

CANON DAVIS MEMORIAL CHURCH
Anglican Church of Canada
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Worship Service: Sunday 9:30 a.m.
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Opening Hymn # 350
Stand Up and Bless the Lord
Greeting

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st Reading Numbers 11: 24-30

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF NUMBERS

Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you

jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on

them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104: 25-36 (*responsively alternate verses*) BCPp. 463

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy creatures.

So is the great and wide sea also, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

There go the ships; and there is Leviathan, whom thou hast formed to take his pastime therein.

These wait all upon thee, that thou mayest give them meat in due season.

When thou givest it to them they gather it; and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good.

When thou hidest they face they are troubled: when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust.

When thou lettest thy breath go forth they are made; and thou renewest the face of the earth.

Let the glorious majesty of the Lord endure for ever; let the Lord rejoice in his works.

The earth shall tremble at the look of him; if he do but touch the hills they shall smoke.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will praise my God while I have my being.

And so shall my words please him: my joy shall be in the Lord.

Praise thou the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord

2nd Reading I Corinthians 12: 3b-13

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel John 7: 37-39

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Collect of the Day Almighty and everliving 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 for ever. Amen.

Collect for Peacep. 11
Collect for Gracep. 11

Offertory Hymn # 504
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Offertory Response
All Things Come of Thee (sung)

Sermon
Sermon John 7: 37-39 May 28th, 2023

The word "Pentecost" itself means "fiftieth" in Greek, and it is observed on the fiftieth day after Easter Sunday.

Pentecost is often considered the birth of the Christian Church because it marked the beginning of a movement that would reach people across different regions and languages. It represents the idea that the Holy Spirit, a divine presence, is available to all believers and guides them in their faith. Today, Pentecost is celebrated in Christian churches around the world. It is a time for believers to remember the importance of the Holy Spirit in their lives and to seek spiritual renewal. It is also a reminder of the universal nature of the Christian faith, emphasizing the idea that God's message is meant for all people, regardless of their language or culture.

"Living Water's Abundance" implies a concept of abundant spiritual blessings and sustenance that comes from a relationship with God, represented by the metaphor of "living water." It suggests that through a connection with Jesus, individuals can experience spiritual fulfillment, nourishment, and an overflowing sense of God's blessings in their lives. It emphasizes the idea that in Jesus, there is an abundant source of grace, love, and spiritual growth that satisfies the deepest longings of the human soul.

In a world filled with uncertainty, grasping the concept of abundant spiritual blessings from a relationship with Jesus can provide comfort, hope, and guidance. It is a personal journey that may require patience, faith, and a willingness to seek and embrace God's presence.

Through ongoing reflection, prayer, and a sincere desire to grow closer, we can experience God's abundant blessings and find hope and stability in the midst of uncertainty.

It's true that seeking spiritual blessings from God can become more challenging in a troubled world. The difficulties and uncertainties we face can sometimes distract us or make it harder to connect with God. However, it's important to remember that even in difficult times, God is still present and available to us.

We need only ask....

Mark Buchanan writes about a group of children who were asked what love means. Love is very connected to blessing. Rebecca, age 8, said, "When my grandmother got arthritis, she could not bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does this for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too." This is blessing. Billy, age 7, said, "When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know your name is safe in their mouth." Isn't that a wonderful way of putting it?

While material blessings are often tangible and easy to recognize, spiritual blessings are often subtle and require a deeper level of awareness. We need to take time to reflect and acknowledge the spiritual blessings that come from a relationship with God, such as inner peace, a transformed perspective, and spiritual growth. Cultivating gratitude for these spiritual blessings can help shift our focus from the uncertainties of the world to the abundance found in our connection with God.

We need to joyfully receive all the blessings God gives us. We must look for, acknowledge, embrace, and celebrate God's blessing in our lives because we cannot give anybody else what we do not have. We must come to see ourselves as richly blessed by God.

