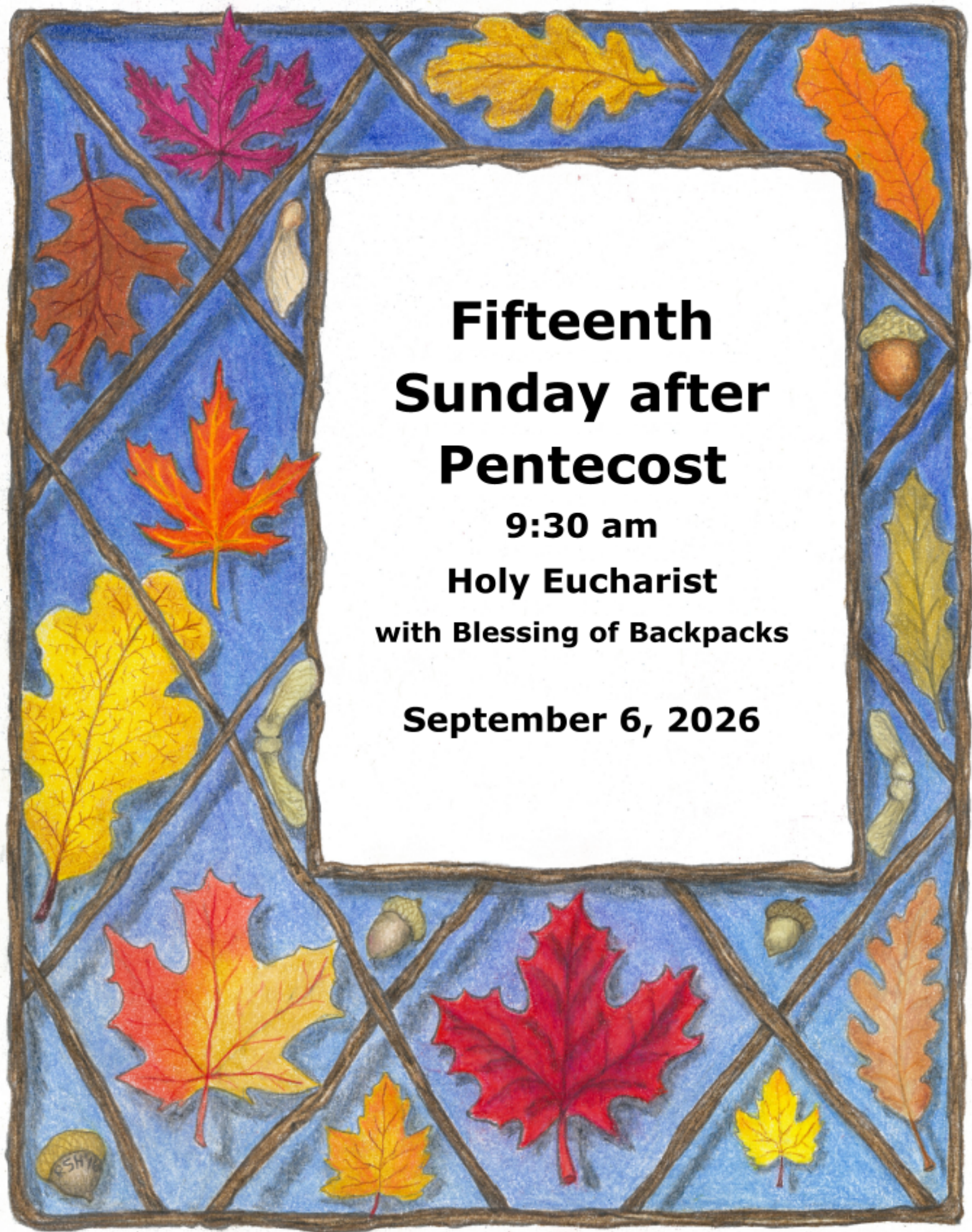


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Come Journey with Us!



Welcome to Epiphany! We are glad you are here today.

If you are visiting, please make yourself at home.

We have a vibrant children and youth program with Sunday School each week at our 9:30 am service.

Note that our 9:30 am service is live-streamed, recorded, and posted to social media

The Gathering of the Community

Our Diocese of Ottawa was founded on the homeland of the Anishinaabe Algonquin. **May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

♪ **Opening Hymn** Take My Life, and Let It Be (B435) ♪

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.

Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray. Lord of the church, you call a broken people around your table: in times of disagreement teach us to listen, loose us from prejudice and bind us to your way of forgiving grace; through Jesus Christ, who stands at the heart of our gathering.

Amen.

