

You make Your messengers like the winds; the breeze whispers Your words, Your servants are like the fire and flame. Psalm 104:4

# Day of Pentecost

St. John's Church May 19, 2024

### Wel come

Oh! Happy day! We are so glad you are with us this morning. This bulletin has everything you will need to join your voice and heart to the prayers on this joyous Sunday.

# Baptism

The right of initiation in the church is Baptism, and the Day of Pentecost is a particularly fitting day for becoming part of the church. **Today, we Baptize Carly Carmen Asay**. She is the daughter of Brandon Eugene and Diedre Carmen Morales Asay; her brother is Dylan Eugene Asay. She is the granddaughter of Jim and Barb Morales. Godparents are Randi Asay and Steve Nickles.

#### Pentecost

Pentecost is a feast day on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church."

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on individual followers of Jesus as they were gathered together in Jerusalem. New believers in Jesus were baptized as they joined this church. They, along with the first followers of Jesus, shared life together, focusing on **teaching**, **fellowship**, **breaking of bread**, **and prayer**. **They shared their belongings so that no one was hungry or needy**. Thus we speak of Pentecost as the birthday of the church.

Many Christians, especially those of us who have been influenced by the individualism of American culture, live as if the church is useful but unnecessary. They believe that as long as they have a personal relationship with God, everything else is secondary. But Pentecost is a vivid illustration of the truth that is found throughout Scripture: **the community of God's people is central to God's work in the world**.

Thus, Pentecost invites us to consider our own participation in the fellowship, worship, and mission of the church. It is a time to renew our commitment to live as an essential member of the body of Christ, using our gifts to build the church and share the love and justice of Christ with the world.

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#### Ministers

Altar Guild	Laura Greathouse
Sound	Robert Rumbolz
Liturgy Greeter	Martha Moewes
Hospitality Greeter	Diana Anderson
Worship Leader	Charlotte Patrick
Deacon	Chris Galagan
Reader	Rob Koelling
Preacher	Megan Nickles
Intercessor	Mary Dillivan
Presider	Megan Nickles
Communion Server	Bobbi Tyrrel
Communion Server	Laura Greathouse
Communion Bread	Jessica Smith
Fellowship Time	St. John's Birthday Party

### Prayer Concerns

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Canada Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocesan Standing Committee, Diocesan Staff, Staff St. Alban's, Worland/St. Christopher's Chapel

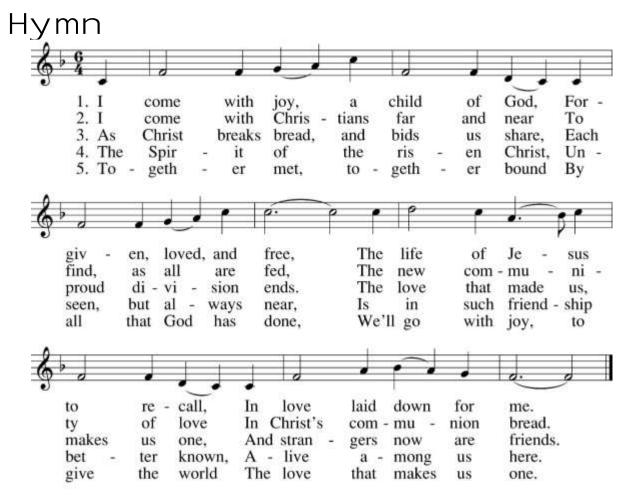
The Schmieder and McKeen Families;	Kim, Tuti Rosita, Marlynn, Kathy R.,
Kenny & Michael; Martha & Family;	Douglas, Mickey, Mike G., Cynthia,
Hunter, Charlotte & Mike;	Carra, Rob R., Kathy E., Tammy,
Richard & Jennifer; Richmond & Rich;	Rob K., Bobby B., Larry, Irene,
Nelson & Nancy; Carolyn & Family;	Nancy, Alan, Katy, Sue, Kahli, Ron
Lee & Kelly; Hugh B. & Marge;	and Jane
Tim & Alex; Margie & Josey;	Daryn, Justin, Jacob, Patrick, Reece,
Tim & Lynnae; Bobbi & Bentley;	Coleman, and Bryce who are serving
Bob & Charlotte	in the military.
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Don who resides in an assisted living	
facility.	

