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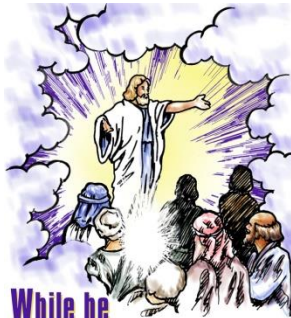
May 21, 2023

Ascension of the Lord
(Seventh Sunday of Easter)

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

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

Luke 24:51

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The Gathering of the Community

Processional 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!
- 3 Highest heaven its Lord receives,
alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves;
alleluia!
though returning to his throne, alleluia!
still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!
- 4 See! He lifts his hands above, alleluia!
See! He shows the prints of love;
alleluia!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow alleluia!
blessings on his church below. Alleluia!
- 5 Still for us he intercedes; alleluia!
his prevailing death he pleads, alleluia!
near himself prepares our place,
alleluia!
he the first-fruits of our race. 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 [Hymn #686]

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Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

People **and peace to his people on earth.**

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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 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, one god, now and for ever. 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.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Acts 1:1–11

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After 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. ⁴ 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; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy 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.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ 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.**

Psalm 47

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber
Tune Hymn #496 Festal Song

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| <p>1 All peoples, clap your hands,
And shout with joy and sing,
The Lord Most High is to be feared
He is the earth’s great King.</p> | <p>4 For God is King of all,
Sing praise with all your skill;
He sits upon his holy throne
And rules all nations still.</p> |
| <p>2 He brings the nations down
And peoples in our sight;
He chooses our inheritance;
His love is Jacob’s might.</p> | <p>5 The nobles of the earth
Are joined with Abraham’s seed;
The rulers of the world are God’s
And he is praised indeed.</p> |
| <p>3 God has gone up on high
With shout and trumpet’s voice;
Sing praise, sing praise to God our King,
Sing praise to him, rejoice.</p> | |

Second Reading:

Ephesians 1:15–23

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

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I

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pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia”

Holy Gospel:

Luke 24:44–53

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

⁴⁴Then [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.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

⁵²And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

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 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 #378 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Text by Matthew Bridges & Godfrey Thring

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| <p>1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem
drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.</p> | <p>3 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may
cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.</p> |
| <p>2 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.</p> | <p>4 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.</p> |

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **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.**

Eucharistic Prayer #3

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Proper Preface Easter

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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 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.

People **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 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.

People

Michael
Leach

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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

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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. 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

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Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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 #482 "Come and Journey with a Saviour"

Text by Herbert O'Driscoll

1 Come and journey with a Saviour
who has called us from our birth,
who has washed us in the waters,
and who loved us on the earth.

Refrain:

Come and journey, come and
journey
with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and daughters;
in the Spirit we are one.

2 Come and journey, journey inward,
come and seek him deep within,
where he meets us in our living,
in our striving and our sin.

Refrain

3 Come and journey, journey outward,
telling others of his name,
telling others of his glory,
of his cross and of the shame.

Refrain

4 Come and journey, journey outward,
where that cross calls us to care,
where injustice and where hunger
and the poor call us to share.

Refrain

5 Come and journey, journey upward.
Sing his praises, offer prayer.
In the storm and in the stillness
find his presence everywhere.

Refrain

6 Come and journey, journey onward;
all our gifts we now shall bring
to the building of a city
that is holy, Christ its King.

Refrain

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our 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**Dismissal**

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

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

Recessional Hymn #468 "To Abraham and Sarah"

Text by Judith Fetter

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| <p>1 To Abraham and Sarah
the call of God was clear:
"Go forth and I will show you
a country rich and fair.
You need not fear the journey,
for I have pledged my word
that you shall be my people
and I will be your God."</p> | <p>3 We of this generation
on whom God's hand is laid
can journey to the future
secure and unafraid,
rejoicing in God's goodness
and trusting in this word,
"That you shall be my people
and I will be your God."</p> |
| <p>2 From Abraham and Sarah
arose a pilgrim race,
dependent for their journey
on God's abundant grace;
and in their heart was written
by God this saving word,
"That you shall be my people
and I will be your God."</p> | |

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

<p>Today's Scripture Readings</p> <p>Ascension Sunday Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53</p>	<p>Next Sunday's Scripture Readings</p> <p>Pentecost Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:25-35,37 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23</p>
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We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .
<p>Congregation Cycle Daniel B / Julius B / Ann & Elizabeth B / Hennie B David & Judith B</p>

Celebrant	Rev. Leonard Leader	Organist	Michael Leach
Preacher	Fr. Pierre Niyongere	Altar Guild	Roshni Sircar
Intercessor	Doug Heyes	Usher	Ann-Marie Waithe Powell
Reader	Hazel Perkin	Duty Warden	Ravi Andrews
Server	Truman Jian	Coffee Hour Hosts	
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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.

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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.