



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY CROSS DAY
Sunday, September 13, 2026

† Holy Eucharist at 9.00 am †

The service begins on page 67 of the Book of Common Prayer.
Celebrant & Homilist The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess

† Choral Eucharist at 10.30 am † *Traditional Rite*

Celebrant & Preacher	The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess
Music Director	Mervin Fick
Choir	Parish Choristers
Servers	Fen Nanton
Mass Setting	Sanctus and Agnus Dei - Merbecke CP 683 and 685

We invite you to join us for refreshments after the service.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude Chorale Prelude on 'Rockingham'

H WILLAN 

Processional Hymn 200 We Sing The Praise of Him Who Died

BOW BRICKHILL

Greeting

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

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **to you all hearts be open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden:**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord;
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.
This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it:
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

All **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts,
we beseech thee.**

Gloria CP 683 and 986

MERBECKE

Celebrant Glory be to God on high,

All **and in earth peace, good will towards all.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty, O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Stir up, O Lord,

The wills of your faithful people,
That richly bearing the fruit of good works,
We may by you be richly rewarded;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever.

All **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson Numbers 21: 4-9

Read by Mekhriban Mamedova

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, ‘Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.’ Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, ‘We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.’ So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, ‘Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.’ So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98:1-6 *Sung by the cantor and all. Please remain seated.*

CHANT 1.2.

O Sing unto the LORD a new song; / for he hath done marvellous things.
With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, / hath he gotten himself the victory.
The LORD hath declared his salvation: / his righteousness hath he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
He hath remembered his mercy and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel; / and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
Show yourselves joyful unto the LORD, all ye lands: / sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
Praise the LORD upon the harp: / sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 187 As Royal Banners Are Unfurled

GONFALON ROYAL

The Holy Gospel John 3:13-17

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

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

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Homily

Choir Jesus Christ , the Apple Tree

E POSTON

Nicene Creed *Please stand. Said together.*

Celebrant

I believe in one God

All

**the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God;
begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father;
through whom all things were made:
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge
both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Read by Mark Garbutt

Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant invites the Confession of Sin. Silence is kept. Please kneel.

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things and judge of all people:
we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty.
We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee
in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The absolution is pronounced.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom,
and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. *Revelation 5. 12.*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 602 Lift High The Cross

CRUCIFER

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen**

Prayer of Consecration

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Choir **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye

all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

All **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee,
and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

Celebrant And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; and we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say, Our Father,

All **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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant We do not presume

All **to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather
up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is
always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of
thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be
made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Agnus Dei

Choir **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.**

Motet Adoramus Te, Christe

G PALESTRINA

Holy Communion

- All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion.
- Communion is administered at the High Altar and at the St Peter's Altar in the south aisle.
- Please do not dip the consecrated bread into the wine - Drinking from the chalice is considered safe from the point of view of public health.
- You are also welcome to receive only the bread if you prefer. Indicate this by holding your arms crossed over your chest as the chalice passes; this is also a way to receive a blessing rather than communion.
- Gluten-free communion wafers are available, please indicate this to the priest.

Hymn 386 When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

ROCKINGHAM

Thanksgiving After Communion

Celebrant Father, 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**

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

Hymn 184 My Song is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN

Dismissal

Leader Go forth in the name of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Dialogue on the Grands Jeux

F COUPERIN

Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall.

The service is taken from the *Book of Common Prayer, 1962*
and the *Book of Alternative Services, 1985*.

In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Lay Ministry and the Education for Ministry Program
Outreach & Advocacy Cycle: Pray for St. Paul's, Lindsay, its St. Paul's Pantry food cupboard, support of A Place Called Home and Kawartha Lakes Food Source, provision of clothing, and school supplies to a neighbourhood school, support of PWRDF Foodgrains, Mission to Seafarers, Women's Resources of Kawartha Lakes and Habitat for Humanity; and for our foster children at SOS Children's Villages and the Arms of Jesus Mission; for St. Paul, Newmarket, its refugee sponsorship, support of the local food bank and Inn from the Cold program, Karanda Mission Hospital in Zimbabwe, Elimu education programs in Kenya, and school knapsacks for St. Vincent and the Grenadines; and for St. Paul, Uxbridge, its monthly Community Dinner and support of the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank, participation in a weekly community lunch, its annual support of the Salvation Army's backpack program, Canadian Tire Kick Start program, Jennifer Ashley Children's Charity, and North House, and provision of Christmas food hampers and gifts for families in need as well as discretionary funds to five local schools.

Parish Cycle: Jennifer Pattison, Tony Pearce, Ross & Barb Pearson, Carol Peck

Home Bound Parishioners: Marie Adams, Evelyn Baird, Glenna Charles, Alice Fox, Dennis Gittens, Lawrine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, Ivaline Jonas, Marian McPherson, Denise Orioux, Everton Morris, Rex Southgate, Duncan Towe, Lila Vamosi, Vashti White.

Announcements

Meal Kit Assembly | SPSS' second Meal Kit Assembly is on the books! We will assemble 3 different meal kits on the morning of *September 14th from 9:45 AM to 12 PM* in the Parish Hall. Your response last time was great and we are in need of 20 to 25 volunteers again this time. Please email Laurie Sanderson at ljsanderson@rogers.com if you are able to help out.

Youth Retreat | September 18-20 the teens and Sileen will be going to Camp Medeba in Muskoka to join 140 other teens from other Diocese for the weekend

Save the Date | Caribbean Night will be held here at SPSS on *Saturday September 26th at 6:30pm*. Tickets are \$45/person. For tickets call Fen at 416-493-2805, or the office at 416-923-8714.

Calendars 2027 | The Ontario Anglican calendars are available end of August. For 10 to 15 cost is \$12.00 each. For 16-20 cost is \$10.00 each. To order please send me an e-mail (sthomas-38@sympatico.co) or phone (416-921-2593). These calendars are photographs of churches on shiny paper.

Information on PEI calendars, will be available end of August - middle of September. These are paintings of churches on matte paper. Last year they cost \$15.00 each.

Request for Mason Jars | If you have any 1 cup or 2 cups Mason Jars can you please give them to Paul Mitchell or take them to the office. Thank you!

Notice Regarding Cheques to the Church | A reminder to ensure that cheques are made payable to: *The Church of St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle*. Kindred Credit Union has informed us any other derivation of the church's name on a cheque is not cashable and will be destroyed.



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We acknowledge that in gathering to worship Almighty God,
we are in the traditional territory of many First Nations peoples
including the Mississaugas of the New Credit,
the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunees, and the Huron-Wendat.

*"The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is, the world and all who dwell therein."
Psalm 24.1.*

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