

Officiant: The Churches of our Diocese stand on the traditional territories of the Algonquin Nation.

People: **May we dwell on these lands always with respect and peace.**

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Officiant: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal,
keep us in the unity of your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The Proclamation of the Word

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

ACTS 2:1-21; PSALM 104:25-35, 37; 1 CORINTHIANS 12:3b-13; JOHN 20:19-23

(You may use your own Bible, or click on this link:

<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2020-05-31>

NB There are some alternative texts at this link, which you may or may not use)

Sermon

I would like to wish you all many happy returns of the day, and hope you all have a very happy birthday!

Today is our birthday, the birthday of the Church
– not just this Parish, but the Church everywhere.

We give remembrance and thanks for the day it all started – as we heard in the reading from Acts.

Most of all, as we do at all birthdays, we give thanks for the gift of life, for the life that has taken place since it started at birth.

We look forward to the future with hope, and good wishes, that what is to come may give more growth.

Another year has passed in the life of the Spirit within us.
Has it been a momentous year, a year to remember?
or has it been a very ordinary year, or perhaps a poor year?
In any event, we look forward to the coming year – the coming years – in the life of the Spirit within Christian people, looking forward to great things, to wonderful workings.

To children, young people, and the young in the faith, happy birthday! We wish you many years in the life of the Spirit. The Spirit will lead you through many ways, many situations, many attitudes, many experiences. We wish you joy in the many changes and developments that your life will undergo.

To those near the end of your life, happy birthday!
You have had many experiences in the Spirit, and the joy of them is to be savoured. But the Spirit hasn't finished its work with you. We wish you joy in what is still to come in your life in the Spirit.

To those who hold office within our congregation, the Wardens, members of Parish Council, those who hold office within Parish organisations, happy birthday!
May the responsibility you hold be blessed, and through it may you enable and encourage the life of the Spirit within our faith community.

To our musicians, and to those who sing (which, of course, is all of you) happy birthday!
Music is an important part of our worship, and may we through it find worship in the Spirit.

To those who participate in our worship in other ways:
the sidespersons, our Lay Readers, the lay assistants at Communion, those who read and lead prayers, those who maintain this building, the altar guild, happy birthday! Your contributions are also part of our worship, and serve our experiences of the Spirit.

To those who are going through periods of doubt, darkness and turmoil, happy birthday!
The Spirit may seem very absent at this time. But the Spirit is still working and living in you, and as you continue to desire and long for awareness of the Spirit's presence, you may trust and hope that its experience will come.

To those of you who at this time find great joy in your experience of the Spirit, happy birthday! You have just cause to rejoice in its life. But remember, the Spirit can surprise and disturb what we find comfortable and secure in order to bring you to a deeper understanding of his working.

To those of you – in between – for whom things are rather ordinary, happy birthday!
May you come to see the workings of the Spirit in the ordinary things of life.
Do not be envious of those who have had ecstatic experiences of the Spirit; such ecstatic experiences are not given to everyone – nor does everyone need them.
But if you are aware of the Spirit in ordinariness, you have received a gift that is precious indeed.

Happy birthday! We give thanks for the day when we, the Church, were given life. We remember when the embryo Church, conceived through the previous work of God, particularly in Jesus Christ, was gathered in the upper room and received the Holy Spirit, received life, and the church was born. We remember our own Pentecosts, be it our baptism, our confirmation, or whatever occasion – or occasions – we consider it was.

We give thanks for the life of the Spirit in the Church since Pentecost. For all those great Christians, and those episodes in the life of the Church where we can discern the working of the Spirit. We give thanks for our own experiences of the Spirit within us, and within the Church of our own time.

Because through these we recognize that it is the Holy Spirit that gives the Church its life.

Without the Spirit, there is no life.

And then to the future. The working of the Spirit is essential to the life of the Church, but let us not forget that it is possible for us to resist the Spirit. Our prayer is that we may be open to the Spirit, even prepared to be surprised by the path the Spirit takes us. But in this way we can express good wishes for the future; we can encourage and look forward to new growth.

And so today we recall our experiences of life, experiences of life in the Spirit. The Spirit means life. We give thanks for its gift to the Church at Pentecost; we give thanks for the experiences of its life since that day; we look forward in hope to the future life. It is our birthday.

Many happy returns of the day!

Apostles' Creed

Officiant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

**All: I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Let us pray to God the Holy Spirit, saying:
Come, Holy Spirit, come, renew the face of the earth.

Lord God Almighty, pour upon us your Spirit,
and set us on fire with love for you,
that we may bring forth the fruits of love, joy and peace,
and live to the praise of your holy name.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
renew the face of the earth.

Holy Spirit, moving in the deep places of creation,
and bringing order out of chaos;
move in the depths of our hearts,
and bring order to our actions and purpose in our lives.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
renew the face of the earth.

Holy Spirit, breathing life into all creatures,
refresh, renew, restore your people.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
renew the face of the earth.

Holy Spirit, giving life to dry bones,
give hope and joy to all who are weary.
Restore the lives which without you are dead.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
renew the face of the earth.

Come Holy Spirit, upon the newly baptized
and all new Christians.
Come upon all who are testing their vocations
and all who are in new work.
Come upon all bishops, priest and deacons,
especially on Shane who will be consecrated bishop later today;
We pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia: The Most Revd Leonard Dawea -
Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Melanesia and Bishop of Temotu.

In our Diocese, for Area Parish of the St. Lawrence (Trinity Cornwall, Christ Church Seaway, St. John's Lancaster)
The Reverend Patrick Stephens
The Reverend Colin McFarland
The Reverend Deacon Richard Matthias

Holy Trinity, Metcalfe
The Venerable Paul Blunt

Area Parish of South Carleton (Holy Trinity, North Gower; St. John's, Kars; St. Paul's, Osgoode)
The Reverend Carolyn Seabrook
The Reverend Allan Budzin
come upon all who seek to serve you.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
renew the face of the earth.

Come upon the powerless and the oppressed.
Come, be known among the unemployed and the exploited,
the anxious and the fearful.
Come and give strength to the sick and the dying;
for those who have invited our prayers, especially Zachariah, Marjorie, Cheryl, Fr. David, Roy, Jeanette; those affected by the COVID 19 pandemic;
and those who are on each of our hearts and minds this morning.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
renew the face of the earth.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant: The fire of God change you, and you will be changed.
The wind of God change you, and you will be changed.
The breath of God change you, and you will be changed.
The Spirit of God change you, and you will be changed.
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among
you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Officiant: Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!
All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**