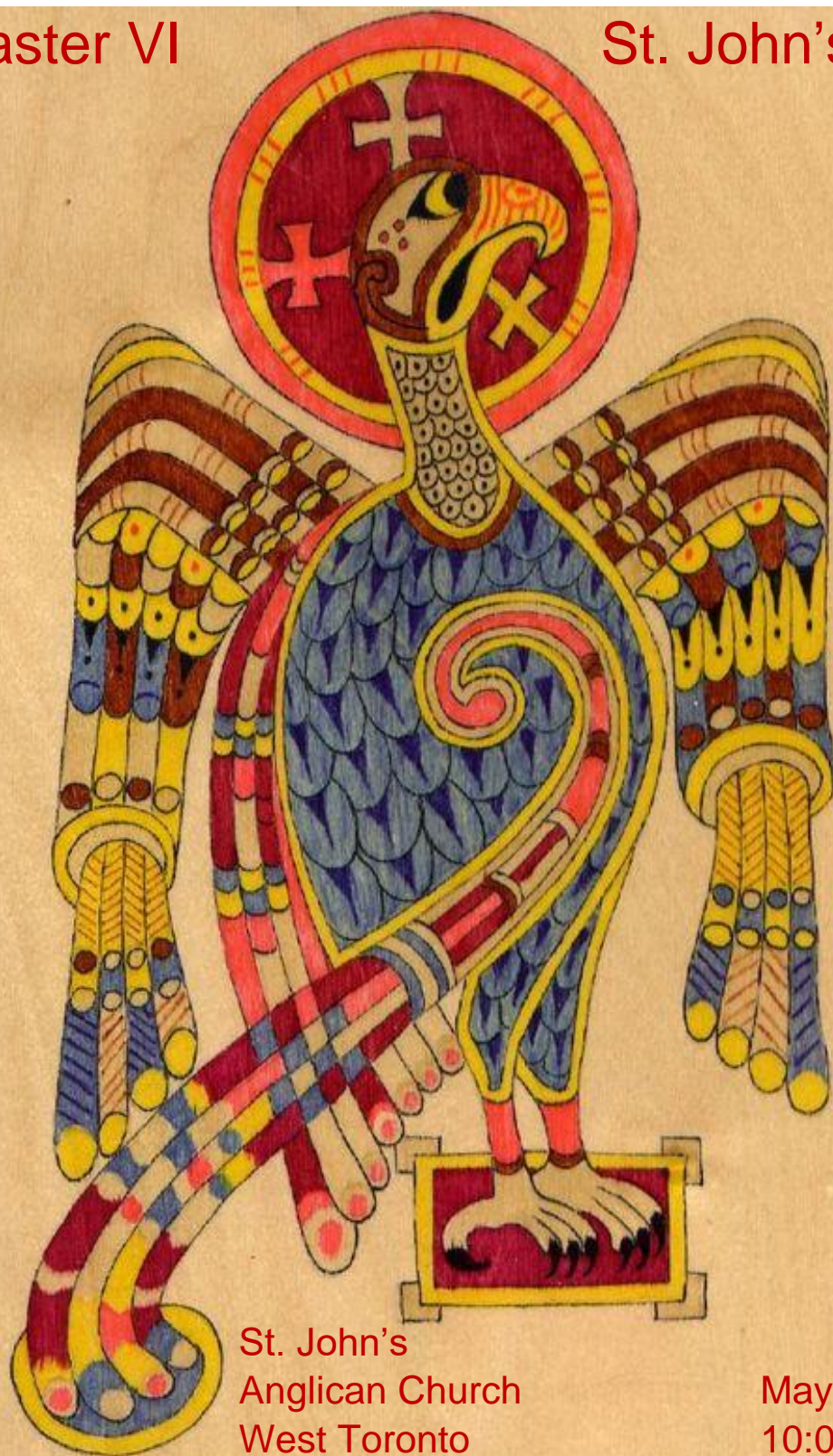


# HOLY EUCHARIST

For

Easter VI

St. John's Day



St. John's  
Anglican Church  
West Toronto

May 5, 2024  
10:00 am

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**Today's Reading:** Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17, NRSV.

***New around here? We're so glad to see you! Welcome to St. John's! We hope you are blessed today as we worship God together.***

***We invite you to stay for fellowship following our service or join us for education classes. If you have any questions about our congregation or the sermon, feel free to ask a member of the ministry team or to contact us another way. We're so glad you're here and hope to see you again.***

## **PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**

Celebrant & Preacher:	Mother Alexandra Stone
Assistant:	Mabel-Anne Waters
Intercessor:	Jennifer Jenkins
Piano:	Dan Gooch
Vocals:	Lee Ramsay
Technical Support:	Greg Los, Chris Ruty & Michael Taylor

## PRELUDE

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT\*

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

### **We Would Be Building**

**Tune: CP 540**

We would be building temples still undone.  
O'er crumbling walls their crosses scarcely lift,  
Waiting 'til love can raise the broken stone  
And hearts creative bridge the human rift.  
We would be building; listening for the call  
Revealing life that God would give us all.

