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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

JERUSALEM & HOLY LAND SUNDAY - JUNE 1, 2025



Image: "Naïve drawing in the style of an ancient map of Jerusalem" to communicate love and peace between Islam, Christianity and Judaism. From Art in the Christian Tradition.

"The planet desperately needs more peacemakers, healers, restorers, storytellers, and lovers of all kinds." ~ Dalai Lama

Jerusalem Sunday invites particular attention and prayer for one of the principal global partnerships of our Anglican Church of Canada: the people, churches and ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

They are a remnant community spread thinly across the Middle East and Jerusalem. They are part of a Christian minority in these lands and face complex contextual challenges affecting every aspect of their lives.

The Anglican Church of Canada has had a long and meaningful relationship with the Anglican (Episcopal) Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East. They are a diocese of some 7000 members formed into 30 parishes who worship in the name of Jesus and serve faithfully in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel, the West Bank and Gaza.

They oversee an enormous outreach ministry of some 30 institutions, employing more than 5000 people providing education, vocational training, medical care in hospitals and clinics, rehabilitation for the hearing impaired, care for children with disabilities, and residential support to the elderly.

“Pray not just for peace but for a just peace.”

~ Elias Chacour: Retired Archbishop of Akko, Haifa, Nazareth and All Galilee of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church from 2006-2014

8:00 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Book of Common Prayer – beginning page 67

10:00 AM THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Welcome, Announcements & Territorial Acknowledgement

We come to silence at the sound of the gong.

To request specific prayers during the service, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the prayer basket in the narthex.

Opening Hymn: CP247 *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Presider May the grace and peace of Christ be with you.

All May our hearts be filled with joy.

Presider Almighty God,

All to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Talk

Act of Praise: "They'll Know We Are Christians"

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord x2
And we'll pray that all unity may one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand x2
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

Collect of the Day

Presider Living God,
**mystery of love given and received:
deepen our yearning for unity, so that the whole creation
might share in your communion;
through Jesus Christ, who makes known your love. Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-15

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD

will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water. He said, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah? Where is he?" He struck the water again, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha crossed over. When the company of prophets who were at Jericho saw him at a distance, they declared, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." They came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 2

Reader Why are the nations in an uproar? *

All **Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?**

Why do the rulers of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together, *

against the Lord and the Lord's anointed?

"Let us break their yoke," they say; *

"let us cast off their bonds from us."

The One enthroned in heaven is laughing; *

the Lord has them in derision.

Then God speaks to them in wrath, *

and the divine rage fills them with terror.

"I myself have set my anointed *

upon my holy hill of Zion."

Let me announce the decree of the Lord, *

who said to me, "You are my heir;

this day have I begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance*

and the ends of the earth for your possession.

You shall crush them with an iron rod *

and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

And now, you monarchs, be wise; *

be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Submit to the Lord with fear, *

and bow with trembling before the presence of the Lord;

lest God be angry and you perish; *

for the divine wrath is quickly kindled.

Happy are they all *

who take refuge in God!

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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Gradual Hymn: CP541 As Longs the Heart For Flowing Streams

The Gospel: John 17:20-26

Reader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Acclamation: *Halle, Halle, Halle*

Homily

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

Presider We pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
Peace begins at home. Peace begins with us.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: CP84 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Spendour

WE SHARE THE SACRED MEAL

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Blessed are you, O God,
ruler of heaven and earth.

All Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer: Island Liturgy "C"

Presider The Lord is here.

All God's Spirit is with us.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is indeed right that we should praise you,
God of love, our source and our fulfillment,
for you create all things
and in you we live and move and have our being.
Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky.

You made us in your image.

And even though we turn from you,
again and again you call us to yourself,
and in every age, promise liberation.

As a mother gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own
to nurture them in the way of compassionate love.
You sent Jesus among us,
incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary.
Jesus revealed your love for all Creation,
and showed us the way of reconciliation.

Having lived among us — Jesus suffered the cross,
died, and in rising again
became the firstborn of the renewed family.
Your Holy Spirit descended
and continues to give life to your church.
And so we gather around your table,

with all the saints
and with all Creation
we sing the hymn of your unending love:

All **Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,**
(Please see insert) **heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.**
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. x2
Blessed, blessed, blessed,
Blessed is the one coming in the name,
the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. x2

Presider To you be glory, almighty God,
because on the night before he died,
Jesus took bread, when he had given thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you:
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
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,
poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this to remember me.

Presider Great is the mystery of faith.
All **Christ has died,**
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Presider Recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
we ask you to accept
this, our sacrifice of praise.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts
that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son.

Unite us in Christ and give us your love
that we might be strengthened to do your work
as your body in the world.
Through Christ our Redeemer,
in the power of the Spirit,
all praise and glory be yours, Creator God,

now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (chant) – *see blue insert*

**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 for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All **Now we are raised to new life.**

Presider We were buried in your tomb.

All **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Presider Live in us, that we may live in you.
The gifts of God for the People of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

All are welcome to join in the sacred feast of Holy Communion. Please come forward to receive the sacrament, stepping into the circle around the altar. You may indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. All are invited to draw near the table of the Lord.

Healing prayer ministry is offered in the Lady Chapel during communion. After you have received the sacrament, make your way to the chapel to receive prayer.

Communion Music: *Agnus Dei/Lamb of God-see blue insert(Bell, St. Bride setting)*
CP647 Spirit of the Living God
CP360 Bless the Lord, My Soul
Anthem: *Take Now My Voice* - Doug Nolan

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Prayer after Communion

Presider O Lord soften the stone hearts
of those who preach and practice
intolerance and bigotry;
All **as the sun's setting glow
softens the stone walls
of your holy city, Jerusalem.**
Lord, the rocky hills, the valleys,
the deserts and the sea shores
are filled with the echoes of centuries of pain.
Lord, bring peace to house and village.
Comfort the mothers who fret
and those who mourn.
**Lord, keep strong the twisted old root
of the olive tree,
and protect the young vine.**
Lord of water and stone,
of bread and wine,
**Lord of the resurrection,
feed hope, and bring peace,
to this wracked but beautiful Holy Land. Amen.**

Written by: Gerald Butt, for St. George's Cathedral, Jerusalem

Blessing

Presider God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, and to all people, unity, peace and concord,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Creator, Word, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: CP451 *King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You*

Dismissal

Assistant Let us go forth into the world—rejoicing in the Risen Christ!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**



The flowers are given to the glory of God.

“God is full of love. God is peace: let us ask God to help us to be peacemakers each day, in our life, in our families, in our cities and nations, in the whole world.”

~ Pope Francis

	8am	10am
Presider & Preacher	The Rev. Christine Conkin	The Rev. Christine Conkin
Music Director		Fran Pollett / Deb Koning
First Reading	Jane Turpie	Margaret Smart
Psalm	Marilyn Pattison	Kathleen von Kanel
Second Reading	Helen Lindholm	Rick Young
Intercessor	Linda Sproule-Jones	Jeanette Muzio
Administrants	John Oldale	Gary Fisher, Colin Millar
Liturgical Assistant	John Oldale	Darlene Fisher
Greeters	Helen Lindholm	Joy & Terry Carroll
Tech Assistant		Peter Rowand
Counter		TBD
Supervisor		TBD
Flowers		Sandra Moore/Margaret Hood
Chancel Guild		Sue Vickers/Darlene Fisher
Altar Bread		Kathleen von Kanel/Joan Collis
Healing Prayers		Lynn Alexander, Anita Horgan

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