



ASCENSION DAY

8:00 AM MORNING PRAYER

MAY 24 2020

The Very Rev'd Bertrand Olivier - *Officiant*
The Rev'd Jim McDermott - *Preacher*

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Welcome

A warm welcome to Christ Church Cathedral and a special welcome to you if you are with us for the first time. Our community has worshipped at the heart of Montreal on St-Catherine Street since the 1860s; today, we are worshipping on-line to gather our community at this time of COVID-19.

In all circumstances, we continue to live out a vision of a church focused on the love and generosity embodied in Jesus, a vision that is inclusive, welcoming, open to all. We seek transformation not only of ourselves as individuals growing in faith, but also of unjust structures of society.

God is love, whoever lives in love, lives in God, and God in them. | John 4:16

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THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER

The Minister shall read aloud one or more of these Sentences of the Scriptures that follow.

Ascension.

Seeing that we have a great high priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14, 16

Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57

The Minister, turning to the people, shall say the Exhortation in the form following.

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation with the Minister.

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
We have offended against thy holy laws,
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.
Restore thou them that are penitent;
According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly,
righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

The Absolution, or Remission of sins, to be pronounced by the Priest alone.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins.

He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Minister O Lord, open thou our lips;

People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Minister O God, make speed to save us;

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Minister Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Minister Praise ye the Lord;

People **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Minister Alleluia. Christ is risen:

People **O come, let us worship. Alleluia.**

Then shall be said or sung this Psalm following:

JUBILATE DEO Psalm 100

**O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: /
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; /
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

**O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise; /
be thankful unto him,
and speak good of his Name.**

**For the Lord is gracious,
his mercy is everlasting; /
and his truth endureth from generation to generation
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, /
and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, /
world without end. Amen.**

PSALM 93

- 1 The Lord is king;
he has put on splendid apparel; *
the Lord has put on his apparel
and girded himself with strength.
- 2 **He has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;**
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.
- 4 **The waters have lifted up, O Lord,
the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.**
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.
- 6 **Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord,
for ever and for evermore.**

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 1:4-11

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS.

Minister We praise thee, O God;

People **we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.**

Minister To thee all Angels cry aloud,
the Heavens and all the Powers therein.

People **To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.**

Minister The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee;

People **The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee;**

Minister The noble army of Martyrs praise thee;

People **The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,**

Minister The Father, of an infinite Majesty;

People **Thine honourable, true, and only Son; Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.**

Minister Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

People **When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.**

Minister When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

People **Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.**

Minister We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,

whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

People **Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 24:44-53

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE HOMILY

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

And after the Creed these prayers following:

Minister The Lord be with you;

People **And with thy spirit.**

Minister Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Minister Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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 them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen.**

Then the Priest shall say:

○ Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People **And grant us thy salvation.**

Priest ○ Lord, save the Queen;

People **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Priest Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

People **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Priest ○ Lord, save thy people;

People **And bless thine inheritance.**

Priest Give peace in our time, ○ Lord;

People **And evermore mightily defend us.**

Priest ○ God, make clean our hearts within us;

People **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY, *together with any other Collects appointed to be said, and these two prayers in order.*

Almighty God, your son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of Christ's peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Second Collect, for Peace.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Third Collect, for Grace.

O Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Prayer for the Queen and the Commonwealth.

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, the Parliaments of the Commonwealth, and all who are set in authority under her; that they may order all things in wisdom, righteousness, and peace, to the honour of thy holy Name, and the good of thy Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our Bishops and Clergy, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Intercessions of the day

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.

Almighty God,
who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 1:12,13a,14

Then the disciples returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying. They were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Priest As we wait in silence,

All **prepare us to receive thy Spirit.**

Priest As we listen to thy word,

All **prepare us to receive thy Spirit.**

Priest As we worship thee in majesty,

All **prepare us to receive thy Spirit.**

Priest As we long for thy refreshing,

All **prepare us to receive thy Spirit.**

Priest As we long for thy renewing,

All **prepare us to receive thy Spirit.**

Priest As we long for thy equipping,

All **prepare us to receive thy Spirit..**

Priest As we long for thine empowering,

All **prepare us to receive thy Spirit.**

Priest May the Spirit, who didst set the Church on fire upon the day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

PRAYERS

For all students of theology, for Diocesan College, for Ben, Jeffrey, Alex, Fresia, Lucas, Noah and Sarah and all people discerning their vocations and deepening their faith.

