

He has risen!

Luke 24:6 (NIV)



Saturday, April 8, 2023

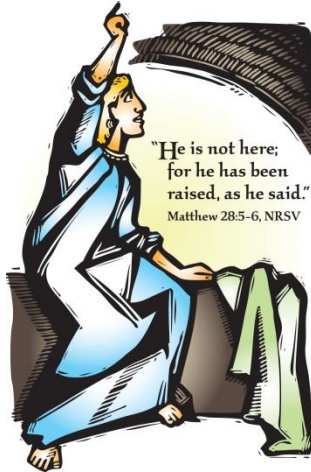
The Great Vigil of Easter

**7:00 p.m. – Renewal of baptismal promises &
1st Eucharist of Easter**

Welcome

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

Please ask an usher for assistance



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The Service of Light

All gather outdoors on the front steps (those who arrive early may want to sit in the Narthex until the service begins).

In the darkness, fire is kindled.

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord. We remember his death and resurrection by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries; we are confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

Let us pray:

Father, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world. Sanctify this new fire, and inflame us with new hope. Purify our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The paschal candle is lit from the new fire.

Cantor The light of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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The paschal candle is placed in its stand in the middle of the Sanctuary.

The ancient Easter Hymn, The Exsultet, is sung.

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The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, let us now listen attentively to the word of God, recalling how he saved his people throughout history and in the fullness of time, sent his own Son to be our Redeemer.

First Reading: The Creation Genesis 7:1–5,11–18;8:6–18;9:8–13

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #641 “Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid”

Latin; translation and versifies by John Dryden

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| 1 Creator Spirit, by whose aid
the world’s foundations first were
laid,
come, visit every humble mind;
come, pour thy joys on
humankind;
from sin and sorrow set us free,
and make us temples worthy
thee. | 3 Plenteous of grace, descend
from high
rich in thy sevenfold energy;
make us eternal truths receive,
and practice all that we
believe;
give us thyself, that we may see
the Father and the Son by thee. |
| 2 O Source of untreated light,
the Father’s promised Paraclete,
thrice holy fount, thrice holy fire,
our hearts with heavenly love
inspire;
come, and thy sacred unction
bring
to sanctify us while we sing. | 4 Immortal honour, endless fame,
attend the almighty Father’s
name;
the Saviour Son be glorified,
who for the world’s redemption
died;
and equal adoration be,
eternal Paraclete, to thee. |

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, you created all things in wonderful beauty and order. Help us now to perceive how still more wonderful is the new creation, by which in the fullness of time you redeemed your people through the sacrifice of our Passover, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Second Reading: The Exodus

Exodus 14:10–31;15:20–21

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #565 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Text by William Williams

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth
flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and
shield,
be thou still my strength and
shield.

3 When I tread the verge of
Jordan,
bid my anxious fears
subside;
death of death, and hell’s
destruction,
land me safe on Canaan’s
side:
songs of praises, songs of
praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Celebrant God of steadfast love, your wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day. By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of baptism. Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Third Reading: The Gathering of God’s People

Zephaniah 3:14–20

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Hymn #312 "Sing a New Song unto the Lord" Text by Daniel L. Schutte

Refrain:

Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from
mountains high.

Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.

2 Rise, O children, from your
sleep;
your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to
joy,
and filled your soul with song.

1 Yahweh's people dance
for joy.
O come before the Lord
and play for him on glad
tambourines,
and let your trumpet
sound.

Refrain

3 Glad my soul, for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead
shall be raised.
I know my Saviour lives.

Refrain

Refrain

Celebrant O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation. Let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Resurrection Proclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The candles are extinguished. The church lights are turned on.

Glory to God [Hymn #686]

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Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

People **and peace to his people on earth.**

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Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal Giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Epistle Reading:

Romans 6:3–11

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Acclamation: Alleluia

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 28:1–10

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Subdeacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

A time for silent reflection is kept.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church. Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

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- Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
- Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**
- Celebrant* Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the Earth?
People **I will with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the Earth?
People **I will with God's help.**

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Celebrant God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May he keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the First Eucharist of Easter

Offertory Hymn #203 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Text from Lyra Davidica

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| 1 Jesus Christ is risen today,
alleluia!
our triumphant holy day,
alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross,
alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss.
Alleluia! | 3 But the pains which he
endured,
alleluia!
our salvation have procured;
alleluia!
now above the sky he's king,
alleluia!
where the angels ever sing.
Alleluia! |
| 2 Hymns of praise then let us
sing, alleluia!
unto Christ our heavenly King,
alleluia!
who endured the cross and
grave, alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save.
Alleluia! | |

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God of life and health, accept the offering of your holy people, and grant that we who are baptized into Christ may be perfected in your salvation, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. 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***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**Michael
Leach*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

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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 [Michael Leach]

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

People **Our Father in heav'n, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And 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.**

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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.**

The Communion

Celebrant Alleluia, Alleluia! The gifts of God for the People of God.

