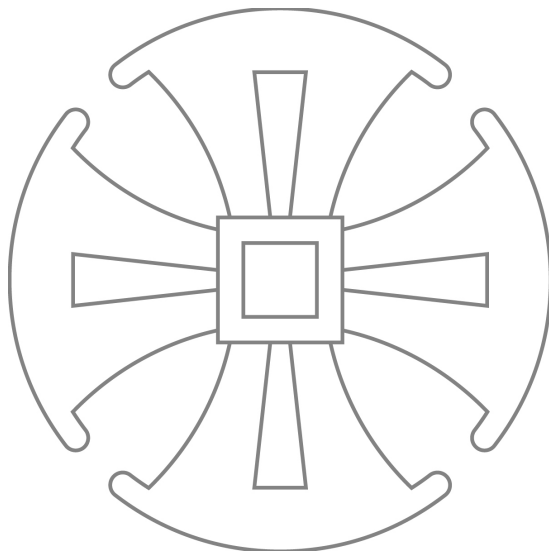


August 30, 2020 at 10am

Pentecost 13



A Liturgy of the Word

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

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Opening Hymn – Here I am to Worship

Light of the World,
You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
Hope of a life spent with you.

So, here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God.
And you're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days,
Oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the Earth you created,
All for love's sake became poor.

Refrain

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 the 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.

Silence

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.

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 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the

saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches

Thanks be to God

Psalm 26:1-8

Give judgement for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in you and have not faltered.
Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.
For your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.
I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.
I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.
I will wash my hands in innocence,
O Lord, that I may go in procession round your altar,

singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Repeat

The Gospel – Matthew 16:21-28

God is here

The Spirit is with us

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and

undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then

he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

Hymn – Guide Me, O my Great Redeemer

Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty,
hold me with your powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield:
ever be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to you:
I will ever give to you.

Affirmation of Faith

Together, let us affirm our 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.

Prayers of the People

Collect of the Day

O God,
whose word burns like a fire within us:
grant us a bold and faithful spirit,
so that, in your strength,
we may be unafraid to speak your word
and follow where you lead;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God for ever and 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.

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.**

Closing Hymn – The Servant Song

We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey thro'.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we will find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

On-Site Worship

Beginning September 7, on-site services resume at Ascension. To learn about pre-registration and safety precautions, visit churchoftheascension.ca

Zoom Links 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

Zoom Links for Prayer, Fellowship, and Study

- **Thursday Morning Bible Study and Prayer** (aka "Lectio") — Thursdays at 10 am
Email rhonda@churchoftheascension.ca for a link and password.
- **Thursday Evening Prayer and Bible Study** (based on Lectio) — Second and fourth Thursdays at 8pm
Email 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>
(Meeting ID: 698 700 963; Password 526601)

Church at Home

- **Daily Prayer:** A resource for simple daily prayer at home is available at churchoftheascension.ca/home-church
- **Reflections from a Distance** is a weekly email digest of art, poetry, playlists, and personal reflections. Contributions are welcome; please email rhonda@churchoftheascension.ca.
- Ascension's Prayer Team welcomes your prayer requests via email at prayerteamascension@gmail.com.

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