

ANGLICAN PARISH OF WOODSTOCK
SAINT LUKE'S **CHRIST CHURCH**



The Day of Pentecost

May 23, 2021



Service of Holy Eucharist

Book of Alternative Services



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We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) and Mi'kmaq Peoples.

Welcome!

The service begins on page 185
of the Book of Alternative Services.

The Gathering of the Community

Scripture Sentence: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Hymn #645 *Come Down, O Love Divine*

vs. 1 & 4 (You may sing if you are wearing a mask!)

Easter Greeting

p. 185

Collect together: Almighty and ever living God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

1st Reading: Acts 2: 1-21 *The Coming of the Holy Spirit*

Psalms 104: vs 25-35, 37 (responsively by half verse) p. 844

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 22-27 The Future Glory

Parish Mission Statement: *Together:*

We are a worshipping Anglican Community, nourished by Liturgy, Scripture, Sacraments, Prayer, and Fellowship. We are guided by the Holy Spirit to care for God's creation, so

that all may know the peace of Christ and the power of His Resurrection.

Gospel: John 15:26-27,16:4-15 *The Work of the Holy Spirit*

Sermon: What is the Work of the Holy Spirit?

Instrumental #649: Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Prayers of the People: Litany #16 p. 123

Response: *Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

Confession and Absolution p. 191

The Peace p. 192

Hymn while altar is prepared #564 Lead Us, Heavenly Father

Verses 1 - 3 (You may sing if you are wearing a mask!)

Prayer Over the Gifts p. 346

(offering plate remains on the greeters' table.)

Eucharistic Prayer #2 p. 196

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread #8 p. 213

Invitation to Communion: You are invited to come forward up the center aisle, one person at a time. Please wear your mask, receive the bread, and step 6 feet away before removing your mask to consume the bread. Replace your mask and return to your seat down the side aisle. If for any reason you do not wish to receive communion, feel free to remain in your seat.

Prayer after Communion p. 346

Doxology p. 214

Parish Vision Statement: *Together:*

We will become a more caring community of believers who learn together, nurture and support each other, and reach out to the community at large with the love of Christ.

Blessing

Hymn #408 *Wind Upon the Waters vs. 1 & 5*

(You may sing if you are wearing a mask!)

Dismissal

Officiant: Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Welcome: A hearty welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. A special welcome to the families of Norah Louise English and Nelson Walton who will be baptized today and become the newest members of our church family! Visitors are invited to sign our Guest Book. Expect Covid-19 protocols (Yellow phase).

Special Prayers are requested for: Janet, Kim, Ernest, Mavis, Gordon, Ellen, Karla, Amanda, Jennifer, Randy, Colin, Liam, Sadie, Emma, Scottie, Kate, Gail, Tanya, Terry, Brad, Billy, Lorne, Kent, Doreen, Dick, Susanne, Jim, Trevor, Lindsay, Lois, David, Carrie, Barry, Freda, Charles, Archbishop David's parents, Doreen and John.

Participating in Today's Service

Officiant: Rev. Shirley Noseworthy

Lay Reader: Ruth Hall

Organist: Sandra Culberson

Cantor: Emily Clark

Greeter: Richard Dennique

Usher: Dorine Dennique

Videographer: Armin Hackelsperger

Altar Guild: Nancy English, Ardith MacDonald

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Happy Birthday to Colin Craig, Colden, Emily & Eloise Wetmore, Pat Whitehouse, David Sarchfield, Ethan Fletcher, Glen Fletcher. and to anyone celebrating a birthday! A belated Happy Birthday to Peggy Martin who celebrated on May 20th!

Happy Wedding Anniversary to anyone celebrating their special day!

A Prayer based on Ephesians 2:10

O give thanks to the Lord for He is good! Lord thank You for those celebrating a special day! Each one is Your handiwork created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which You have prepared in advanced for them to do! Thank You Lord for creating a plan and purpose for their lives. May they never take their life for granted. We praise Your Name for all you have in store for them! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Vestry Meeting today, May 23, 2 pm

The monthly vestry meeting will be held today, May 23, at 2 pm in St. Luke's Hall.

Diocesan Intercessions

Each week we pray for those on the prayer cycle from our Diocesan Website, located [here](#). On May 23, The Anglican Church of Melanesia. Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Montréal, Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame; Watson Lake: St. John the Baptist; Lower Post, Swift River and Telegraph Creek: St. Aidan; Dease Lake; Glenora; licensed lay minister Tim Liverton. David, our archbishop, Claude, William and George, retired bishops, and their families. Sharon Arbeau as she is ordained deacon today.

May ACW meeting

St. Luke's ACW will meet in the church hall on Thursday, May 27th at 2:00 pm.. COVID restrictions in place

Our ACW recognizes graduates each year.

