

April 23, 2017

Second Sunday of Easter

**10:30 a.m. – A.A.A.W.E.!!**

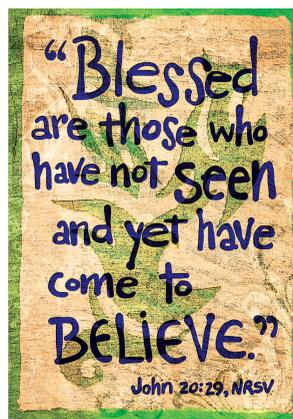
*(Amazing, Awesome, Alternative Worship Experience!)*

## Welcome

*Hearing Assistive Devices and Large Print service leaflets are available*

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## We Gather Together

### Music Before the Service

#### Call to Worship

*Celebrant* We come as we are:

*People* **Doubting Thomases, fearful disciples, sorrowing exiles, rejoicing psalmists!**

*Celebrant* You come as you are:

*People* **Risen Christ, Christ of peace, Holy Spirit, Spirit of forgiveness, God of life, God of new birth!**

*Celebrant* Show us the fullness of your joy!

*People* **Show us the path of life and living hope!**

*Celebrant* Break through our darkness and fears, Lord. Let the light of your salvation and hope shine on us, in us, and through us, that healing and hope may abound in your world. **Amen.**

#### Opening Hymn "Jesus in the Morning"

Text from African-American folk song

- 1 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning,  
Jesus in the noon time;  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down!
- 2 Praise him, Praise him, Praise him in the morning,  
Praise him in the noon time;  
Praise him, Praise him, Praise him when the sun goes down!
- 3 Love him, Love him, Love him in the morning,  
Love him in the noon time;  
Love him, Love him, Love him when the sun goes down!
- 4 Serve him, Serve him, Serve him in the morning,  
Serve him in the noon time;  
Serve him, Serve him, Serve him when the sun goes down!
- 5 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning,  
Jesus in the noon time;  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down!

*Celebrant* Stand among us once again, risen Christ, and bless us with your greeting: “Peace be with you.” Stand among us once again, Exalted Brother, and breathe upon us your promised Spirit. Stand among us once again, You-Who-Have-Escaped-Death, and give us new birth into your living hope. **Amen.**

**Resurrection Proclamation:** Hymn #242 verses 3 & 4 “This Is the Feast of Victory”

### Opening Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Jesus, Saviour, Resurrected Messiah, we come before you from different paths: some of us certain of your joyful presence in our lives, some of us not so certain of the hope of being touched by your joy. Yet we are all here, reaching out to you: for understanding, for hope, for joy, for all that is imperishable. Meet us here, today, in all your power and consolation. Amen.**

### Prayer for Earth Day

*Celebrant* God, Creator of the world, we celebrate the gifts of your earth and the stewardship you have entrusted to us as tillers and tenders in your creation. We trust that in the gathering of your people, your power is present among us; your Holy Spirit stirs and moves and gives us courage to remember that all good gifts come first from you.

We praise you for this creation in the words of the Psalmist, sung by our ancestors in faith for generations:

“God speaks: the heavens are made;  
God breathes: the stars shine.  
God bottles the waters of the sea  
and stores them in the deep.  
All earth, be astounded,  
stand in awe of God.”

Keep us faithful in the stewardship of your blessings upon us, that we may not take them for granted, but tend and care for them as we pass them on to those who come after us. In Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

### We Listen to the Story

*Celebrant* God of sacred texts, speak powerfully to us today through what is written in your holy scripture. Help us hear the witnesses to Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, and to the promises of life in his name. **Amen.**

First Reading:

I Peter 1:3–9

*Reader* We listen to part of a letter written by Peter.

What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we’ve been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you’ll have it all—life healed and whole.

I know how great this makes you feel, even though you have to put up with every kind of aggravation in the meantime. Pure gold put in the fire comes out of it proved pure; genuine faith put through this suffering comes out proved genuine. When Jesus wraps this all up, it’s your faith, not your gold, that God will have on display as evidence of his victory.

You never saw him, yet you love him. You still don’t see him, yet you trust him—with laughter and singing. Because you kept on believing, you’ll get what you’re looking forward to: total salvation.

