



CATHÉDRALE CHRIST CHURCH MONTRÉAL

HOLY COMMUNION

# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 14, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

Participate by Zoom: link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88901754420>

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*Celebrant*  
*Preacher*

The Very Reverend Bertrand Olivier  
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*We gather today on the unceded territory of the Kanien'keha:ka (Mohawk), at a place called Tio'tia:ke (Montreal), a meeting place for many First Nations. Our acknowledgement stands as a promise to continue the ongoing work of recognition and reconciliation.*

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Merciful God, thou hast prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING Acts 17:22-31**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown God.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us.

For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

*Reader* For the word of God in scripture,  
For the word of God around us,  
For the word of God within us.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Congregation remains seated to pray the psalm.*

## **PSALM 66:7-18**

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 **Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.**
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 **You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of  
refreshment.

**12 I will enter your house with  
burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I  
was in trouble.**

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.

**14 Come and listen, all you who fear  
God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has  
done for me.**

15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.

**16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard  
me;**

17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my  
prayer.

**18 Blessed be God, who has not  
rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me.**

## SECOND READING | Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader For the word of God in scripture,  
For the word of God around us,  
For the word of God within us.  
All **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## **HOLY GOSPEL** John 14:15-21

Priest The Lord be with you.  
All **And with thy spirit.**

Priest The Holy Gospel of Our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to St. John.  
All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Priest The Gospel of Christ.  
All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## **THE CREED** (page 71)

## **THE SERMON**

## **THE OFFERTORY**

*A collection plate will be passed during the hymn. If you would prefer, you can leave your donation as you go out by debit or credit card on our tap and go system, or by e-transfer to [accounting@montrealcathedral.ca](mailto:accounting@montrealcathedral.ca). Please indicate your name and address for donations over \$20 if you would like a tax receipt. Thank you.*

## **THE PRAYERS & CONFESSION** (page 75)

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER** (page 78)

*Everyone is welcome to receive Communion or a blessing at our services. You can receive both the bread and the wine, or choose only one of them. Dipping the wafer into the chalice is forbidden for epidemiological reasons.*

*Please come forward to receive the host, maintaining a safe distance from your neighbour. After receiving the host, remove your mask and consume it. You may then either keep your mask off to drink from the chalice or put your mask back on and return to your seat. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.*

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER** (page 85)

*This week’s flowers are given by Norman Riddell, in loving memory of his late wife, Claudia.*