Blessing of the Backpacks

(adapted from the United Methodist Church Disciple Ministries)

Scripture tells us that Jesus was a learner. As a child, he grew just as we grow, gaining years and gaining wisdom. As he learned, he walked with God and made friends. As we begin a new school year, we remember that God has given us the ability to learn many things. **Learning is a gift from God. We are meant to love the Lord our God with our minds.**

Scripture also tells us that Jesus was a teacher. When he saw the helpless crowds that followed him, his compassionate response was to teach them what they needed to know. **We give thanks to God for Jesus our teacher and for the gift of learning.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A reading from the Book of Exodus (12:1-14)

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with

unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly.

It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

♪ **Psalm 149** ♪

Refrain: Sing to the Lord a new song.

Hallelujah! Sing to God a new song; sing praise in the congregation of the faithful. Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their king. **R**

Let them praise God's name in the dance; let them sing praise with timbrel and harp. For God takes pleasure in all people and adorns the poor with victory. Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds. **R**

Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand; to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples. **R**

To bind their rulers in chains and their nobles with links of iron; to inflict on them the judgement decreed; this is glory for all faithful people. Hallelujah! **R**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (13:8-14)

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

♪ Gospel Acclamation: **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah** ♪

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (18:15-20). **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

♪ **Anthem** Down to the River/Listen to Your Children ♪

As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about that good old way
and who shall wear the starry crown,
Good Lord, show me the way.

O brother, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
O brother, let's go down, down to the river to pray,
down to the river to pray.

O Lord, listen to your children praying.
O Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
O Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Something's gonna happen like the world has never known,
When the people of the Lord get down to pray.
A door's gonna swing open and the walls come a-tumbling down,
When the people of the Lord get down to pray.

O children, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
O children, let's go down, down to the river to pray,
down to the river to pray, down to the river to pray, to pray:

Lord, listen to your children praying.
O Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
O Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

I went down to the river to pray, I went down to the river to pray
I went down to the river to pray, to the river to pray.

The Apostles' Creed

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

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us. *A brief silence.*

Proclaiming God, empower your church throughout the world to announce the words you give us. Open us to receive your word in unexpected ways. We pray for Kathryn, our Bishop, Anne, our Metropolitan, and Shane, our Primate. We pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, for Kairos Ottawa and St Paul University, our diocesan partners. We pray for St. Mary's, Russell with the Reverend Tom Hubschmid. We pray for our own parish of the Epiphany with Rev. Simone, our priest, and for all who lead ministry here. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Forming God, renew the cycles of your creation that provide for the needs of all. Protect grasslands, marshes, swamps, and all places of transition. Heal communities crying out after disaster, especially those affected by wildfires, earthquakes and the devastating flooding in Nepal and Tibet. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Governing God, turn all who create, enforce, or interpret legislation away from selfish gain and toward your promise of good for all, especially the good of all who labour. We pray for the new school year, students of all ages, parents, teachers and all school staff. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Attending God, wake us up to any around us who are in need. Restore broken relationships, failing health, frayed emotions, and the hurts we carry with us. Tend to those who have asked for our prayers: **Jody** (Shaw), **Pierre** (Poirier), **Ghassan, Aaron** (Blakely) **& Family, Fred** (Sherman), **José** (Rodrigues), **Lisa** (Van Alstine), **Rita & Colin** (Hurst), **Betiel** (Gideon), **the**

Douglas Family, Julie (Foster), **Faith, Miroslav** (Slejska), **Mary** (Jonah), **Maria, Riccardo, Margareth, Ambar, Tendeh, Janine & Mike, Linda** (Tasovac), **Ruth, Curtis, Rhonda & Darcy** (Colenutt), **Nicole** (Asite), **Don** (Raymond) & **Family, Kathy & Family, Jonathan** (René de Cotret), **Rob** (W), **Bobby, Saindass** (Aeri), **Ryan** (Thompson), **Scott** (Armstrong), **Vanessa & Talhia** (L), **Celestine** (Bynoe), **Michael** (Blakely), **Joanne** (Lewis), **Swami** (Gyankirti), **Marjolaine, Jilleen** and any others we name aloud or in our hearts. *A brief silence.* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gathering God, resolve conflicts in this community through your righteousness and grace. Reconcile us to each other, making your good news known even through our imperfections. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Loving God, all who die in faith have life with you. We give you thanks for the nearness of your salvation and for all who have gone before us. The candle on the altar is lit for Rose Dennis's beloved husband, Kingsley on the anniversary of his passing. The flowers on the altar are given by Bob Blackie in loving memory of his wife, Jocelyne. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. *Silence is kept.*

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.**

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

We remember to share the Peace with those worshiping online.
The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

♪ **Offertory Hymn** Make Me A Channel of Your Peace (R184) ♪

Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O, Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

The Prayer over the Gifts

*You are invited to place your financial gift
on the collection plate near the baptismal font before or after service.*

Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world. When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first. Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and singing: ♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.** ♪

Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home. **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope. **Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love. **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we sing: ♪ **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.** ♪

"I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord. **Give us this bread for ever.** "I am the vine, you are the branches." **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

The gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

♪ **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. (x2) Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.** ♪

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion in bread and/or wine. If you'd prefer not to receive, cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Let Rev. Simone know if you need a gluten-free wafer. The sidespeople will direct you to receive around the altar.