#### CELEBRATIONS

Birthday: Rob Mason–21<sup>st</sup>

#### Prel ude

"Come Holy Spirit (Veni Sancte Spiritus)," Francis DuBois & Ron DuBois.



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### Gathering

Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty. **Alleluia!** Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit. **Alleluia!** Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

### Prayer of the Day

The Lord is with you. And also with you. Let us pray. Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Scripture

We sit. Alleluia, alleluia. There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; by the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. **Alleluia.** A reading from \_\_\_\_. *After the Reading* Word of God, word of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.** 



## Prayers of the People

Let us unite our hearts and minds in prayer for our world.

For the church throughout the world:

#### In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Inspire the sons and daughters of your church for prophetic witness to your truth, and upon old and young give clarity of vision to acknowledge your saving power in the world. We pray for Carly Carmen, that in the waters of Baptism she is welcomed into the river of our life.

For nations of the world and its leaders:

#### In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Overcome the babble of misunderstanding among the nations, and let all people hear in their own language and recognize in their own culture your unifying message of love. We pray for \_\_\_\_.

For planet Earth, our home:

#### In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

By your Spirit, renew the earth, make us good stewards of its resources, and teach us to enjoy its abundance rightly.

We pray for \_\_\_\_.

For those in need of healing:

#### In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Send your healing Spirit upon those who are sick in body or mind, restore them to health, and restore to them the joy of salvation.

We pray for \_\_\_\_.

For our neighbors and members of our civic community:

#### In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Teach us to be good neighbors, to live in peace with one another, and in friendship share the joys and burdens of daily life.

We pray for \_\_\_\_.

For our children:

#### In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Bless all our children, protect them from danger, and help parents and caregivers nurture them so that they may mature in wisdom and grow in grace.

We pray for \_\_\_\_.

For our enemies:

#### In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Bless our enemies and show us how we may do good to them for the sake of Jesus Christ.

In your mercy, Almighty God, receive our prayers and, according to your wisdom, provide all that we need; through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Baptismal Covenant

Let us, the baptized, affirm our vows and commit our lives to Christ. Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? 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. Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? 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. Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? I will, with God's help. Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? I will, with God's help. Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? I will, with God's help. Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? I will, with God's help. Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? I will, with God's help. Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation? I will, with God's help.

### Examination of the Candidates

Family and godparents and all children gather at the font.

The Candidates will now be presented.

Godparents	I present Carly Carmen Asay to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
Leader	Will you be responsible for seeing that this child is brought up
	in the Christian faith and life?
Godparents	I will, with God's help.
Leader	Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into
	the full stature of Christ?
Godparents	I will, with God's help.

Then the leader asks the following questions of the candidate, parents, and godparents.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness

that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt

and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord? I do.

### Blessing Over the Water

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus. He was baptized in the River Jordan, where your Spirit came upon him and revealed him as the Son you love. He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him. Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water, that those who are baptized in it may be cleansed in the water of life, and, filled with your Spirit, may know that they are loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever. **Amen.** 

### The Baptism

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Let us pray.

As the community of faith, we rejoice at this baptism and will share with Carly what we ourselves have received: a delight in prayer, a love for the word of God, a desire to follow the way of Christ, and food for the journey. God of love, we thank you for our calling to be disciples of Christ. Help us to nurture Carly in the faith we share. May she grow to love, worship and serve you, and bring life to the world. Amen.

## The Peace

Let us welcome the newly Baptized.

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

#### And also with you.

We greet each other in the name of God.

# Announcements

# Offertory

Living Breath of God, move among us. Receive the gifts of our lives and use them, so that all may know the fullness of your love flowing through our world.

### Music

"Jesus Loves the Little Children /He's Got the Whole World In His Hands," Caleb and Kelsey.

# Great Thanksgiving

We stand.

God is here. God's Spirit is with us. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to offer thanks and praise.

