



# St Paul's Anglican Church

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Easter 6

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10:00 am **Holy Eucharist BAS**

**Prelude:** Morning Song

**Processional Hymn** # 224 Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice

## **Indigenous Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that this church is situated on the traditional territory of the Mississauga peoples and is covered by the Williams Treaties. 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 we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

Creator, let us be of Good Mind to reconcile ourselves, and to work for justice and reconciliation with the peoples and the land. With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name, Your Son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

## **Sentence**

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you. *See John 14.23*

## **The Gathering of the Community** (*All stand*)

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,

**All** **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**

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

**All** **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.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All** **Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **First Reading – Acts 16:9-15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to

Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm – 67**



May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us. Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. **R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity, and guide all the nations upon earth. **R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing. May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. **R**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

## **Second Reading – Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

**Reader** The word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn** # 645 Come Down, O Love Divine

**Holy Gospel – John 14:23-29**

**Reader** The Lord be with you.

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

**Reader** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy

Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

Reader    The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Gradual Hymn # 645 Come Down, O Love Divine**

**Homily            Rev. Bonnie Skerritt**

## **The Apostles' Creed**

Celebrant            Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All            I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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. 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. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of glory!"

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Confession and Absolution**

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*

Celebrant      Most merciful God,

**All 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.

**People      Amen.**

**The Peace**

Celebrant      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People      And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn # 258 We Plough the Fields and Scatter**

## **The Prayer over the Gifts**

Celebrant God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer 2**

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 We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit, he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will, he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy 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 Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

**People    Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant        And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are  
                         bold to say,

**All            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 Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant        Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All            Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant        We were buried in your tomb.

**All            Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant        Live in us, that we may live in you.

## **The Communion**

Celebrant        The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People        Thanks be to God.**

## **Agnus Dei**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Redeemer, redeemer of the world,**

**Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. All others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing by kneeling and crossing their arms over their chest.*

*At this time, intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is strictly prohibited for hygienic reason. If desired, you may instead lay your hands on the base of the chalice. Gluten free bread available upon request.*



## **Hymns during Communion**

**Eucharist 1:** # 408 Wind Upon the Waters

**Eucharist 2:** # 450 You Call Us, Lord to Be

**Anthem:** Disciples of Christ

## **Prayer after Communion**

Celebrant        Let us pray.

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

## **Doxology**

Celebrant Glory to God,

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

## **The Blessing**

## **Announcements**

**Recessional Hymn** # 460 Shine, Jesus, Shine

## **Dismissal**

Celebrant:        Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, go, serve the world God loves!

**All:        Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude:** Postlude with Luther's Chorale

(Please be mindful that the time immediately before and after the service are for prayerful reflection for some in our congregation. We kindly ask for quietness in these moments both through prayers and music.)

**"No God, no peace; know God, know peace"**

**– Croft M. Pentz**

## **Next Week's Readings – Ascension**

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47

Ephesians 1:15-23    Luke 24:44-53

# Announcements

**DESIGNATED GIVING #215** for May will benefit the **MISSION TO SEAFARERS** at a Great Lakes port in our diocese. Here the men and women employed on cargo ships, sometimes after months at sea, will find spiritual refreshment and an opportunity to speak of their deepest concerns in a confidential, compassionate listening environment. Our donations this month will help keep the Mission alive.

**Food Cupboard** Please continue to support these families and our food cupboard through your generous donations of non-perishable food items. We thank God for the abundance of His love in our lives. May He bless us all. Thank you. Gail

**Refreshment Time helpers:** The sign-up sheet is up on the board. Thank you to the many folks who do regularly support this important ministry!

**Lift Up Our Hearts:** The diocese invites everyone, especially those in the eastern regions of our diocese, to come together for the third “**Lift Up Our Hearts**” service at 2 pm on May 31st at **All Saints, Whitby**, as we focus on the Resurrection of our Lord and the work of the Holy Spirit in this world God loves. Come ready to join in vibrant worship of the Living God.

Back for its 10<sup>th</sup> year worldwide, and 4<sup>th</sup> year at St. Paul's, is “*Thy Kingdom Come*”. Join with Christians around the world to pray for others to come to know Jesus. This intentional time of global prayer begins on Ascension (May 29<sup>th</sup>) until Pentecost (June 8<sup>th</sup>). ***Could you commit to pray for 5?*** Watch this space for more info. In the meantime, Dean Stephen Hance has an interesting write-up on “Thy Kingdom Come” on the diocesan website for you to check out

<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/thy-kingdom-come/>

*Thank you for Worshipping with us Today.*

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