SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, JULY 27th, 2025

When we cry, "Abba, Father!" it is the Spirit of God bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God. Romans 8:15, 16

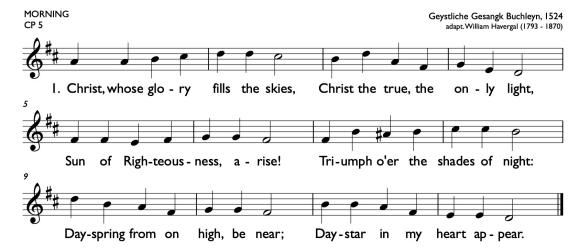




SUNG EUCHARIST (Book of Alternative Services)

Please stand when clergy enter.

Opening Hymn Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies



- Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see, till they inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart.
- Wisit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, Radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People And also with you.

Presider In this time and place, we gather on the ancestral beaver hunting grounds of the Algonquin, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaranpeoples; the traditional lands of the AnishnaabePeoples, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Lenni-Lanape Peoples; and the current communities of the Chippewa of the Thames First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames, and Munsee-Delaware Nation.

People From many places and peoples we come to this time of prayer.

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Presider We uphold our common stewardship of creation and our common birthplace of

God's earth.

People We respect our place on this land and move forward in love and peace.

Presider Almighty God,

People 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.

Act of Praise

I Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of Heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing. We worship You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

- Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
 Re-ceive our prayer, grant us your peace within.
- Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord, At God's right hand in majesty most high: Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored, With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray. (silence)

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

"Children's Corner" - Children are welcome to join Heather in the Assembly Room.

Reader: Rhonda Burt

Reader: Hazil Malone

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

(Silence is observed between the readings and the homily for reflection.)

A Reading from the Book of Hosea:

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel." She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name her Loruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen." When she had weaned Loruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, "Name him Loammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God." Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God." Hosea 1:2-10

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians:

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were

circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. *Colossians 2:6-15*

Reader The word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn



Holy Gospel Luke 11:1-13

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother

me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ





Homily The Venerable Sam Thomas

Please be seated

The Nicene Creed Please stand

Presider Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under

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Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Led by Hazil Malone

Leader In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world. I invite you to take a comfortable posture: standing or sitting for the Prayers of the People.

(A brief silence.)

Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience prayerful intimacy with you. God of grace,

People hear our prayer.

Leader Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home. God of grace,

People hear our prayer.

Leader Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. God of grace,

People hear our prayer.

Leader To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. We pray especially for Ann & Ellis, Marg, George, Trudy, Alice, Lucas, Helen, Sharon, Susan, Ken, Carol, George/Raphael, Laura, Harvey & family, Leigh, Sue, Esther. Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace,

People hear our prayer.

Leader Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen our feeding ministry and community partnerships. God of grace,

People hear our prayer.

Leader We give thanks for all who have gone before us. May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. God of grace.

People hear our prayer.

Leader Trusting in your loving kindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Presider 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.

Silence is kept.

Presider Most merciful God,

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.

Presider 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.

The Peace Please stand

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn What a Friend We Have in Jesus



- 2 Have we trials or temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
 Christ the Saviour is our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do our friends despise, forsake us?
 Are we tempted to despair?
 Jesus' strength will shield our weakness, and we'll find new courage there.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of grace, accept all we offer you this day, as we look toward the glory you have promised. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider May God be with you.
People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up.

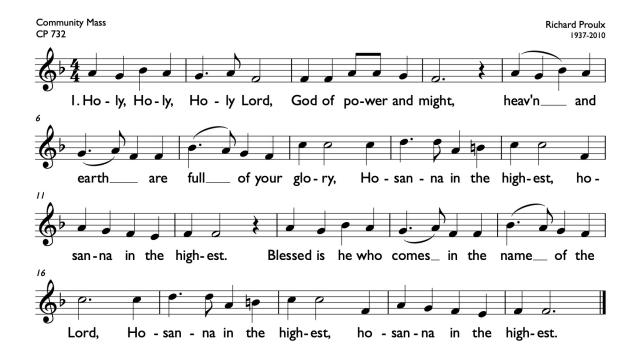
Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here where the Thames River blends and flows, where city and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, eagle and bear, salmon and sheep, pine and trillium, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:



Presider We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labour and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

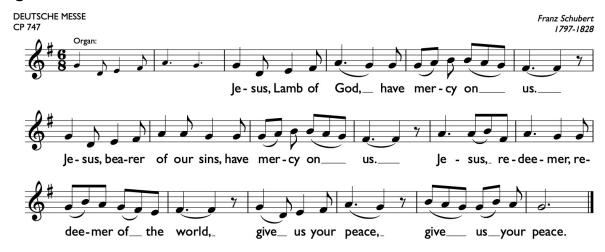
Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup. Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation. Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come. All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.



For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

Agnus Dei from the Deutsche Messe



The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please indicate your wish to the administrant at Communion.

Communion Music

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte 1895-1964

Communion Hymn Seek Ye First



2 Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find; knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

Refrain

Prayer after Communion (silence is kept)

Please stand

Presider Let us pray.

God of grace, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ.

People Amen.

Doxology

Presider

Glory to God,

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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.

Closing Announcements and Blessing

Post Communion Hymn How Great Thou Art



(continued)

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin;

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation and claim his own, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim,
"My God, how great thou art!"