When the greatest Teacher who ever lived preached the greatest sermon ever taught, it started with a single word: Blessed.

This is from a writer named Mary Ann Bird:

I grew up knowing I was different. I hated it. I was born with a cleft palate. When I started school, my classmates made it clear how I looked to others. Little girl with a misshapen lip, crooked nose, lopsided teeth, garbled speech. When schoolmates asked, 'What happened to your lip?' I'd tell them I'd fallen and cut it on a piece of glass. Somehow it seemed more acceptable to have suffered an accident than been born different. I was convinced nobody outside my family could love me.

Then there was a teacher in the second grade we adored, Mrs. Leonard. Annually we had a hearing test. Mrs. Leonard gave the test to everybody in the class. Finally, it was my turn. I knew from past years as we stood against the door and covered one ear, the teacher sitting at her desk would whisper, and we'd have to repeat it back, something like, 'The sky is blue' or 'Do you have new shoes?' I waited there for the words. God must have put in her mouth those seven words that changed my life. Mrs. Leonard said in a whisper, 'I wish you were my little girl.'

To people made ugly and twisted, God whispers through Jesus, "I wish you were my little girl. I wish you were my little boy." All those blessings flow from the Cross; Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed.

Now, may I say unto you....

May the unrelenting love of God pursue you and surprise you with his compassion for you.

May the forgiveness of Jesus restore and renew your hearts.

May the living waters of the Holy Spirit fill you and flow through you to a struggling and broken world.

May God's peace rest upon you, and may the Lord fill you with his joy. May his joy become your strength.

In the name of the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Sermon Hymn # 643

Holy Spirit, Come with Power

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Prayer for All Conditions of Mortalsp.14

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Prayer of Saint Chrysostomp. 15

Prayer for a Renewed Church: Almighty God, give us a new vision of you, of your love, of your grace and power, and then, give us a new vision of what you would have us do as your Church in this nation and at this time, and an awareness that in the strength of your Spirit, we can do it to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Gracep. 15

Closing Hymn # 249

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People**Thanks be to God.**

Sung Benediction

Howard's Blessing

The Flowers on the Altar this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Chuck Curran, a gift of his wife, Marion and children.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Please send all announcements for the bulletin to Karen by **11:00 a.m. Tuesday** of each week. Call 519-344-9531 or E-mail: canondavis@gmail.com.

If you would like a home visit with Communion or know of someone who would, please let Rev. Ray know as he and/or a Lay Visitor will be available in the coming weeks.

Please join us for **Coffee Hour** after service for a time of fellowship in the parish hall.

The **Ladies Guild pies** are still available. **Turkey or Beef \$5.50 each Shepherd's Pie \$6.00 each. To place your order, call the office at 519-344-9531.**

CDM has held two meat raffles with London Rd. School. Each raffle raised \$420.00 for a total of \$840.00. The next meat raffle will be held on **Tuesday June 13** from **6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at **Imperial City Brew House, 1330 Exmouth Street.** Draws are \$2.00 each and there are 9 draws.

On **Wednesday June 21**, The **ACW Ladies Guild and Friends Annual Luncheon** will be held at **12:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** Chef John, Sheree and I have met the challenge with our "Olives" menu. Select either Salmon Asparagus Quiche or Chicken Pot Pie as your entrée and for dessert, either Frozen Lemon Meringue or Chocolate Caramel, Pecan Cheesecake (Turtle). Mixed greens, berry salad with house dressing, cheese and fruit biscuits will also be offered. If you wish to attend, **please RSVP by June 11** by contacting Carol at 519 491 9319 or Karen at 519 344 9531. A sign-in sheet will also be available at the back of the church. Free Will Offering.

Upcoming Events Reminders:

May 31 - Parish Council Meeting – Boardroom 10:00 a.m.

Jun 4 - Luncheon and Reception for Rev Ray Jenkins and Ginny Schleihauf