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

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant Dear friends, if you are present or elsewhere and are unable to receive the sacrament at this time, I invite you to join me and the whole church in spiritual communion to receive Christ, who is present in this Sacrament of the Altar. Let us pray.

People **Lord Christ, present in the Sacrament of the altar and in your people, gathered in spirit, come and abide in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; transform my life and actions that they may reflect the image of your holiness; and, by the power of your liberating love, overthrow all that threatens or disrupts the justice and truth of the reign of God. In your name I pray. Amen.**

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion

Communion Hymn #207 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”Latin (Ad cenam Agni); translation by Robert Campbell

- 1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him, whose love
divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the
priest.
- 2 Where the paschal blood is
poured,
death’s dark angel sheathes his
sword;
Israel’s hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns
the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood
was shed,
paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love,
eat we manna from above.
- 3 Mighty victim from on high,
hell’s fierce powers beneath
thee lie;
death is broken in the fight,
thou has brought us life and
light.
Now no more can death appal,
now no more the grave
enthrall!
Thou hast opened paradise,
and in thee thy saints shall
rise.
- 4 This, our gift of Easter joy,
sin alone can now destroy;
from sin’s power do thou set
free
souls newborn, O Lord, in
thee.
Hymns of glory and of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise;
risen Lord, all praise to thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.

Prayer after Communion*Celebrant* Let us pray.

People **Giver of all, we are nourished with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite us in faith, that we may be witnesses to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

Doxology [Michael Leach]

People **Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more, infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, in the Church and in**

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Christ Jesus, for ever and ever, for ever and ever. Amen, Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you and those whom you love and serve, this holiest of nights, throughout this season of joyous resurrection and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Subdeacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord.

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

Recessional Hymn #212 "Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er"

From Latin Text translation by Francis Pott

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Death's mightiest powers
have done their
worst,

1 The strife is o'er, the battle
done;
now is the victor's triumph
won;
O let the song of praise be
sung:
alleluia!

and Jesus hath his foes
dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy
outburst:
alleluia!

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- 3 He closed the yawning gates of hell;
the bars from heaven's high portals fell.
Let songs of praise his triumphs tell:
 alleluia!
- 4 On the third morn he rose again,
glorious in majesty to reign.
O let us swell the joyful strain:
 alleluia!
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee:
 alleluia!

Thanks to all who contributed to the Celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

Please join in the Resurrection Party following the service in the Narthex.

Easter at St. George on Yonge

Sunday, April 9

10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday

Sung Communion celebrating the resurrection
with children's ministry
(In person and on Facebook)



Wednesday, April 12 – Friday April 14

Seniors' Communion offered at home

Pre-arrange with Rev. Leonard
Leader

Call or email the office



Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Assisting Clergy	Fr. Pierre Niyongere
Subdeacon	Doug Heyes
Readers	Ravi Andrews, Abra Ilera, Craig Robertson



***The Easter flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in celebration of Easter***

from Anne Baillie, Raj and Roshni Sircar

and in loving memory of our parents, Helen & John
Hunter and Gladys & Stan Pummell,
from John & Laura Pummell

Territorial Acknowledgement

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee) and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

Instructions

The Common Cup is an important symbol in our Anglican tradition. It has been emphasized that receiving the consecrated bread alone is complete in itself, so those who aren't comfortable drinking from the Common Cup don't need to. The cup is now being offered to people who wish to return to drinking from the Common Cup.

For the time being, the parish leadership has decided to continue contact tracing, and ask that we continue wearing masks for the safety of others.

Please follow the Priest's and Usher's instructions for the service; and be respectful of everyone's comfort level with physical distancing and contact.

Thank you for joining us. Stay Safe