



CATHÉDRALE CHRIST CHURCH MONTRÉAL

HOLY COMMUNION

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, July 23, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

Participate by Zoom: link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82758741476>

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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

Almighty God, thy Son hath opened for us a new and living way into thy presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19

For neither is there any god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose.

Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

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 86:11-17

- 11 Teach me your way, O Lord,
and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear
your name.
- 12 **I will thank you, O Lord my God,
with all my heart, *
and glorify your name for
evermore.**
- 13 For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the
nethermost Pit.
- 14 **The arrogant rise up against me,
O God,
and a band of violent men seeks
my life; *
they have not set you before their
eyes.**
- 15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full
of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and
truth.
- 16 **Turn to me and have mercy upon
me; *
give your strength to your
servant;
and save the child of your
handmaid.**
- 17 Show me a sign of your favour,
so that those who hate me may see it
and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me
and comforted me.

SECOND READING Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved.

Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Priest The Holy Gospel of Our Lord
Jesus Christ according to
St. Matthew

All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?'

But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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. 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)