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Ascension Sunday

May 21st, 2023

*Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, to the close of the age. Mt 28:19-20*

10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Celebrant:	The Venerable Susan Oliver
Preacher:	The Reverend Armand Mercier
Crucifer:	Keith Spencer
Reader:	Allison and Graham Fieldberg
Chalice Administrators:	Keith Spencer, Margie King, and Emily Moen
Prayer Scribe:	Emily Moen
Sidespersons:	Kathy Besuyen
Organist:	Joy Berg
Coffee Hosts:	Archdeacon Sue and Steve Martin

*The flowers in the church today are given in loving memory of my
parents and grandparents from Marjorie Anderson.*

We are Treaty people of Treaty 6 Territory; a covenant between Nations, witnessed by the Creator. We commit ourselves to the sharing of this land and its sacred gifts together in peace by welcoming all peoples and genders in the spirit of Treaty and wâhkôhtowin, as all our relations.

Prelude

Opening Hymn:#635 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the vine,
to the Church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

The Gathering of the Community

(Please Stand)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: May he fill our hearts with joy.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: 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.

Gloria

Glory to God, Glory to God.

Glory in the Highest.

To God be glory forever.

Alleluia, Amen (x3)

Celebrant: 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 his 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.

All: Amen.

Children's Talk

The Proclamation of the Word

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."

God Has Gone Up

Refrain:

God has gone up with a shout of rejoicing: he has ascended in glory!

O clap your hands, clap your hands all you people:

he has ascended in glory!

Great is the Lord and how great is his kingdom,
rooted in heaven and earth.

Ruler on high over all the nations, Lord over all of the world. **R**

All of the nations assemble before him: all of the rich and the poor.
All of the servants rejoice in his justice, singing his praise evermore. **R**

Praise to the Lord, O sing praise to our Saviour,
praise to our God and our King!

Worthy the Lamb who was slain and is risen: glory and honour to him. **R**

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.

Gospel Gradual:

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (3x); Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke (24:44-53).

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Gradual:

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (3x); Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Sermon

Reverend Armand

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: I believe in 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.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn:#510 You Have Passed By

You have passed by, you came like fire that lights the skies;
sparks falling from your name glow in our hearts like eyes.
In tatters hangs your word, draped round our world and torn:
now we shall live in you; like clothing you are worn.

You have passed by; as brief as footprints on the sea;
why did you go so far? You went too far from me.
You are forever now as deep in God as breath;
no stillness captures you, unthinkable your death.

You have passed by, a stranger and yet familiar face,
a fragment of our being, a flickering light, a trace.
Your light is in my blood, my body is your day;
I hope my whole life long to meet you on the way.

Celebrant: Eternal God,

All: our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: **Sanctus** (Steve Bell)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth of your glory are full.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. (x2)**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth of your glory are full.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All: **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.**

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: **Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.
All: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei



The Communion

Those who wish to share in Holy Communion are invited to come forward.

Music During Communion

Choir Anthem: Alleluia, Amen

Hymn: #73 One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All

Refrain:

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. **R**

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. **R**

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. **R**

Celebrant: Eternal Giver of love and power,

All: **your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: 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.

Blessing

Announcements

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Recessional Hymn:#506 Lord of All Hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, so cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Postlude

This week we pray for: Diocese of Athabasca: the Rt. Rev. David Greenwood, Bishop. St. David, Edmonton: Renée Desjardins (s. David Pickett), Rector; Kathy Bowman (s. David Kinloch), Michael Sung (s. Agnes), Dan Van Alstine (s. Carolyn Skinner), Honorary Assistants. Buyé Diocese, Kobero Parish (St. Stephen): Elie Ndacayisenga, Rector. Métis Nation of Alberta.

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Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 1:2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:25-35, 37;

1Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

Monthly Financial Update

Thank you for your financial support of the life and ministry of Christ Church. Donations can be made via etransfers:

donations@christchurchedm.ca

January- April 2023 Actual Offerings **\$100,675**

January- April 2023 Budgeted Offering **\$107,000**

January-April 2023 Actual Total Income **\$151,400**

January-April 2023 Actual Total Expenses **\$187,400**

Announcements

Volunteers Needed: As part of our commitment to this year's budget, we will hold a **Neighbour Yard Sale** on **May 27, 2023 from 8:30am to noon.** To help on the day of the event, contact: Ron (admin@christchurchedm.ca). Volunteers are needed to set up, clean up, monitor tables, and be cashiers. Help make this event a success!



Thank you to all who participated in our annual Spring Garden Clean Up on May 13, 2023. Many hands certainly made the work lighter this year! We had a record turnout of volunteers. With the unseasonably warm weather our garden and lawns are hosting our weekly coffee social after our Sunday service and the community is enjoying sitting under the shade of the trees.



First Annual Parish Olympics and BBQ!

Come join us on June 4th at 12pm for a BBQ after service followed by a friendly competition amongst our Christ Church family! Pre-registration is greatly encouraged so that we can form teams before the event and build some team spirit! Sign-up forms are in the hall. All ages are welcome and there will be various activities for all different abilities. Prepare to have a blast!



8:30 to
noon

NEIGHBOURHOOD

Yard Sale



May
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