



**HOLY  
EUCHARIST**  
for the  
Fourth Sunday  
of Easter  
& St. John the  
Evangelist

May 8, 2022  
10:00 am

St. John's  
Anglican Church  
West Toronto

## **As we gather as a community**

*Those worshipping at home may wish to create a sacred space by lighting a candle.*

## **For those worshipping with us today in person:**

*Thank you for being with us today to share in worship.*

*It is important to us that we gather as safely as possible and that we follow all of the government and diocesan guidelines. This means that we must do the following whenever we meet together in the church:*

- *Wear a mask at all times while inside the church building, being sure to cover both your mouth and your nose (disposable masks are available at the door), except while consuming food or beverage in a designated area*
- *Congregational singing is allowed. Please continue to wear a mask while singing.*
- *Follow the instructions for receiving Communion*

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*Thank you for taking these measures with us so that we can safely reopen for in-person worship. Your attention to the wellbeing of others is an important way of loving your neighbours as yourself.*

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**Today's Reading:** ACTS 9:36-43, NRSV; Psalm 23, NRSV; REVELATION 7:9-17, NRSV; John 10:22-30, Inclusive Bible

## **PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**

Celebrant:	Mother Alexandra Stone
Deacon:	The Rev. Evelyn Butler
Preacher:	Mother Alexandra Stone
Organ:	John Stephenson
Piano, trumpet:	Dan Gooch
Prayers of People:	May Webster
Vocalist:	Alie Ruty
Technical Support:	Greg Los, Chris Ruty & Bailey Brown

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

### **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT\***

*Please stand as you are able.*

Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks to the Wendat, the Anishinaabe, the Mississauga of the Credit and the Haudenosaunee, the first people of this land.

We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred on this land. We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land. Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced.

With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

## **HYMN**

### **Lo! Round the Throne, a Glorious Band**

**CP 279**

Lo! Round the throne, a glorious band,  
the saints in countless myriads stand,  
of every tongue redeemed to God,  
arrayed in garments washed in blood.  
Alleluia!

Through tribulation great they came;  
they bore the cross, despised the shame;  
from all their labours now they rest,  
in God's eternal glory blest.

Alleluia!

They see their Saviour face to face,  
and sing the triumphs of God's grace;  
and day and night they ceaseless praise,  
to Christ the loud thanksgiving raise:

Alleluia!

"Worthy the Lamb, for sinners slain,  
through endless years to live and reign;  
thou hast redeemed us by thy blood,  
and made us royal priests to God."

Alleluia!

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## **OPENING PRAYERS**

Celebrant: Christ has risen! Alleluia!

**All: Christ has risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Celebrant: May the grace and peace of Jesus the Christ be with you.

**All: May God 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 Saviour. Amen.**

## **GLORIA**

**CP 366**

Celebrant: Glory in the highest glory,

**All: 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.**

**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.**

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## **COLLECTS**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Saviour Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus the Christ.

**All: Amen.**

**Celebrant:** Shed upon your Church, O God, the brightness of your light, that we being illumined by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist John, may walk in the light of your truth, and come at last to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

*Please be seated.*

### FIRST LESSON

A reading from the writings of the early church known as the Acts of the Apostles.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Christ. Meanwhile Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

### PAUSE

Reader: Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### THE PSALM

*The psalm is printed in your bulletin, we will read it responsively by full verse.*

The Eternal One is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**The Eternal One makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

My soul is restored and I am guided along right pathways for the Holy One's name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of our God for ever.**

## **SECOND LESSON**

A reading from the Revelation to John.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship God day and night within the temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide

them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

## **PAUSE**

Reader: Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able*

## **GRADUAL ALLELUIA**

**CP 708**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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## **THE GOSPEL**

Gospeller: May God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ, according to John.

**All: Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.**

The time came for Hanukkah, the Feast of the Dedication, in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the Temple area, in Solomon's porch, when the Temple authorities surrounded him and said, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you really are the Messiah, tell us plainly. Jesus replied, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The work I do in God's name gives witness in my favour, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never be lost. No one will ever snatch them from my hand. God, who gave them to me, is greater than anyone, and no one can steal them from God. For God and I are one."

## **PAUSE**

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

**All: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.**

## GRADUAL ALLELUIA

CP 708

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

## SERMON

*Please be seated for the sermon.*

## APOSTLES' CREED

*Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant: I invite you now, as you are able, to join in confessing the faith of our baptism, as we say,

Celebrant: I believe in God,

**All: Our Heavenly Parent,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Saviour.  
He was conceived by 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 God.  
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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

**All: Let us rejoice in God's love.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept*

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 Jesus the Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we might 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 the Christ. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

Celebrant: May the peace of Jesus the Christ be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*We take a moment to share the peace.*

## OFFERTORY

### HYMN **God of the Women**

God of the women who answered your call,  
Trusting your promises, giving their all,  
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth  
Give us their courage to live in your truth.