Teach us to build; upon the solid rock  
We set the dream that hardens into deed,  
Ribbed with the steel that Time and Change doth mock –  
The unfailing purpose of our noblest creed.  
We would be building; Spirit, lend us sight  
To see the towers gleaming in the light.

Teach us to build; O Master, let our hands  
Not falter when the dream is in our hearts,  
When to our ears there come divine commands,  
And all the pride of sinful will departs.  
We build with God! O grant enduring worth  
Until the heavenly kingdom comes on earth.

*Words: A St. John's Parishioner, with revisions by John Spragge (date unknown)*

*Music: Tune FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius*

## 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

**All: 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.**

**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.**

*Words: Glory to God (Gloria in excelsis, Greek hymn); para. Paul Gibson  
Music: PSALM 42, Melody Geneva, 1551; harm. based on Claude Goudimel; rev.  
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## COLLECTS

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

**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 Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days..

Reader: Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **THE PSALM**

The psalm is printed in your bulletin. Let us read it responsively.

Sing a new song to the Most High, who has done marvellous things,

**Whose mighty hand and holy arm have won the victory.**

O God, you have made known the victory; you have openly shown your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

**You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen your victory, O God.**

Shout with joy to the Holy One, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.

**Sing to the Holy One with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before our sovereign God.

**Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.**

Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Holy One, who is coming to judge the earth.

**In righteousness shall God judge the world and the peoples with equity.**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first epistle of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader: Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

**All: Thanks be to God**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GRADUAL

**CP 715**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

[May repeat]

*Text & Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker. © 1985*

## **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.**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

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

## **GRADUAL**

**CP 715**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## **SERMON**

*Please be seated for the sermon.*



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**CP 44**  
**Tune: CP 388**

Celebrant: Please stand as you are able and join with me in confessing the faith of our baptism.

**All: I believe in God almighty,  
Author 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 God and Christ,  
of the Spirit and of Mary  
born to bring abundant life.**

**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.**

**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.**

*Words: The Apostles' Creed; para. Sylvia G. Dunstan © 1991 G. I. A. Publications, Inc.  
Music: AUSTRIA, Franz Joseph Haydn*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Intercessor: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**All: Let us give thanks that God is with us always.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: 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.*

**All: Most merciful God, 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 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.*

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### OFFERTORY

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*If you would prefer to give online, please visit our website at [www.sjw.ca](http://www.sjw.ca) and look for the donate now button.*



*You are invited to come forward during the hymn and stand around the altar in a circle and remain there through the Prayer after Communion.*

**HYMN****Love Divine, All Loves Excelling****CP 485**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion;  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver;  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee.

Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Words: Charles Wesley*

*Music: John Stainer*

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**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: 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.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

## Eucharistic Prayer 3

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: 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.

**All: Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might, CP 732  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of Our God.  
Hosanna in the highest, 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,

**All: 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. 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.

**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.

Celebrant: 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.**

*Words: Trad.; Music: Community Mass, Richard Proulx  
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## **COMMUNION**

*The Eucharistic feast is a participation in the Body and Blood of Christ.  
Receiving Communion is a sacramental means through which we reaffirm  
that we became part of Christ's one Body in our baptism.*

*The Anglican Church welcomes all Christians from any denomination to  
receive Communion.*

*Please speak to the priest after the service if you would like to discuss  
baptism or if you have any questions about the sacraments.*

*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.*

*Gluten free hosts are available. Please let us know if you require one.*

## 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 hungry take this bread, and fill your cup with wine.  
Teach us peace, O loving God and help us to be kind.

*Words: Cormac Culkeen*

*Music: Arr. by Dan Gooch*

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: 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.**

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 Christ our Lord.

**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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

**CP 672**

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

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**

Celebrant: Go into the world and live the good news of Jesus Christ the risen Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

## **POSTLUDE**



# WHAT'S *happening* This Week

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Mon, May 6	Drop-In Dance Class (7 – 8:30 pm)
Wed, May 8	Zoom Bible Study (7 pm)
Thu, May 9	Morning Prayer (9:30 – 10 am) Holy Eucharist for the Ascension (12 pm)
Fri, May 10	Concert with Bitters (8 pm)
Sat, May 11	Food Drop-Off (9:30 – 11:30 am) Coffee, Tea, and Creativity (10 am – 12 pm) Improv Dance Jam (3 – 5 pm) <i>with Special Guest Band: Bitters</i>
Sun, May 12	Sung Morning Prayer (10 – 11:30 am)

## **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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