



THE CATHEDRAL
OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

816 Spadina Cres E, Saskatoon, SK S7K 3H4

**6th Sunday of Easter: Ascension
May 10th, 2026**

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Treaty Acknowledgement and Announcements Derwyn Crozier-Smith

Opening Sentence:

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you,
and we will come to you. ~ *John 14.23*

Processional Hymn: CP #649 "Breathe on Me Breath of God"

Easter Greeting: BAS p.185

Gloria: Text BAS p.186, Music CP #686

Collect of the Day: BAS p. 341

Children's Time

Blessing Song:

God bless and keep you (both hands raised in blessing)

God shine upon you (hands circling like a sunrise)

God's gracious presence (hands folded in prayer)

Abide with you in peace (one hand raised in blessing) Repeat

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Acts 17.22-31

Bert Vreeken Paul stood in front of the

Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown God.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66.7-18 BAS p.787-788



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Second Reading: 1Pet 3.13-22

Bert Vreeken Now who will harm you if you are

eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: CP# 715 (Chorus only)

“Alleluia”

The Gospel: John 14.15-21

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Laura Marie Piotrowicz

Nicene Creed: BAS p.188-189

Prayers of the People

The response to “Risen Lord” is ***“Hear our Prayer”***

Confession and Absolution: BAS p. 191

The Peace: BAS p. 192

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn:

“Down in the River to Pray” (***FAMJAM***)

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

O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down

O sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray studying about that good old way, And who shall wear the robe and crown, Good Lord, show me the way! O brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down

Come on, brothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

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

O fathers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down

O fathers, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray studying about that good old way, And who shall wear the robe and crown, Good Lord, show me the way! O mothers, let's go down, come on down, don't you want to go down? Come on, mothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

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

O sinners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down

O sinners, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

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

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Prayer over the Gifts: BAS p. 342

Eucharistic Prayer #4: BAS p. 201-203

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord: CP #689

The Lord's Prayer: BAS p. 211

The Breaking of Bread #8: BAS p. 213

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Lamb of God: CP #690

All those seeking Christ in their heart are welcome at the table.

The full presence of God is in both bread and wine.

(Gluten free wafers are available; please ask the priest.)

Prayers for healing are offered in the Chapel.

Hymn After Communion: I Will Never Forget You (**FAMJAM**)

Verse 1:

I will never forget you, my people;

I have carved you on the palm of my hand.

I will never forget you; I will not leave you orphaned.

I will never forget my own.

Verse 2:

Does a mother forget her baby?
Or a woman, the child within her womb?
Yet even if these forget, yes, even if these forget,
I will never forget my own. **(Repeat verse 1 and 2)**

Closing verse:

I will never forget you, my people;
I have carved you on the palm of my hand.
I will never forget you; I will not leave you orphaned.
I will never forget my own.

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The Sending Forth of the People of God

Small Doxology

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: CP #466 "How Clear is Our Vocation Lord"

Dismissal: Go forth in peace, confident that God has heard you and given heed to your prayers.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude