



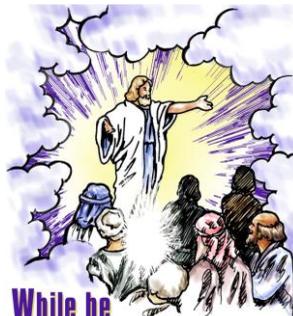
# St. George on Yonge Anglican

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May 24, 2020

Ascension of the Lord  
(Seventh Sunday of Easter)

## Ministry of the Word



**While he  
was blessing them, he...  
was taken up into heaven.**

Luke 24:51

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## The Gathering of the Community

### Prelude

#### Hymn #247 "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

Text by Charles Wesley

- 1 Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!  
to his throne above the skies; alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!
- 2 There for him high triumph waits; alleluia!  
lift your heads, eternal gates; alleluia!  
he hath conquered death and sin; alleluia!  
take the King of glory in. Alleluia!
- 6 Lord, though parted from our sight, alleluia!  
far above the starry height, alleluia!  
grant our hearts may thither rise, alleluia!  
seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia!

#### Greeting and Collect for Purity

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*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.**

#### Glory to God

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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 upon us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

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**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 God, your son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### **Prayer for Jerusalem Sunday** (Written by the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz)

*Celebrant* O God, we give thanks that your dear Son has gathered us in the embrace of his redeeming love and sent us to make that love known to the ends of the earth. We pray your continued blessings on the steadfast witness of the Church in Jerusalem and throughout the Middle East. Give your deep joy to those who welcome the pilgrims seeking to know this land and its many peoples, and grace to those who proclaim the Gospel. Guide all who teach a new generation of young people. Draw near to those who are sick and bless those who tend them. Sustain the hope in all who long and labour for a just and lasting peace in the land of The Holy One. And may the companions of Jerusalem be many and faithful. We pray in the name of our merciful Saviour, Friend, and Brother, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Reading:

Acts 1:1–11

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

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy

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Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”<sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.<sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.<sup>11</sup> They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### Psalm 47

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| 1 | Clap your hands, all you peoples;<br>Shout to God with a cry of joy.                | 4 | He chooses our inheritance for us,<br>the pride of Jacob whom he loves.         |
| 2 | For the Lord Most High is to be feared;<br>He is the great king over all the earth. | 5 | God has gone up with a shout,<br>The Lord with the sound of the ram’s-<br>horn. |
| 3 | He subdues the people under us,<br>And the nations under our feet.                  | 6 | Sing praises to God, sing praises;<br>Sing praises to our king, sing praises    |

**Blessed are you, God of all the earth; you have called us out of every people and nation to be a royal priesthood and citizens of your holy city. May our words of praise call the world to turn to the joy of fellowship with you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Alleluia

### Holy Gospel:

Luke 24:44–53

*Subdeacon* The Lord be with you.

*People*     **And also with you.**

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

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

<sup>44</sup> Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,<sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,<sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.<sup>49</sup> And see, I

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am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

*Subdeacon* The Gospel of Christ.

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

Reflection

*A time for silent reflection is kept.*

## The Nicene Creed

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*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.**

**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.**

*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 Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

*People* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Peace**

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*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

**Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* Eternal God,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ  
has promised to be with us until the end of time.  
Accept all we offer you this day,  
and renew us in his transfigured life;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Blessing****Dismissal**

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

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

**Hymn #491 “The Head That Once Was Crowned”**

Text by Thomas Kelly

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| <p>1 The head that once was crowned with<br/>thorns is crowned with glory now;<br/>a royal diadem adorns<br/>the mighty Victor’s brow.</p> <p>2 The highest place that heaven affords<br/>is his, is his by right,<br/>the King of kings and Lord of lords,<br/>and heaven’s eternal light,</p> | <p>6 The cross he bore is life and health,<br/>though shame and death to him,<br/>his people’s hope, his people’s wealth,<br/>their everlasting theme.</p> |
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