

March 31, 2024

**Easter Sunday** 

10:00 a.m. - Sung Eucharist

# Welcome

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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!

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

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!

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!

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!

#### **Collect for Purity**

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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]

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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

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him.

May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever.Amen.

### The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Acts 10:34–43

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,

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

<sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> 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; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> 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. <sup>42</sup> 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. <sup>43</sup> 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.
- 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

- "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.
- The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death.

### Refrain

- 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.
- The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you

stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you - unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them - though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
Gradual Hymn "Alleluia"

Holy Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Subdeacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid

him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Vinaya Dumpala

Baptism candidates and their parents are requested to come to the font.

#### Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Celebrant The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and sponsors

We present Ariiho Akoragye King, Ahabwe Atwiine Kwezi, and Asiimwe Agasha Tess to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents and sponsors

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and sponsors

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and sponsors I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and sponsors I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and sponsors I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Parents and sponsors I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and sponsors I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Parents and sponsors I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to

support King, Kwezi, and Tess in their life in Christ?

People We will.

#### **Prayers for the Candidates**

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Celebrant Let us now pray for King, Kwezi, and Tess who are to

receive the sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open them to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of

Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his

resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who

lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

### The Celebration of Baptism

#### Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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 bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, 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.** 

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

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 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.

### The Baptism

Celebrant Ariiho Akoragye King, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Celebrant Ahabwe Atwiine Kwezi, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Celebrant Asiimwe Agasha Tess, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Celebrant Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace.

Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.

Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

### The Giving of the Light

Subdeacon Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

People Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized. Celebrant

We receive you into the household of God. People Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal

priesthood.

#### 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

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!

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!

3 Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high: 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!

### 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 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

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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

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 page 213

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** [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**

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Recessional Hymn #216 "Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem"

Text by Fulbert of Chartres; translation by Robert Campbell

- Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ, the paschal victory to hymn in strains of holy joy.
- For Judah's lion bursts his chains, crushing the serpent's head; and cries aloud through death's domains to wake the imprisoned dead.
- 3 Devouring depths of hell their prey at his command restore; his ransomed hosts pursue their way where Jesus goes before.

- 4 Triumphant in his glory now to him all power is given; to him in one communion bow all saints in earth and heaven.
- 5 All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son; all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, while endless ages run.

#### Dismissal

Subdeacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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



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

from Rudy Powell

### and in loving memory of

members of the Hanna and Sperling families from Geraldine and Alan Sperling;

### and in loving memory of

Raj Sircar from Roshni and Family.

## **Today's Scripture** Readings

#### **Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8

# **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**

Myta P / Prince Philip A & Subba P, Miraa & Mika / Nigel P / Joanie P / Rudy P

Celebrant & Preacher	Altar Guild Margie Lyttle
The Rev. Vinaya Dumpala	Usher Ann-Marie Waithe
Subdeacon Margie Lyttle	Powell
Intercessor Geraldine Sperling	Duty Warden Craig Robertson
Reader Ravi Andrews	Counters Lorraine Baillie
Crucifer Nishant Sam	Craig Robertson
Videographer Egan Done	Coffee Hour Host
Organist Michael Leach	Colette Lyttle
Trumpeter Jeff Chong	

### **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.