♪ **Communion Hymn** When at This Table (SNC 32) ♪

When at this table I receive a blessing,
the broken bread, the wine of life for me,
then let me share the peace with you, my neighbor,
and let the Spirit set our spirits free.

If at this table I have need of healing,
unbidden grief, relationship gone wrong,
then let me know the hands of God enfolding,
and let lament become believing song.

If at this table I forget the hungry,
the dispossessed, and warfare's spreading stain,
then let this bread become the bread of judgment,
this wine the sharp awareness of that pain.

If at this table I make dedication
to give my life in serving what is good,
then let my center be where God invites me,
and show the words of Jesus understood.

What faith I have, I bring to join this table,
what hope I hold, in Christ is taught and true;
with brothers, sisters, I will share the blessing,
the feast where God is making all things new.

The Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Creator, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God, **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

♪ **Closing Hymn** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (B486) ♪
Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Announcements

Welcome Back BBQ Today We'll have a BBQ after the 9:30 am service this morning to welcome everyone back from vacations - including our choir and Sunday School - refreshed and ready for a new season. St. Thekla will be back next week so we have time to linger together this morning.

Return to Two Services Next Sunday, September 13 Next Sunday our quieter 8 am service will return, and we'll look forward to baptizing Muhammed Kabeya at our 9:30 am service. Your prayers are welcomed as he prepares for this special day.

Welcome Josh! Today is our new pianist & organist's Josh Wu's first Sunday with us. Josh is highly qualified: he has a Bachelors of Music degree in piano performance from Western University and a Masters of Music with a concentration in performance from the University of Ottawa. He also has experience accompanying choirs and teaching piano here in Ottawa. Please make Josh feel very welcome as he joins our community.

Welcome Nancy! Epiphany has been chosen to host a theological student this school year. We are blessed to welcome Nancy Gover who will serve and learn with us starting next Sunday. Nancy is a cradle Anglican, born and raised in Ottawa. Her home parish is St. Aidan's, Elmvale, where she has been very active over the years, recently serving as licensed lay reader. Nancy is retired, married, a mother of four, a grandmother of two (and servant to one cat). While Nancy was still working for Library and Archives Canada, she began taking classes at St. Paul's on a very part-time basis. This year she will finish her final courses for a Master of Divinity. Nancy is eager to start her student placement at Epiphany and to meet all of us.

Watt's Possible - The Wild Ride A group of people in our Epiphany community have decided to put their best feet forward and use their interest in walking to bring more dependable electricity and light to St. Luke's Hospital, Nablus, West Bank, in Palestine. They are raising funds to install solar panels at the hospital situated in a region of the world where both electric power and life itself can be precarious. They have formed a team, *Epiphany Stars*, and are part of Alongside Hope's Wild Ride fundraiser. On October 3 they plan to start at Epiphany and walk together 10,000 steps, more than 7 km, and ask you, their family and friends to sponsor them. Find out more and donate to Epiphany Stars by scanning the QR code. Every gift is matched. If you'd like to join the team, speak to Lina, Christine, Jane Robin, Jennifer, Valerie, Charles, or Reg.



Epiphany Bible Study Group *New Time* will resume on September 10. We meet on Thursday evenings at 5:45 pm (note new time) till 7:15 pm in the worship space for a light meal followed by our liturgical study. All are welcome! See Dianne Woods or Sylvie Pelletier with questions and email epiphanystudygroup@gmail.com to be added to our contact list.

Creative Connections Tuesdays between 10 am & noon. All are welcome to come and enjoy a cup of coffee and join in a friendly game of cards, chess, join the group at the crafting table, or work on a jigsaw puzzle. The more the merrier!

Get in Touch & Get Involved!

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Assisting in Ministry at 9:30 am Today

Greeter	Maria DaSilva
Altar Guild	Shelley Harvey, Judy Lee
Crucifer	Judy Lee
Sidespeople	Jos Cleary, Denise Siele
Readers	Alex Killby, Kitty Galt
Psalmist	TBD
Prayer Leader	Roy Moffett
Communion Assistants	Kitty Galt, Caroline Gibbs
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Are you new to Epiphany? Have you moved or changed coordinates, or would you like a name tag? How about becoming involved in a particular way or have ideas for our parish and community? Use the form below & place it on the offering plate.

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I would like a call from the priest Yes Not at this time

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