For those in special need

Grace, Steve, Michael, Barbara, Jim, Diana, Raymonde, Gino, John, Sam, Roger, Duncan, Ann Johnson

For continuing support

Bob, Gloria, Jan, Norma, Susan, Yannis, Marie-Charlotte, Ruby, Amy, Benjy, Erica, Kat

Pray for the Capital Campaign, the fundraising team, cabinet members, future donors, architects and engineers working on the spire.

Those who have died recently

David Johnson, Samuel Irad Ramsahoye

Years' mind

Florentia Haslett, Patricia MacKenzie, Gwen Spurll

TODAY

End of the month lunch sponsored by a Cathedral member.

QueerSpace@CCC 12:15 pm Join the LGBTQ+ community on zoom as we create a space together to pray, discuss scripture, identity, orientation, and how these intersect together

<https://zoom.us/j/841742422?pwd=VVJlMWxseU43YlplYXVxSmhndktoZz09>

Meeting ID: 841 742 422

Join us on Zoom!

A way to get together when we are apart.

Password for all these events: 1857

Monday

9:15 am Morning Prayer and fellowship / 9h15 Prière du matin et conversation

<https://zoom.us/j/688446062?pwd=eEthdWcyRUhxaVE0YkJOQkNyR3R3Zz09> Meeting ID: 688 446 062

2:30 pm Afternoon Tea hosted by Beth Adams / 14h30 Thé de l'après-midi hôte Beth Adams

<https://zoom.us/j/561302897?pwd=cURVWFROQjBnRlIKbnJOMWVNVklladz09> Meeting ID: 561 302 897

Tuesday

11:00 am Bible Study / 11h Étude de la bible

<https://zoom.us/j/466222878?pwd=alpCSDhHSWpES3g2ZnjkRzJpOFhUZz09> Meeting ID: 466 222 878

2:30 pm Afternoon Tea hosted by Vivian Lewin / 14h30 Thé de l'après-midi hôte Vivian Lewin

<https://zoom.us/j/561302897?pwd=cURVWFRDQjBnRlIKbnJ0MWNvK1ladz09> Meeting ID: 561 302 897

18h30 Salles de prières / 6 :30 pm Prayer room (fr)

<https://zoom.us/j/535719868?pwd=SHYxSUpoSDhNZTI2M3hUa2lxYIBSUT09> Meeting ID: 535 719 868

Wednesday

9:15 am Morning Prayer and fellowship / 9h15 Prière du matin et conversation

<https://zoom.us/j/688446062?pwd=eEthdWcyRUhxaVE0YkJOQkNyR3R3Zz09> Meeting ID: 688 446 062

10:00 am Morning coffee with Jane Aitkens / 10h Café du matin hôte Jane Aitkens

<https://zoom.us/j/848242015?pwd=SktwRmtlb2doSkpLZzdGd2xIYVNiQT09> Meeting ID: 848 242 015

5:00 pm When Things Fall Apart: An Interfaith Exploration of Personal and Society-Wide Transition, May 12 – June 24.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81513174798> Meeting ID: 815 131 74798

8:30 pm Compline / 20h30 Complies

<https://zoom.us/j/980449693?pwd=YU5Ya29ONFhmaTNmWnZSSU0VjVBUT09> Meeting ID: 980 449 693

Thursday

10h Café du matin avec Le doyen / 10:00 am Morning coffee with The Dean (Fr)

<https://zoom.us/j/848242015?pwd=SktwRmtlb2doSkpLZzdGd2xIYVNiQT09> Meeting ID: 848 242 015

2:30 pm Afternoon Tea hosted by James Selfe / 14h30 Thé de l'après-midi hôte James Selfe

<https://zoom.us/j/561302897?pwd=cURVWFRDQjBnRlIKbnJ0MWNvK1ladz09> Meeting ID: 561 302 897

6:30 pm Prayer room / 18h30 Salles de prières (an)

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Friday

10:00 am Morning coffee with Jonathan White / 10h Café du matin hôte Jonathan White

<https://zoom.us/j/848242015?pwd=SktwRmtlb2doSkpLZzdGd2xIYVNiQT09> Meeting ID: 848 242 015

2:30 pm Afternoon Tea hosted by Charlie Brake / 14h30 Thé de l'après-midi hôte Charlie Brake

<https://zoom.us/j/561302897?pwd=cURVWFRDQjBnRlIKbnJ0MWNvK1ladz09> Meeting ID: 561 302 897

Last Sunday of the month

12:15 pm QueerSpace / 12h15 QueerSpace

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