

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Metcalfe  
PENTECOST 2  
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Reverend Michael Fleming

Fr. Michael: Gathering in the power of the Holy Trinity here at Holy Trinity, let us remember that this sacred space and our homes lie in the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe people.

People: May Father, Son and Spirit lead us onto pathways of true reconciliation and harmony.

Fr. Michael: As community called and gathered, we respond to the invitation to share life and fellowship together by praying,

People: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr. Michael: Celebrating our life in community here, we join the heavenly chorus and say,

People: Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Fr. Michael: Lord God of all the nations, you have revealed your will to all people and promised us your saving help. May we hear and do what you command so that the power of darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: **Amen**

Fr. Michael: O God, we gather in your presence to praise your holy name, with songs on our lips and with love in our hearts. We gather here because we find peace and understanding among your people. We seek to serve you, the only True God and Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Deliver us from the slavery of all sin and save us from those who would deceive us. Teach us the way we should go each day and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we may find the comfort of your presence with us day and night.

All: **Amen.** (Deuteronomy reading from the Book of Deuteronomy)

Reader: A reading from the first book of Samuel

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to

him." As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.]1 SAMUEL 3:1-10 (11-20)

The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Reader: Holy God, may we hear your voice in the stillness of the night and in the clatter of the day. You call us and we respond, "Here I am!" May we follow you and may we love as you love. Holy One, through trials and turbulence make us steady, your hands holding strong the fragile and the weak and may the fruits of our lives be food for the hungry, bread, clothing, shelter, Word, love. Loving God, this day take away our fears and distractions and turn them into acts of grace and mercy. (from Teri on RevGalsBlogPals website adapted by RMF)

Reader: Our psalm for this new day is Psalm 81 (Psalm 81:1-10) Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob. Raise a song and sound the timbrel, the merry harp, and the lyre. Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon, and at the full moon, the day of our feast.

All: **Sing with joy to God our strength.**

Reader: For this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob. He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, when he came out of the land of Egypt.

All: **Sing with joy to God our strength.**

Reader: I heard an unfamiliar voice saying "I eased his shoulder from the burden; his hands were set free from bearing the load." You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

All: **Sing with joy to God our strength.**

Reader: Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: O Israel, if you would but listen to me! There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not worship a foreign god. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

All: **Sing with joy to God our strength.**

Reader: A reading from Paul's second letter to the church at Corinth (2 Corinthians 4: 5-12)

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Reader: O God, Jesus taught us that where our treasure is, there will be our hearts also. In this hour, we come bringing our treasures – all that we have and all that we are. We come seeking your treasure – treasure that does not fade, decay or disappoint. Share with us the treasure of heaven so that we may share it with others.

All: **Amen** (The Reverend Dr. Bard Hedges-Goetti from blog)

Fr. Michael: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Fr. Michael: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ according to the Blessed St. Mark (2:23-3:6) People: **Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Fr. Michael: One sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath." Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around

at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

This is the very Gospel of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Fr. Michael: Bearing our gifts in the clay jars that are us, we affirm our faith and say,

People: We believe in one 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.

Reader: God, we wait and we watch and we long for you. Renew our powers, refresh our spirits, restore our well-being; for you give new strength to the faint and power to the powerless. May your Church be found working among those who cannot care for themselves. We pray for the lowly and the humiliated. We pray for relief organizations, especially those caring for refugees, women and children. Oh God, be a tower to them.

People: Lord, let our cry come to you.

Reader: We pray for the great powers of this world, the strong nations and mighty governments. May their power be used properly so that the poor are protected, the weak are not exploited and no one is oppressed. We remember today the peoples of Ukraine and the Middle East, the people of Haiti and the Sudan and wherever human lives are sacrificed in the name of power and control. We pray also for multinational corporations who often wield more power than any governments, that in their relentless pursuit of profit that they may take steps of compassion and concern which will benefit them as well as those who are too powerless to stop them.

People: Lord, let our cry come to you.

Reader: We give thanks for all who have cared for us in times of weakness; for those who have uplifted our spirits and given us new hope. We pray especially for the Church Universal and for our own Diocese of Ottawa. We pray for Shane, our Bishop; Anne, our Metropolitan; Linda, our Primate; The Diocese of Jerusalem and Archbishop Hosam Naoum, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; Bishop Susan Johnson and Bishop Michael Pryse and the Parish of West Quebec, The Venerable Eric Morin and The Reverend Susan Lewis. We pray for the Anglican Church Women (ACW) and their groups and members throughout our Diocese. We pray for those of our parish family who turn to us for love and hope and a sense of worth: Kelly, Liesa, Louise, Randy, Marjorie, Beth, Howard, Irene, Richard, Deb, Jeanette, Cheryl, and Zachariah and those known to you alone. We pray for friends and families, especially those who are finding life to be difficult and those any who feel rejected or neglected.

People: **Lord, let our cry come to you.**

Reader: We pray for all who are in weakness of mind, body or spirit; for those who are at the end of their tethers. We think of all who are losing their mobility or agility; those who are losing their memories and all who have lost their grip on reality; for those who no longer trust anyone, even themselves and those who doubt that God loves them. We remember all those who are caring for loved ones at this time.

People: **Lord, let our cry come to you.**

Reader: We give thanks that Christ is our Healer and our Companion on the journey and that He will not allow us to be lost. We pray for the faithfully departed who are renewed and refreshed in the love and light of God. May the Light of the world be that lamp set out on the lampstand to them.

All: **Amen** (The Reverend Fraser MacNaughton of Sat. Magnus Cathedral Kirkwall Scotland from the Starters for Sundays website)

Reader: God of opportunity, you want to be in relationship with us, your creatures. You desire justice and peace. You never force yourself upon us, but invite us to join with you in co-creating a more just and peaceful world. Help us to hear your invitations, be they whispered or loud, and encourage us to respond to them with enthusiasm, joy and energy. We pray all this in the name of your Son, our Redeemer Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

Fr. Michael: We let fears control us, we let doubts become a way of life for us. But if we look, we will see our lives and our world cradled in God's hands. Let us confess our sometimes lack of faith, even as we trust the One who has promised to listen to our words as well as our hearts.

People: **They can be such giants in our lives, God of Grace. Each day our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over us until we come to believe that you do not love us. There seems to be so much wrong in the world and we are convinced that there is so little we can do. The storms of sin and temptation batter at us and we cower, unable to find the faith to withstand it all. Forgive us God of Hope. Remind us that if we but open our hearts, you will heal us. If we but listen to you speaking to us, we will hear words of peace and hope. If we but open our lives to you, we can go forth and serve our brothers and sisters even as we have been served by Jesus, our Shepherd and Friend.**

Fr. Michael: With calming words, with a peaceful Spirit, with overflowing love and hope our God forgives us and fills us with hope. Our God affirms who we are – those whose brokenness is made whole, whose sins are forgiven and whose lives overflow with faith and joy. Know this in the name of God – Father, Son and Spirit.

Amen

All: **Amen**

Fr. Michael: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Fr. Michael: Eternal God, receive all that we offer you this new day. Give us the wisdom of obedience, and help us to do your holy and life-giving will; in Jesus' name we pray.

All: **Amen**

Fr. Michael: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Fr. Michael: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Fr., Michael: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Fr. Michael: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Fr. Michael: You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Fr. Michael: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Fr. Michael: On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying,

Fr. Michael: "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Fr. Michael: Gracious God, with this bread and wine

we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Fr. Michael: Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

Fr. Michael: Gifted to us this prayer of hope and love, we pray,

People: **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.**

Fr. Michael: "I am the bread of life which has come down from heaven", says the Lord.

People: **Give us this bread forever.**

Fr. Michael: "I am the Vine; you are the branches."

People: **May we dwell in him as he lives in us.**

Fr. Michael: Eternal God, you have fed us at the table of your grace. Deliver us from all spiritual pride and give us a quiet confidence in your mercy. We ask this in the name of Jesus.

All: **Amen**

All: **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.**

Fr. Michael: Thanks be to you my Lord Jesus Christ for all the benefits you have given us; for all the pain and insults you have borne for us. Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother – may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly day by day in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

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