

Sunday, June 13, 2021

At 10:00 a.m.

Worship Booklet

Pentecost 3

A Liturgy of the Word

*Please join our
Livestream on
Zoom.*



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Land Acknowledgement

Ascension gathers on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people.

You Are Salt for the Earth

You are salt for the earth, O people:
salt for the kingdom of God!

Share the flavour of life, O people:
life in the kingdom of God!

*Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God!*

You are a light on the hill, O people:
light for the city of God!

Shine so holy and bright, O people:
shine for the kingdom of God!

*Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God!*

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice
grown in the kingdom of God!

*Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God!*

We are a blest and a pilgrim people
bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
love is the kingdom of God

*Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God!*

Opening Prayers

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.

Rite of Repentance

The Spirit of God fills the world and all God's people, working for the healing and restoration of creation. Let us then open ourselves to God and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

Most merciful God;
in your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanks be to God who forgives us and sets us free, heals and strengthens us by Holy Spirit, and raises us to new life in Christ.
Amen.

Gloria

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

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

Repeat

Collect of the Day

Mighty God, to you belong the mysteries of the universe. You transform shepherds into kings, the smallest seeds into magnificent trees, and hardened hearts into loving one. May your life-giving Spirit re-create us in your image and shape us into your purposes, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

First Reading / Ezekiel 17:22-24

A Reading from ...

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches

Thanks be to God

Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

to tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning and of your faithfulness in the night season;

on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

My eyes also gloat over my enemies, and my ears rejoice to hear the doom of the wicked who rise up against me.

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God; **they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Repeat

Gospel Reading / Mark 4:26-34

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, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to

them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

Creating God Your Fingers Trace

Creating God, your fingers trace
the bold designs of farthest space;
let sun and moon and stars and light
and what lies hidden praise your might.

Sustaining God, your hands uphold
earth's mysteries know or yet untold;
let water's fragile blend with air,
enabling life, proclaim your care.

Redeeming God, your arms embrace
all now despised for creed or race;
let peace, descending like a dove,
make known on earth your healing love.

Indwelling God, your gospel claims
one family with a billion names;
let every life be touched by grace
until we praise you face to face.

Affirmation of Faith

Together, let us affirm our faith as we say:
**Hear, O my people 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

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's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given

to us. And so we join our voices and bodies in praise and thanksgiving:

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.

Peace to you from God, the Source of all being. Peace from Jesus Christ who is our peace. Peace from the Holy Spirit who gives us life.

With hands on our hearts, we share this peace: The peace of the triune God be always with you.

And Everyone 'neath Their Vine

And everyone 'neath their vine and fig tree
Shall live in peace and unafraid.

Nations to ploughshares turn their swords,
And they shall study war no more.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

Thanks be to God

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