*Reader* Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*People* **May we be inspired by what we have heard.**

### Psalm 16

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber

Tune Hymn #599 Church Triumphant

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| 1 | Protect me, Lord, for I have said,<br>“You are my good; none is like you;”<br>The godly are my chief delight,<br>Those who have noble hearts and true. | 4 | I bless the Lord who counsels me,<br>My heart helps me to understand;<br>I set the Lord always before,<br>And as my guard at my right hand.                |
| 2 | Those who run after other gods<br>Shall have their troubles multiplied;<br>I will not offer blood or name<br>Their gods; these I cannot abide.         | 5 | My heart and spirit both rejoice,<br>My body, too, in hope shall lie;<br>You will not leave me in the Pit,<br>Nor in the grave with those who die.         |
| 3 | You are my portion and my cup,<br>You make my lot always secure;<br>My boundaries close a pleasant land,<br>Indeed my heritage is sure.                | 6 | You show me, Lord, the path of life,<br>With you I find fullness of joy;<br>The pleasures found at your right hand<br>Are those which time cannot destroy. |

**Gracious God, we bless your holy name for the heritage you have given us. Show us the path of life, that we may follow it in hope, and come to know the joy of the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Acclamation:**

From Taizé Community

Jesus the Lord is now risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Truly the Lord is risen today, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Holy Gospel:**

John 20:19–31

*Subdeacon* The good news of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **May we have ears to hear!**

*Subdeacon* Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said,

*Reader 1* “Peace to you.”

*Subdeacon* Then he showed them his hands and side. The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were exuberant. Jesus repeated his greeting:

*Reader 1* “Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you.”

*Subdeacon* Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them.

*Reader 1* “Receive the Holy Spirit, if you forgive someone’s sins, they’re gone for good. If you don’t forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?”

*Subdeacon* But Thomas, sometimes called the Twin, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him,

*People* **“We saw the Master.”**

*Subdeacon* But he said,

*Reader 2* “Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger in the nail holes, and stick my hand in his side, I won’t believe it.”

*Subdeacon* Eight days later, his disciples were again in the room. This time Thomas was with them. Jesus came through the locked doors, stood among them, and said,

*Reader 1* “Peace to you.”

*Subdeacon* Then he focused his attention on Thomas.

*Reader 1* “Take your finger and examine my hands. Take your hand and stick it in my side. Don’t be unbelieving. Believe.”

*Subdeacon* Thomas said,

*Reader 2* “My Master! My God!”

*Subdeacon* Jesus said,

*Reader 1* “So, you believe because you’ve seen with your own eyes. Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing.”

*Subdeacon* Jesus provided far more God-revealing signs than are written down in this book. These are written down so you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and in the act of believing, have real and eternal life in the way he personally revealed it.

This is the good news of Jesus Christ!

*People* **As we have heard, now may we live!**

**We Reflect on the Story****Reflection**

*A time for silent reflection is kept.*

**We Respond to the Story**

**Affirmation of Faith [Hymn “We Believe in God the Father”]**

Text by Timothy Dudley-Smith

Tune Hymn #44 Arfon Major

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| <p>1 We believe in God the Father,<br/>God almighty, by whose plan<br/>earth and heaven sprang to being,<br/>all created things began.<br/>We believe in Christ the Saviour,<br/>Son of God in human frame,<br/>virgin-born, the child of Mary<br/>upon whom the Spirit came.</p>      | <p>3 We believe in God the Spirit;<br/>in one church, below, above:<br/>saints of God in one communion,<br/>one in holiness and love.<br/>So by faith, our sins forgiven,<br/>Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,<br/>we shall rise with him in glory<br/>to the life that knows no end.</p> |
| <p>2 Christ, who on the cross forsaken,<br/>like a lamb to slaughter led,<br/>suffered under Pontius Pilate,<br/>he descended to the dead.<br/>We believe in Jesus risen,<br/>Heaven’s king to rule and reign,<br/>to the Father’s side ascended<br/>till as judge he comes again.</p> |   |

**The Prayers of the People**

*Leader* Let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Prayer of Confession**

*People* **We listen to the news, read the newspapers, and wonder if peace will ever reign in your world, Lord. Today we have been invited to be with the disciples in that hidden place where they also wondered about peace and hope. You broke through. You shattered the darkness and they were astonished again. Help us to understand that you will bring peace to each one of us. Forgive all those times when we treat this moment of revelation as though it was impossible. Give us the courage to reach out to you and touch our hearts once again. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance**

*Celebrant* Open your hearts and ears, beloved people of God. You are loved, forgiven, and chosen to be called disciples. Be at peace!

