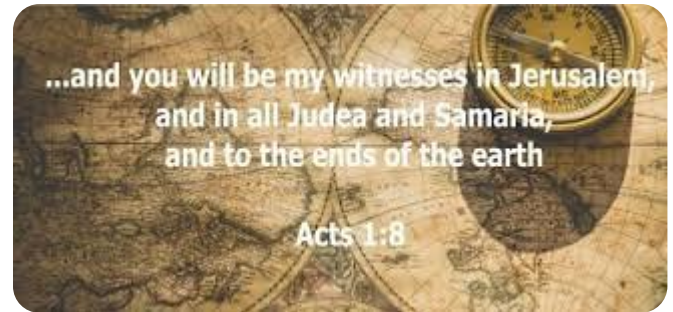


The Cathedral Church of All Saints

Ascension Sunday Jerusalem Sunday



May 17, 2026

"Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the Deacon says,

The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Preparation Hymn CP 322 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Tune: St. Osmund



Today the Bulletin, and the Wine and Host, are offered in Loving Memory of the Bowley Family, Nassau, Bahamas.

Hymn during Communion CP 314

Laudate omnes gentes, laudate, Dominum.

Sing praises, all you peoples, sing praises to the Lord!

Source: *The Taizé Community*

Sending Hymn CP 378

Crown Him, With Many Crowns Tune: DIADEMATA

Postlude: *Die Forelle (The Trout)* - Franz Schubert (1797-1828) with Pauline Josey, violin

Jerusalem Sunday is a call to action for Anglicans and Lutherans in Canada to stand in partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan & the Holy Land. Through worship, learning and giving, congregations are invited to support God's healing mission, especially for the critical health care services offered in the region.

The ministries of the Diocese of Jerusalem sustain and strengthen respect and concern for all people through education, health care, hospitality, and working for peace. The diocese puts their Christian presence and faith into the action of 'loving our neighbours as ourselves', bringing hope to many - regardless of faith and circumstance. "*You shall be my witnesses, in Jerusalem... and to the ends of the earth*".

<https://www.anglican.ca/companions-of-jerusalem/>

Piano Prelude: *Pie Jesu* - Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) with Graham Berry, soprano cornet

Welcome & Territorial Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: CP 247 *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* Tune: Ascension

Children's Message



Collect

God unheld by word or wall:
lift us from dullness and cynical contempt;
make us ready for your Spirit of transforming power;
and turn our hearts to the mending of the world,
through Jesus Christ, the name above all names.
Amen. *Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land

O God of all justice and peace,
we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma
of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.
Be with those who need you in these days of suffering
we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and
Christians and for all people of the land.
While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end of violence
and the establishment of peace, we also call to you
to bring justice and equality to the peoples.
Guide us into your kingdom where all people
Are treated with dignity and honour as your children
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Archbishop Hosam Naoum

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

All: **Our hearts and minds are open.**

Reader A reading from the Book of Acts (1:1-11)

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 93