God of the women who walked Jesus' Way,  
Giving their resources, learning to pray,  
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more  
May we give freely as they did before.

God of the women long put to the test,  
Left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed,  
Quietly asking: "Who smiled at my birth?"  
In Jesus' dying you show us our worth.

God of the women who ran from the tomb,  
Prayed with the others in that upper room,  
Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day  
May we so gladly proclaim you today.

O God of Phoebe and ministers all,  
May we be joyful in answering your call.  
Give us the strength of your Spirit so near  
That we may share in your ministry here.

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## **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

**Celebrant:** God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and  
give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold  
of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd.

**All: Amen**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

### **Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 1**

**Celebrant:** May God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to God.**

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**All: 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 saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of Our God.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

**All: Amen.**

### **THE SAVIOUR'S PRAYER**

Celebrant: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**All: Abba, Amma, Beloved, your name be hallowed, your reign spread among us, your will be done well, at all times, in all places, on earth as in heaven. Give us the bread we need for today. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Let us not fail in the time of our testing. Spare us from trials too sharp to endure. Free us from the grip of all evil powers. For yours is the reign, the power and the glory, the victory of love, for now and eternity, world without end. Amen and Amen.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Celebrant: O Christ, 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 gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

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## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Those who wish to do so are invited to make their Spiritual Communion.  
You may use the following prayers.*

In union, O God, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen

Come, Jesus, dwell in me in the fullness of your strength, in the perfection of your ways, and in the holiness of your Spirit, and rule over every hostile power in the might of your Spirit, and to the glory of God. Amen.

May the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

*Communion will be administered in front of the altar. When it is your turn, please step forward to the indicated place. The priest will say "The Body of Christ ..." or similar words while you remain there. You may then approach to receive the Consecrated Bread in your hands.*

*You may also reverence the blood of Christ in the chalice, held by the Deacon. However, for the safety of all, please refrain from touching the chalice.*

*To consume the Bread, walk to one of the stations facing the bottles of hand sanitizer. Remove your mask, consume the host, replace your mask, sanitize your hands, and return to your seat using the side aisle.*

*Only Consecrated Bread will be distributed at this time, but please be assured that those who receive Communion in one kind have received the Sacrament in its fullness.*

*Anyone who is a baptized Christian, from any denomination, is welcome to receive Communion.*

*Those who do not wish to receive Communion at this time are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you wish to be blessed.*

## HYMN

### Teach Us Peace

Teach us peace, O loving God and help us to be kind.  
Friends reach out your weary arms and place your hands in mine.

If you're empty, come, be filled, with sacred love divine.  
Teach us peace, O loving God and help us to be kind.

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## HYMN

### St. John

Adopted brother in a dying breath,  
A steadfast witness joined by love to pain,  
Devoted faith which passed the fear of death  
And torn by grief had only hope remain

A web of love the body still earth bound  
By Spirit fired and hand in hand with prayer  
Community and courage all around  
A world of sin and hurt left in their care

The heedless babble of the market place  
the pavement of the Roman judgment seat  
The work to kindle fire from sparks of grace  
The task to preach and call on weary feet

Eternal witness passed through years of toil  
The glory of the words that sing the love  
The seeds which fall at last on ready soil  
The plants that spring to seek their sun above.

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## **PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal realm, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Saviour.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: Eternal God, your apostle and evangelist John proclaimed the Christ, your Word made flesh among us. May we who have shared the bread of life remain for ever your children, born according to your will; through Jesus the Christ.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: O Blessed Saviour, who by your holy incarnation did consecrate motherhood to your glory: Make us pure by the vision of your purity; make us humble by the example of your humility; make us holy by the indwelling of your Holy Spirit. Strengthen us, we pray, that we may strengthen each other in courage and in faith; and show us how to use all our gifts in your service; for your tender mercy's sake.

**All: Amen.**

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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

### **CELEBRATIONS, NEEDS, REFLECTIONS**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known.  
Creator, Word and Spirit one.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HYMN**      **For all the Saints**  
**(verses 1, 2, 4, 8)**

**CP 276**

For all the saints who from their labours rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Christ, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion! fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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## DISMISSAL

**Deacon:**      Go into the world, and live as Resurrected people! Alleluia,  
Alleluia!

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

## POSTLUDE



## **Building up for God!**

The mission of St. John's Church is to build a community of caring believers committed to Christ, to work for justice and service to all in need. We gather to praise God, and to give and receive support to meet the challenges of our daily lives and ministries. We call on everyone to come and join us.

We are an accessible, accepting, diverse community. We are young and old, able-bodied, and disabled, employed and unemployed. We are married, single, divorced, straight, and LGBTQ2S+. We are from all over the world, yet we could live next door. You will find open minds and open hearts at St. John's.

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