

## April 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. –Sung Eucharist

# Welcome

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## The Gathering of the Community

## Processional Hymn #205 "The Day of Resurrection"

Text by John of Damascus; translation by John Mason Neale

- The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the passover of gladness, the passover of God!
   From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.
- 2 Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light, and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
- Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth her song begin; the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein.
  Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

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## Greeting

- Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!CelebrantMay his grace and peace be with you.PeopleMay he fill our hearts with joy.CelebrantThere is one body and one Spirit,PeopleThere is one hope in God's call to us;CelebrantOne Lord, one faith, one baptism,PeopleOne God and Father of all.

## **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 Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Acts 2:14a,22-32

*Reader* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>14a</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them . . .

<sup>22</sup> "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law.<sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.<sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life;

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you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

<sup>29</sup> "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

 $^{32}$  This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses . . . "

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

## People Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 16

- Protect me, Lord, for I have said, "You are my good; none is like you;" The godly are my chief delight, Those who have noble hearts and true.
- 2 Those who run after other gods
   Shall have their troubles multiplied;
   I will not offer blood or name
   Their gods; these I cannot abide.
- You are my portion and my cup,
   You make my lot always secure;
   My boundaries close a pleasant land,
   Indeed my heritage is sure.

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber Tune Hymn #599 Church Triumphant

- I bless the Lord who counsels me, My heart helps me to understand;
   I set the Lord always before, And as my guard at my right hand.
- 5 My heart and spirit both rejoice,
  My body, too, in hope shall lie;
  You will not leave me in the Pit,
  Nor in the grave with those who die.
- You show me, Lord, the path of life,
   With you I find fullness of joy;
   The pleasures found at your right hand
   Are those which time cannot destroy.

I Peter 1:3–9

Second Reading:

*Reader* A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia"

Holy Gospel:SubdeaconThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.SubdeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

A time for silent reflection is kept.

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John 20:19–31

## **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**

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*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. 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. 7

*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**

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- *Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- People And also with you.

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #231 "That Eastertide with Joy Was Bright"

Text from Latin; translation by John Mason Neale

- That Eastertide with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light, alleluia, alleluia! when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the glorious wounds abide; alleluia, alleluia!
   the tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was risen again.
   Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- From every weapon death can wield thine own redeemed forever shield: alleluia, alleluia!
   O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- Jesus, the king of gentleness, do thou thyself our hearts possess, alleluia, alleluia! that we may give thee all our days the tribute of our grateful praise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

## The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

PeopleGod of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your<br/>Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us<br/>in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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<i>Celebrant</i> 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* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of

praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

# PeopleHoly, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of<br/>your glory. Hosanna in the highest.Michael<br/>LeachDescend is besuch a series of the band and the highest.

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

- Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
  - After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

- *People* we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;
- Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.
   We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **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 [Arranged by Michael Leach]

PeopleLamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:<br/>have mercy on us, have mercy on us.<br/>Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:<br/>have mercy on us, have mercy on us.<br/>Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:<br/>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

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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 #222 "All Shall Be Well"

Text by Timothy Dudley-Smith

- All shall be well! For on our Easter skies see Christ the sun of righteousness arise.
- All shall be well! The sacrifice is made, the sinner freed, the price of pardon paid.
- All shall be well! The cross and passion past, dark night is done, bright morning come at last.
- **Prayer after Communion**
- Celebrant Let us pray.
- People Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

## Doxology [Michael Leach]

PeopleGlory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more, infinitely<br/>more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to<br/>generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, in the Church and in Christ Jesus,<br/>for ever and ever, for ever and ever. Amen, Amen.

- 4 All shall be well!
  Lift every voice on high;
  "Death has no more dominion, but shall die."
- 5 Jesus alive! Rejoice and sing again; all shall be well for evermore, Amen!

#### Blessing

DismissalSubdeaconAlleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Recessional Hymn #220 "Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Risen"

- Christ is risen, Christ is risen, tell it with joyful voice;
   Christ has burst his three days' prison: let the whole wide earth rejoice!
   Death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.
- 2 Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow; Lent's long shadows have departed, all his woes are over now, and the Passion that he bore; sin and pain can vex no more.
- Christ is risen, Christ is risen;
   he hath opened heaven's gate:
   we are free from sin's dark prison,
   risen to a holier state;
   and a brighter Easter beam

Text by Cecil Frances Alexander

## on our longing eyes shall stream.

## Please join us for refreshments following the service.

Today's Scripture Readings	Next Sunday's Scripture Readings	
Second Sunday of Easter	Third Sunday of Easter	
Acts 2:14a,22-32	Revelation 21:5-7	
Psalm 16	Psalm 18:1-7	
1 Peter 1:3-9	Ephesians 6:10-17	
John 20:19-31	Mark 8:34-38	

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We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week ...

**Congregation Cycle** 

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Celebrant The	e Rev. Leonard Leader	Organist	Michael Leach
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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.