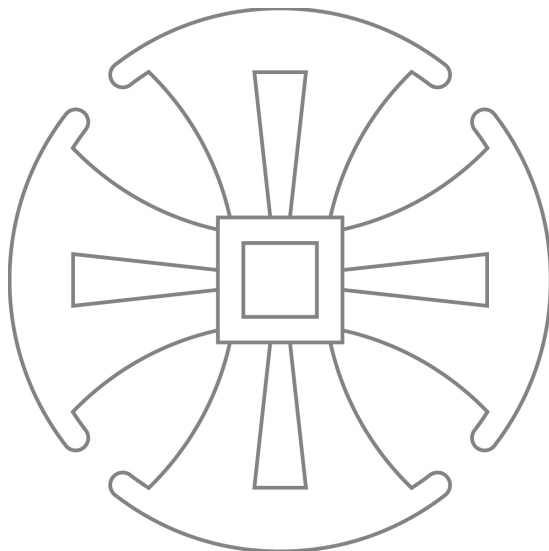


September 6, 2020 at 10am

## **Pentecost 14**



## **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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## **Opening Hymn – Come, O God, of all the Earth**

Come, O God of all the earth:  
Come to us, O Righteous One;  
Come, and bring our love to birth:  
In the glory of your Son.

*Sing out, earth and skies!  
Sing of the God who loves you!  
Raise your joyful cries!  
Dance to the life around you!*

Come, O God of wind and flame:  
Fill the earth with righteousness;  
Teach us all to sing your name:  
May our lives your love confess.

*Refrain*

Come, O God of snow and rain:  
Shower down upon the earth;  
Come, O God of joy and pain:  
God of sorrow, God of mirth.

*Refrain*

Come, O Justice, Come, O Peace:  
Come and shape our hearts anew;  
Come and make oppression cease:  
Bring us all to life in you.

*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.**

Confident in God's loving kindness, let us call to mind our sins, and those of our society, in the misuse of God's creation

*Silence*

Holy One,  
**we have taken your gifts for granted and treated your creation as if it belonged to us alone. Heal us from our selfishness and show us the way to wholeness for the whole world, in this day and for generations to come.**

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 in the highest, and on earth  
Peace to people of good will.

*Repeat*

## **First Reading – Exodus 12:1-14**

*A Reading from the book of Exodus*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who

eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it



hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches

**Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 149**

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing the praises of God in the congregation  
of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in their maker;  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their  
sovereign.

Let them praise the name of the Lord in the  
dance;

let them sing praise to God with timbrel  
and harp.

For the Lord takes pleasure in this people  
and adorns the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;  
let them be joyful on their beds.

Let the praises of God be in their throat  
and a two-edged sword in their hand;  
to wreak vengeance on the nations  
and punishment on the peoples;

to bind their rulers in chains  
and their nobles with links of iron;  
to inflict on them the judgement decreed;  
this is glory for all God's faithful people.  
Hallelujah!

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Repeat*

### **Gospel Reading – Matthew 18:15-20**

God is here

**The Spirit is with us**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to ...

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or

three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Sermon**

**Hymn – For the Beauty of the Earth**

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower,

Sun and moon and stars of light,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine  
To our race so freely given,

Graces human and divine,  
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

## **Affirmation of Faith**

Together, let us affirm our faith:

**We believe and trust  
in God, the Source of all being,  
who spoke all creation into being.**

**We believe and trust  
in God the Son, Jesus Christ,  
who redeemed the world.**

**We believe and trust  
In God the Holy Spirit  
who breathes life into the people of God.**

## **Prayers of the People**

## **Collect of the Day**

God of unity and truth,  
encourage the fervent,  
enlighten the doubtful  
and bring back the wayward.

Gather us all together in mutual love,  
so that our prayer may be pleasing to you.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son, 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**

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy. As we go forth this day, renewed by your word and strengthened by your people, open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to see all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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.**

Receive God's blessing that you might be God's blessing: in the name of the Holy Trinity who creates, redeems, and sustains us. **Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn: Canticle of the Turning**

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.

You fixed your sight on your servant's  
plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be  
blest.

Could the world be about to turn?

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn!*

Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
And your mercy will last from the depths of  
the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,

You will show your might, put the strong to  
flight,  
for the world is about to turn.

*Refrain*

From the halls of power to the fortress  
tower,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be  
fed,  
for the world is about to turn.

*Refrain*

Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us

from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by  
God,  
who is turning the world around.

*Refrain*

## **Dismissal**

Go in the name of Christ to treasure and to  
tend God's beloved world.

**Thanks be to God!**

# Worship with Ascension

## 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)

## **On-Site Worship**

Due to the pandemic, we have limited space and are observing other important safety precautions. Please visit

[churchoftheascension.ca/church-onsite](https://churchoftheascension.ca/church-onsite) to read about our onsite services before making your reservation.

- **Holy Eucharist:** Mondays at 7:30pm;  
Wednesdays at 2pm
- **Compline:** the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm, starting Oct. 13.

## **Zoom Links for Prayer, Fellowship, and Study**

- **Thursday Morning Bible Study and Prayer** — Thursdays at 10 am; email [rhonda@churchoftheascension.ca](mailto: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](mailto:rhonda@churchoftheascension.ca).
- **Story at the Rectory** — First and third Thursdays at 7:30pm (Meeting ID: 698 700 963; Password 526601);  
<https://zoom.us/j/698700963?pwd=andFNWV3TC9oY3BVVjBBMms5YnBzQT09>

## **Church at Home**

- **Daily Prayer:** 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 personal reflections. Contributions are welcome; please 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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