

Sunday, June 11, 2021

At 10:00 a.m.

Worship Booklet

Pentecost 7

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.

Here in this Place

Here in this place new light is streaming;
Now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our
dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.

*Gather us in the lost and forsaken;
Gather us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;
We shall arise at the sound of our name.*

We are young our lives are a mystery;
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung through-out all of
history,

*Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in the right and the haughty;
Gather us in the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly;
Give us the courage to enter the song.*

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place the new light is
shining;
Now is the kingdom, now is the day.

*Gather us in and hold us forever;
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in all people together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

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 Indigenous peoples. *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

God of the prophets, whose word cuts through the webs of power and holds the tyrant to account: be with all who raise their voice against oppression and misrule, who are imprisoned and abused for freedom's sake; help us to stand and speak with them and witness to your kingdom now; through Jesus Christ, the name above all others. **Amen.**

First Reading / Amos 7:7-15

A Reading from ...

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again

pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land." ' And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from

following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

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

Psalm 85:8-13

I will listen to what you, Lord God, are saying, for you are speaking peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Lord, you will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before you, and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Repeat

Gospel Reading / Mark 6:14-29

God is here

The Spirit is with us

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are

at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the

leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her

mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

There Is a Redeemer

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.

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

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

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

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.

Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the word of the Lord:
And these are the days of Your servant
Moses,
Righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying
'Prepare ye the way of the Lord!'

*Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of your servant
David,

Rebuilding a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in the world,
And we are the labourers in your vineyard,
Declaring the word of the Lord!

*Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
Thanks be to God

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