In the beginning, God of creation, your wind swept the darkness, stirring up life from the heights to the depths. Your spirit raised us from dust and formed us to be like you, children with one common breath.

We couldn't see where the wind had come from we couldn't tell where the wind would go. Divided, we hid behind walls turning away from the breath of life. But you blew through the prophets, you gave visions to slaves, you spoke in the whirlwind, and promised salvation.

You breathed on Mary, your listening servant, making your Word alive in her flesh. You gave us Jesus, who shared our same breath receiving your Spirit in the river Jordan. He proclaimed freedom to captives, good news to the poor he gave hope to the suffering, and life to the dead.

And so we gladly thank you, with Angels and Archangels, and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. God of comfort and strength, we look to your Holy Spirit to be with us in sorrow and in contentment, in crisis and in abiding stillness, remembering that at supper with his disciples, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my Body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

God of dreams and prophecy, send down upon us your gifts of wisdom, knowledge, and faith, of healing, discernment, and interpretation, that your Church may be built up in the likeness of your Son.

Pour out your Spirit once more to make this bread and wine the body and blood of Christ, that we might blow through the world with his love: healing, forgiving, and reconciling like Jesus until the heights and depths are filled with your children from every tribe and language and people and nation.

Sanctify your groaning creation, that your universe may breathe your breath and be filled with your life anew, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, ever one God. **AMEN.** 

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Because you are one with us, O Christ, make us one with you as we pray the prayer you taught us:

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.

## **Breaking Bread**

The Leader breaks the bread.

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.

#### Christ is the bread of life.

The Leader lifts the cup.

His blood was shed for our forgiveness.

#### Christ is risen from the dead.

Come, God's people, come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

### Communion

Please come to the table, whether you are single, married or divorced, drinking, using or sober, abled, disabled, or ill, gay, straight, or discovering, wealthy, getting by or in debt. Christ meets us all.

We approach the altar beginning with those sitting in the last rows; they shall be first. Approach the rail from the left aisle and take a cup; used cups go on the tray on the right. You may receive only bread, only wine, or both. Our Eucharistic bread is handmade and robust. If you prefer a wafer, please tell your server.

Receiving the bread and wine is the central act of worship in the Episcopal Church.

#### Music

"Covenant Hymn," Rory Cooney.

"Jesus Loves Me," Page Cxvi.

# Prayer of Thanksgiving

We stand.

Praise and glory to you, Creator Spirit of God; you make our bread Christ's body to heal and reconcile and to make us the body of Christ. You make our wine Christ's living sacrificial blood to redeem the world. You are truth. You come like the wind of heaven, unseen, unbidden. Like the dawn you illuminate the world around us; you grant us a new beginning every day. You warm and comfort us. You give us courage and fire and strength beyond our everyday resources. Be with us, Holy Spirit, in all we say or think, in all we do this and every day.

#### Amen.

Hymn Verses 1, 2, 3 Send down the fire of your jus - tice,. Send down the rains of your love; Come, send down the Spir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and we shall be peo-ple of God. VERSEMake us the 1. Call be your com - pas sion, us to 2. Call us to learn of your mer cy,\_ 3. Call an - swer op - pres us to sion,. 4. Call to wit - ness your King us dom, 1. Teach love;\_ Give us the song of your us 2. Teach Give us us the way of your peace;\_ 3. Teach the fire of your truth; Give us us 4. Give us the pres-ence of Christ; May your • . that Give us deeds 1. hearts sing, that ring, Make us 2. hearts feel, Give us hands heal, that that Make us 3. right - eous souls, 'Til your jus tice rolls, Make us Keep us shin - ing 4. ho - ly light bright, Ev - er To Refrain with the song of love. 1. ring your 2. walk the way in of vour peace. the fire burn with of your truth. the pres-ence 4. shine with of Christ.

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## Sending

Hear what God declares: The Holy Spirit is poured into you. Filled, go in peace to love and serve. **Thanks be to God. Amen. Alleluia!** 

# Postlude

"Oh Happy Day," Lil'Paul.

## Prayer Texts

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