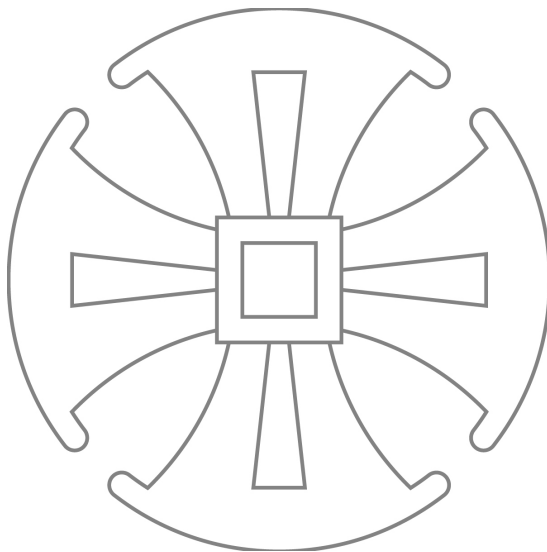


September 20, 2020 at 10am

Pentecost 16



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 – Morning has Broken

Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.

Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing
fresh from the Word.

Sweet is the rain's fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew-fall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.

Ours is the sunlight!
Ours is the morning
born of the first light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning.
God's recreation
of the new day.

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 16:2-15

A Reading from the book of Exodus

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much

as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him – what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the

glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches
Thanks be to God

Psalm 105:1-6

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the divine name; make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples. Sing to the Lord, sing praises, and speak of all the marvellous works of the Lord.

Glory in the holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the strength of the Lord; continually seek the face of God.

Remember the marvels the Lord has done, the wonders and the judgements of the mouth of the Lord,

O offspring of Abraham the servant of God, O children of Jacob the chosen of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Repeat

Gospel Reading – Matthew 20:1-16

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, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, You also

go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying,

'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

Hymn – God the Maker of the Heavens

God, the maker of the heavens
And the planet that we share,
Show us how to live, like Jesus,
Lives of gratitude and care.

Make us mindful of the foot-prints
From the lives that we pursue.
Make us partners in your mission:
You are making all things new.

God, the gardener of Eden,
Teach us how to tend this earth,
Learning from the changing seasons,
Times of fallow and newbirth.

Lord have mercy when we're careless,
Rich resources we misuse.
Use our hands to heal creation:
You are making all things new.

God of labour and vocation,
Lord of Science, trade and art,
Take our efforts and our passions
Make them mirrors of your heart.

Every habitat and creature
Loved and valued, God, by you;
May our lives reveal your Kingdom:
You are making all things new.
You are making all things new.

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

**O God,
from your providing hand
even the dissatisfied and grumbling
receive what they need for their lives.
Teach us your ways of justice
and lead us to practise your generosity,
so that we may live a life worthy of the
gospel made known through your Son
Jesus Christ, our Saviour. 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 – Let Justice Roll

Let justice roll, like a mighty river
A-movin' fast, down to the sea
It will erode, all our foundations
Touch every heart, and every nation
Let justice roll, like a mighty river
For you and me, let justice roll

And those who live, by rule of power
Will find their swords, turned into ploughs
And all the rich, they shall be humbled
When all the poor, reclaim the earth

Refrain

And those who pass, by those who hunger
Those who pass, by those who hurt
Will find their prayers lost in the heavens
For the Kingdom's born upon the earth

Refrain

And the victims of some blind repression
By those who fear, new thoughts and
visions

They shall not die and be forgotten
They're a living stream that makes justice
roll

Refrain

The river of God is teeming with life
and all who touch it can be revived,
And those who linger on the river's shore
will come back thirsting for more of the
Lord.

Refrain

Up to the mountain we love to go
to find the presence of the Lord.
Along the banks of the river we run,
we dance with laughter giving praise to the
Son.

Refrain

Down the mountain the river flows
and it brings refreshing wherever it goes.
Through the valleys and over the fields
the river is rushing and the river is here.

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 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 for a link and password.

- **Thursday Evening Prayer and Bible Study** (based on Lectio) — Second and fourth Thursdays at 8pm; email 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
- **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. Prayer Team members are also available to pray with you in a phone call.

Make a Donation

If you would like make an online contribution to Church of the Ascension, you may do so via e-transfer to treasurer@churchoftheascension.ca, or with a secure online donation at canadahelps.org.