*People* **Thanks be to God!! Alleluia!!**

**The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the risen Christ be with you all!

*People* **And also with you!**

**We Share the Meal together****Invitation to the Offering**

*Celebrant* May we give out of the love that we have for Jesus Christ, so that others may share in our imperishable and unfading inheritance of hope and life.

**Offertory Song #232 "Jesus Is Risen from the Grave"****Offering Prayer**

*People* **God of great mercy, accept our offerings, given out of what is more precious than gold—our faith in you, giver of hope and life. And through these gifts, reveal the risen Christ in acts of mercy, love, and joy. Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving [from the Scottish Episcopal Church]**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life. Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light.

Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

*People*

Arranged by  
Michael Leach

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant*

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

*People* **We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves a single, holy living sacrifice.**

*Celebrant* Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

*People* **Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

*Celebrant* Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.  
**Amen.**

#### **The Lord's Prayer** [*from The New Zealand Prayer Book*]

*People* **Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.**

#### **The Breaking of the Bread #8**

*Celebrant* Lord, we died with you on the cross.

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

*Celebrant* We were buried in your tomb.

*People* **Now we share in your resurrection. Live in us, that we may live in you.**

#### **Lamb of God**

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away our sins.

*People* **Have mercy on us.**

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away our sins.

*People* **Have mercy on us.**

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away our sins.

*People* **Grant us your peace.**

#### **Communion**

*Celebrant* Friends, let us come out of the darkness and join together in the light of God's love. You are invited to this table of life as we join with each other and seek communion with God.

God's gifts for God's family.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All are invited to share in Communion. If you would rather not receive the bread and wine, please feel free to come forward for a blessing.*

#### **Songs during Communion**

#225 "Come Away to the Skies"

#62 "Come, Let Us Eat"

#### **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Holy, gracious, God, at this table your promise of life is made tangible.

*People* **We have rested in the depth of your love; we have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence; we accept you into our bodies, into our lives. Together, at this table, you have offered us life. Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer. And we give you thanks. Amen.**

#### **We go Back into the World**

#### **Blessing**

*Celebrant* In great mercy, God has given us a new birth into a living hope, for it is the risen Christ who stands in our midst and says, "Peace be with you!" We go forth to walk the path of new life and living hope, with the peace of the risen Christ within us. The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you, those you love and serve this day, this Easter season, and always.  
**Amen.**

**The Life & Ministry of St. George on Yonge: Announcements**

**Closing Hymn “I Danced in the Morning”**

Text by Sydney Carter

1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

**Refrain:** Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,  
and I’ll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I’ll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2 I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
they came with me and the dance went on.

**Refrain**

3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
the holy people said it was a shame;  
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
and left me there on a cross to die.

**Refrain**

4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
it’s hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
they buried my body and they thought I’d gone,  
but I am the dance and I still go on.

**Refrain**

5 They cut me down and I leap up high;  
I am the life that will never, never die;  
I’ll live in you if you’ll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

**Refrain**

**Dismissal**

*Subdeacon* It’s time to go from this place into our everyday worlds. With courage, love, and hope, may we always be a blessing to all whom we meet.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, go rejoicing to love and serve the risen Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!!**

**Music After the Service**

Services			
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Said Eucharist (BAS 1962)	
	9:00 a.m.	Mandarin Fellowship	
	10:30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (BAS)	
		3rd Sunday of the month (AAawe)	
BAS 1962 (Book of Alternate Services) uses the 1962 rite which is the traditional language as in the BCP (Book of Common Prayer)			
Mandarin Fellowship is offered in the Sanctuary. We hope our Mandarin Fellowship can be a “harbour for love,” where we seek truth together, while experiencing and receiving the abundant grace of God.			
衷心欢迎您来到圣乔治教会大家庭，我们的国语团契每周日上午9点举行主日聚会。			
盼望国语团契可以成为一个爱的港湾，在这里我们一起寻求上帝的真理，一起经历上帝的同在，一起领受上帝的恩典。			
BAS (Book of Alternate Services) uses contemporary, inclusive-language			
AAawe (Amazing, Awesome, Alternate Worship Experience) is a Communion service that is more informal with alternative music and prayers			

Incumbent	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Assistant Curate	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Honorary Associate	The Rev. Canon Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD
Associate, Mandarin Ministry	Morning Wang
Organist & Director of Music	Michael Leach
Parish Administrator	Craig Gustafson
Custodian	Philip Ikhuria