



# CATHÉDRALE CHRIST CHURCH MONTRÉAL

HOLY COMMUNION

## ASCENSION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 21, 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  
Vivian Lewin



*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**

Almighty God, whose 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 his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING Acts 1:1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 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 toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward 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."

*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 47**

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; \*  
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 **For the Lord Most High is to be feared; \***  
**he is the great king over all the earth.**
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, \*  
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 **He chooses our inheritance for us, \***  
**the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

- 5 God has gone up with a shout, \*  
the Lord with the sound of the  
ram's-horn.
- 6 **Sing praises to God, sing praises; \*  
sing praises to our king, sing  
praises.**
- 7 For God is king of all the earth; \*  
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 **God reigns over the nations; \*  
God sits upon his holy throne.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*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** Luke 24:44-53

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

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

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.

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 Rob Wells, in memory of Patrick Wedd, Pat and Earl Wells, and Pam and Peter Wedd.*

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