St. George on Yonge
Anglican

April 5, 2026

Easter Day

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

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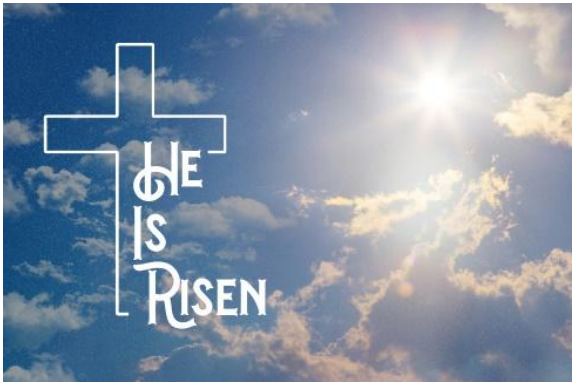

We are a faith community dedicated to being a safe and inclusive place for all people to experience God's love. We celebrate God's gift of diversity by honouring and welcoming people from all gender identities, sexualities, marital statuses, family configurations, ages, abilities, races, ethnicities, and socioeconomic circumstances. No matter who you are, you are welcomed, loved, and valued.

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The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Opening 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!

Greeting and Collect for Purity page 185

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.**
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.**

Hymn #366 "Glory, in the Highest Glory" Text from Glory to God (Gloria in excelsis, Greek hymn; paraphrase by Paul Gibson

1 Glory, in the highest glory,
peace to all, in all their days.
Worship, thanks, and praise unceasing
to the Source of all we raise:
reigning in the sapphire height,
hidden from our mortal sight,
now receive our adoration,
as we make our supplication.

2 Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
Lamb of God, for sinners given,
Word eternal, born of Mary,
Word made flesh, the face of heaven:
holy one, to you we pray,
hear us in the realms of day,
with the Spirit there united,
and the Godhead high exalted.

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: I Corinthians 15:19–26

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

19 If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.
20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.
21 For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come
through a human being; 22 for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. 23 But
each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.
24 Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has
destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put
all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1–2,14–24

Refrain:

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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.

Refrain

Second Reading: Acts 10:34–43

Reader A reading from the Act 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.**

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

Holy Gospel: John 20:1-18
Honorary Associate The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Honorary Associate The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew,

"Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord": and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Sermon

Solo: "Rejoice, Greatly!" G.F. Handel (from "Messiah")
Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion, shout, O daughter of Jerusalem:
behold, thy King cometh unto thee. He is the righteous Saviour, and He shall speak peace unto the heathen.
(Zechariah IX:9-10)

Hymn #44 "I Believe in God Almighty" Paraphrase by Sylvia G. Dunstan

1 I believe in God almighty,
Father of all things that be,
maker of the earth and heavens,
keeper of the sky and sea.
I believe in God's Son, Jesus,
now for us both Lord and Christ,
of the Spirit and of Mary
born to bring abundant life.

2 I believe that Jesus suffered,
scourged and scorned and crucified;
taken from the cross, was buried—
true life there had truly died.
I believe that on the third day
Christ was raised up from the grave,
then ascended to God's right hand.
He will come to judge and save.

3 I believe in God's own Spirit,
bonding all the saints within
one Church, catholic, and holy,
where forgiveness frees from sin;
in the body's resurrection,
for the breaking of death's chain
gives the life that's everlasting:
this the faith that I have claimed.

The Prayers of the People *(please stand, kneel, or sit as you are able)*

Leader God of the bright morning star, God of the rising sun,
God of darkness redeemed, we praise and worship you!
For empty tombs, we thank you!
For disciples running with good news, we thank you!
For your presence, alive, powerful, resurrected we thank you!
We celebrate your victory over death,
over all the powers that would defeat us…

God of resurrection;

All **you have rolled the stone away.**

Leader Inspiring Spirit,
help us to grasp resurrection;
to understand its power,
to see its force at work in our world,
overturning evil empires,
changing the hatred within us,
moving the world slowly, forcefully,
bending us towards love and truth...

God of resurrection;

All **you have rolled the stone away.**

Leader Triumphant and humble Lord,
on this day of great gladness
empower us to be your ambassadors,
proclaiming good news.
Good news in our kitchens and living rooms,
good news in the offices and workshops
good news in the fields and factories.
Help us to be that good news,
walking softly on this good earth,
caring gently for all people,
living hopefully into your kingdom….

God of resurrection;

All **you have rolled the stone away.**

Leader God of redeeming darkness and blessed quiet,
today we think of all who are grieving,
and for the sick and dying….
We pray for peace in the face of violence, and shelter for those who need it.
We pray for places in the world that are torn by war and bloodshed…
We pray for all those living in uncertainty and fear…

God of resurrection;
All **you have rolled the stone away.**

Leader Living God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
anoint us with your touch
so that the softness of your love
may break into our hardness
and open us anew…

God of resurrection;
All **you have rolled the stone away.**

Leader We celebrate and we rejoice -
the old has passed away.
In you, in your resurrection,
in your life and love,
everything becomes new!
All **Amen.**

The Peace page 192
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, 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.**

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 1 (S1)

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 Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory singing:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of pow'r and might;**
Heaven and earth of Your glory are full.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of pow'r and might;
Heaven and earth of Your glory are full.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Steve Bell

Celebrant Gracious God,
in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life,
Jesus knew death was near.
His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends,
saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant Breathe your Holy Spirit,
the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love for all the world
and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever.

People **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 page 213

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.

Presider Here is the table of the Lord, we are gathered to the supper, a foretaste of things eternal. Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love. Come, when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith. Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole. Come, everyone, there is room for all. These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.
All Thanks be to God.

The Communion page 213

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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.

All are welcome to receive communion with us

When the ushers indicate to you, please line up in the centre aisle.

- ***To receive a blessing,*** *as you reach the priest with the bread, cross your arms over your chest. Return to your seat after receiving the blessing.*
- ***To receive the bread****, hold your hands in front of you, palms up.*
- ***We have gluten free bread,*** *please ask the priest when you get to the front.*
- ***To receive the wine from the cup****, take the bottom of the cup and the base and guide it to your mouth.*
- ***If you prefer to take only the bread,*** *you may indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing your arms over your chest, or simply walking past them.*

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

Celebrant When it takes hold, resurrection does not let go,
it shakes the dead awake,
it shakes the darkness from the light,
and it wrestles death from all that is dying.
Let us go out into the world
and in the upheaval of resurrection
seek out this new life.

And may the blessing of God
be upon you, body, mind and spirit,
as you leave this place and go into the world
filled with this Easter promise.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn #216 "Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem"

Text by Fulbert of Chartres; translation by Robert Campbell

1 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes employ,
the paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.

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.

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 in the Parish Hall for refreshments following the service.

The Easter flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in celebration of Easter
from Ann-Marie Waithe Powell,
Craig Robertson, Maggie Sumner,
and Geraldine and Alan Sperling.
with grateful thanks for all blessings
from Roshni Sircar.
in loving memory of
Wallace and Rhoda Gillespie
and their son, Mark
from their family.
in loving memory of
Joyce Patterson
From Diana Noriel
and in special memory of
my Grand Aunt Mearl
from Margie, Clavel, Colette, and Carter.

Today's Scripture Readings	Next Sunday's Scripture Readings
Easter Sunday	**Second Sunday of Easter**
1 Cor 15:19-26	Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:1-2,14-24	Psalm 150
Acts 10:34-43	Rev 1:4-8
John 20:1-18	John 20:19-31

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

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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.