If you know of a young person from a Parish Family who will be graduating from High School, College or University this year; please let us know . You may email or phone Jill Craig jillcraig53@gmail.com 328-2315

Covid-19 Operational Plan – Yellow Phase

Expect screening, hand sanitizing, physical distancing. Wearing a mask is mandatory. You may sing while wearing a mask.

‘Thy Kingdom Come’ Global Prayer Movement

Hundreds of thousands of Christians worldwide take part in the annual Thy Kingdom Come event – a global ecumenical prayer movement for evangelization that has occurred annually over the past six years from Ascension to Pentecost, and this year runs from May 13 – 23.

Founded by former Archbishop of York John Sentamu and Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, Thy Kingdom Come has expanded to include many denominations in its call for each Christian to pray for the world and for five people close to them to come to know Jesus.

Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell believes the wave of prayer is urgently needed in this time of global pandemic.

“When I think of all those who have struggled [from stress and loss during the pandemic]... I long for them to know the gift of abundant life Jesus offers, to have their burdens carried by him, and to discover the deep and trustworthy peace he pours out.”

Let us pray that many will come to know the Lord Jesus in a deeper and more meaningful way.

“In praying ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities.” Archbishop Justin Welby

A Sign Gifted to St. Luke's from the Woodstock Baptist

Our parish recently received a letter from the Woodstock Baptist church offering to donate their changeable letter sign, located at the front of their church, to our parish.

Our vestry is in support of accepting this gift and would like to place it in the same location where the digital sign stood, making use of the concrete forms and the electrical wiring already in place. Unlike the digital sign, this will be a church-owned sign, used exclusively to advertise our own events!

We have volunteers willing to move and paint the metal frame of the sign, and we are investigating the cost of replacing the interior with a sign that would have our parish name as well as room to place lettering to advertise events.

This sign is smaller and will sit lower than the previous digital sign. It will be backlit as it is now but will be a one-sided sign, placed at a 45-degree angle facing towards the post office, so that it can be read by the public coming up the street or parked in front of the post office.

This notice was placed in our bulletin several weeks in a row and to date we have received only positive feedback. Thank you to those who have responded.

Our vestry is meeting this afternoon (May 23). For any member of our congregation who have not yet responded and wish to do so, please speak to one of our wardens, Richard Dennique or Nancy English, and they will bring all feedback to our meeting.

Please let us know whether you are in support of placing the sign on our property to advertise church activities. Also what name would you choose to place on the sign: either "Anglican Parish of Woodstock", or "St. Luke's Anglican Church, or some other variation?" The rest of the sign would have two lines for the changeable letters, so that we can advertise our special events or place a Scripture Quote to encourage our community with words of hope!

We are grateful to our long-standing neighbours at the Woodstock Baptist Church for this act of kindness. We wish them well and pray God's blessing upon them in their new church facility.

This Sunday is Pentecost or Whitsunday.

Within Judaism ‘Pentecost, was the Greek name ascribed to the Feast of Weeks, celebrating the giving of the law at Mt Sinai. In Christianity it is the festival that comes seven weeks (fifty days) after Easter (ten days after ‘Ascension’), and celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit on Jesus Christ’s first followers. (Acts 2:1-31). So, Pentecost celebrates the birthday of the church.

During the Passover meal Jesus told his disciples that he was going away but that he would not be leaving them alone. He pointed out that his *going* would mean the *coming* of the *Comforter*, the *Advocate*. So, we read in John 15:26-27: *“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning”*.

In the previous chapter (John 14:26), Jesus had made specific promises to his disciples – in particular, that the Holy Spirit would enable them to have accurate memory and right understanding of all that he had taught and done. Now in these verses, Jesus was reassuring them of the work of *the Spirit of truth* in their lives and identified the functional relationship within the Trinity.

The Spirit’s work is to implement the will and the purpose of both God the Father and God the Son. So Jesus explained God’s larger plan. The Father, having sent his eternal Son, the Word of God, into the world, would now give him the position of highest honor in heaven; he would be enthroned in glory. The Spirit of God would now be sent to replace Jesus Christ in the lives of his people.

Next week we celebrate “Trinity Sunday”, which focuses on the Triune nature of **God: He is one, existing in three persons**, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Prayer for Pentecost Sunday:

Almighty God, who taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit: so enable us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things and always to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(from 1662 *BCP*, Whit Sunday – adapted)

Bulletin Board

Sunday, May 23 – The Day of Pentecost

10:30 am Holy Eucharist (BAS)

2:00 pm Vestry Meeting (Hall)

Tuesday, May 25

6:30 pm Brownies meet in the hall.

Sunday, May 30 – Trinity Sunday

10:30 am Morning Prayer (BAS)