Dismissal

Refrain

The Deacon dismisses the congregation in these or similar words:

Deacon Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Wir gläuben all an einen Gott BWV 680 (We all believe in one God)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

Notes for the Postlude:

As with many of Bach's organ works, they were based on the hymns (or 'chorales' to use the term familiar to Bach) that would have been sung in the churches Bach worked in. Such is the case here where the Lutherin hymn 'We all believe in one God' is the basis of the tune. Hear how in the opening, we hear a rising interval followed by a step down then up, then a line running downwards, which is answered by the same idea, but in a higher contrapuntal part. This is the outline of the hymn melody: it is also the genius of Bach and his extensive use of clever counterpoint: Each of us have our own lives (or lines), but we are bound by the same belief which when played together, works together!

Immediately after that second entry/answer, we hear a stomping bass line, heading up, then descending back down, which repeats numerous times throughout the work.

This 'stomping' line earned the piece the nickname: "The Giant Fugue", as if a giant's footsteps were pounding away (today, and mercifully for our refurbished space, it's only my organ shoes).

I would interpret this line as imagery of the 'one God' - the Father that underpins everything, separate from the humans above, their thoughts and their chorale parts, and (by virtue of moving up and back down), surrounds all parts of the world.

(Extra fact: What does 'BWV 680' mean after the title of the piece? It's a cataloging system for all of Bach's works - sometimes he wrote more than one version of a piece based on a choral, so this is how we distinguish one from the other. It stands for Bach-Werke-Verzeichnis (Bach's-works-catalogue).

Coffee Hour After the service please join us for coffee and cold drinks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Know Your Cathedral Tours

We are pleased to announce that our **Guided Tours** continue through the summer.

Guests will gain a new perspective and get transported through history as our guides highlight the building's unique architectural design, its rich heritage, its proud military connection, and point out the exquisite embroidered linens, the labyrinth and icons throughout the church.

Sunday Tours

Please join one of our volunteer Guides at the bottom of the chancel steps at 11:30 a.m. each Sunday in July and August.

Date	<u>Host</u>	<u>Featuring</u>
27-Jul	Allan Nagata	"History of the Cathedral and the City'
03-Aug	Jane Korhonen	Stained Glass Windows
10-Aug	John Lutman	History and Architecture
17-Aug	Bette Ferguson Betty McLeod Embroideries	
24-Aug	Bette Ferguson	St Paul Windows
31-Aug	Carol Grant	St. Aidan's Chapel

Thursday Tours

Linda Gregson will continue to offer a "Highlights of the Cathedral" tours on: Thursday, **July** the 31.

She will meet you by the Font near the west doors at 1:30 p.m.

Barry Fair and John Lutman will continue Tours 3 Thursdays in August.

They will meet you by the font near the west doors at 1:30 p.m.

7-Aug	Barry Fair	General Tour
14-Aug	Barry Fair	General Tour

28-Aug John Lutman History and Architecture

Special Tours

Hosts John Lutman and Allan Nagata

Kensington LTC Tuesday July 29 2pm
Kensington Residents Thursday August 21 2pm

Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer – Today we pray for the Parishes of St. George's, Middlesex Centre; St. Peter's, Dorchester; Christ Church, Huntingford; and St. James, Ingersoll.

Mid-Week Holy Eucharist will resume on Wednesday, September 3.

Cathedral Welcome Team: As we begin planning to move back into our worship space, a Cathedral Welcome Team has been formed to continue the excellent work of the previous Welcome Team. Thank you to Florence Perkes and Hazil Malone who are bringing their expertise to this new team. The Team will focus on expanding the Greeters Roster, revamping pamphlets and signage and creating a process to connect with the many visitors we receive each week. If you have an interest in being involved in this area, please contact the Cathedral Office at cfieldhouse@stpaulscathedral.on.ca or Rev. Dr. Dawn Davis dawndavis3d@gmail.com

Updating our Database

If you did not fill out the St. Paul's contact sheet last week, please complete the one found in your bulletin and place it in one of the baskets at the Dreams and Visions display table. We have realized that over the past few years, our database has not been as up-to-date as we would like and so we need your help. All personal information is used for internal Cathedral purposes, and none is publicly shared without permission.

Memorial Flowers – This is a wonderful way to beautify our Church, while remembering our loved ones. There are available Sundays for all Altars, especially during the summer months. For more information please contact Carrie Fieldhouse at 519-434-3225, ext. 201 st.pauls@stpaulscathedral.on.ca.

New to the Cathedral? Please fill out a welcome card, available at the Dreams & Visions display.

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Today's Liturgical Leaders

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Presider – The Reverend Dr. Dawn Davis
Preacher – The Venerable Sam Thomas

Gospeller – The Reverend Pat Henderson

Organist & Director of Music – Laurence Williams

Associate Organist – Olakunle Aoko

Servers – Victor Onebunne

Lay Administrants - Hazil Malone, Marilyn Papple

Greeters - John Lacon, Sylvia Lacon

Welcome Ministers - Lois Gosney, Florence Perkes, Kim Chalk

Children's Ministry - Heather Clark

Warden – Gord Rolleston

The Right Reverend Todd Townshend

Bishop of Huron

The Very Reverend Dr. Kevin George

Dean of Huron & Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral

The Venerable Sam Thomas

Senior Associate Priest/Director of Pastoral Care

The Reverend Dr. Dawn Davis

Director of Faith Formation

The Reverend Pat Henderson

Deacon

The Reverend Canon Marian Haggerty

Honorary Assistant Emeritus

The Most Reverend Linda Nicholls

Honorary Assistant

The Reverend Dr. Joshua Samuel

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Jim Ferguson

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Doreen Kyomugisha

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Heather Clark

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