

He has risen!

Luke 24:6 (NIV)





St. George on Yonge
Anglican

April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

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available***

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The Gathering of the Community

Greeting

Celebrant Rejoice! The stone is rolled away, grave clothes neatly folded, no more the smell of death, behold the empty tomb!

People **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Celebrant Rejoice! Scripture has been fulfilled, the sting of death is gone, the victory has been won, behold the risen Christ!

People **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Celebrant Rejoice! The curtain's torn in two, our God invites us in, Christ's sacrifice enough to wash away our sins!

People **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.

People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Processional Hymn #203 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Text from Lyra Davidica

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| <p>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!</p> <p>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!</p> | <p>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!</p> |
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Collect for Purity*Celebrant* Almighty God,*People* **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.****Glory to God** [Hymn #686]*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,*People* **and peace to his people on earth.****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* **God unlimited by mortal fear or the tomb's cold grip: in the lingering dark give us grace to know your life triumphant, your love undimmed, and your grace affirmed in the face of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. Amen.****The Proclamation of the Word**

First Reading:

Acts 10:34–43

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,

³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1–2,14–24



Refrain:

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
 his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim,
 "His mercy endures for ever."

Refrain

- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song,
 and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory
 in the tents of the righteous:

Refrain

- 16 “The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”
- 17 I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.

Refrain

- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 “This is the gate of the Lord;
he who is righteous may enter.”

Refrain

- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1–4

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn “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.**

¹ After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

*A time for silent reflection is kept.***The Nicene Creed***Celebrant* Let us confess our faith, as we say,*People* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

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We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Leader Let us pray to the Lord.

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

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

People **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

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For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #211 "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing"

Text by Cyril Argentine Alington

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| 1 Good Christians all, rejoice
and sing!
Now is the triumph of our
King!
To all the world glad news we
bring:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! | 3 Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which
cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted
high:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! |
| 2 The Lord of life is risen today!
Sing songs of praise along his
way;
let all the earth rejoice and
say:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! | 4 Your name we bless, O risen
Lord,
and sing today with one
accord
the life laid down, the life
restored:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! |

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the 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

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

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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.**

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.**

Celebrant Live in us, that we may live in you.

Lamb of God [Michael Leach]

People **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

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 #223 “Christ Is Risen” Text by Brian Wren

- 1 Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days.
Christ is risen! Hush in
wonder;
all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has
grown.
Healing leaves of grace
abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.
- 2 Christ is risen! Raise your
spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the
morning,
see what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion;
joy and peace shall never end.
- 3 Christ is risen! Earth and
heaven
never more shall be the
same.
Break the bread of new
creation
where the world is still in
pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
“Christ is risen! Get you
gone!”
God the First and Last is with
us.
Sing hosanna everyone!

Prayer after Communion*Celebrant* Let us pray.*People* **God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.****Doxology** [Arranged by 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 Christ Jesus, for ever and ever, for ever and ever. Amen, Amen.**

Blessing

Dismissal

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

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

Recessional Hymn #216 “Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem”

Text by Fulbert of Chartres; translation by Robert Campbell

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| 1 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes
employ,
the paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy. | 4 Triumphant in his glory
now
to him all power is given;
to him in one communion
bow
all saints in earth and
heaven. |
| 2 For Judah’s lion bursts his
chains,
crushing the serpent’s
head;
and cries aloud through
death’s domains
to wake the imprisoned
dead. | 5 All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son;
all glory, Holy Ghost, to
thee,
while endless ages run. |
| 3 Devouring depths of hell
their prey
at his command restore;
his ransomed hosts pursue
their way
where Jesus goes before. | |

***Please join us for refreshments downstairs in the
Parish Hall following the service.***

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



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

Today's Scripture Readings

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a,22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

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Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Leonard Leader	Server Truman Jian
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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