



**HOLY
EUCHARIST**
for the
Seventh Sunday of
Easter

St. John's Anglican
Church West Toronto
May 21, 2023
10:00 am

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Today's Reading: Acts 1:6-16, NRSV; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11, NRSV; John 17:1-11, Inclusive Bible.

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.

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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

God of All Hopefulness

CP 506

God of all hopefulness, God of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, God, at the break of the day.

God of all eagerness, God of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, God, at the noon of the day.

God of all kindness, God of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, God, at the eve of the day.

God of all gentleness, God of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, God, at the end of the day.

Words: Jan Struther, alt.

Music: Melody Irish trad.; arr. Martin Shaw, alt.

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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

**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.**

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COLLECT

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph into heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive 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.

When they had come together, the apostles asked Jesus, "Rabbi, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?"

Jesus replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that God the Creator has set by God's own authority. 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." When Jesus had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "People of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward 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." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader: Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

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

Arise, O God, and let your enemies be scattered; let those who hate you flee.

Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at your presence.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before you; let them also be merry and joyful.

Let us sing to God, sing praises to the divine name; let us exalt the One who rides upon the heavens; Yahweh is the divine name, before whom we shall rejoice!

Protector of orphans, defender of widows, the One who dwells in holiness,

who gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in dry places.

O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

the earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at your presence, O God of Sinai, at your presence, O God of Israel.

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; you refreshed the land when it was weary.

Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

Sing to God, O dominions of the earth; sing praises to the Most High.

You ride in the heavens, the ancient heavens, O God; sending forth your voice, your mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God; whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

How wonderful is God in the divine sanctuary! The God of Israel gives strength and power to this people! Blessed be God!

SECOND READING

A reading from the first epistle of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that God may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on God, because God cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, will restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To God be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able.

GRADUAL

CP 708

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

[May repeat]

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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.

Jesus looked up to the heaven and said, "God, the hour has come! Glorify your only begotten that I may glorify you, through the authority you have given me over all humankind, by bestowing eternal life on all those you gave me. And this is eternal life: to know you, the only true God, and the One you have sent, Jesus, the Messiah. I have given you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. Now, God, glorify me with your own glory, the glory I had with you before the world began. I have manifested your name to those you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me; and now they have kept your Word. Now they know that everything you have entrusted to me does indeed come from you. I entrusted to them the message you have entrusted to me, and they have received it. They know that I really come from you; they believe it was you who sent me. And it is for them that I pray – not for the world, but for these you have given me – for they are really yours, just as all that belongs to me is yours, and all that belongs to you is mine. It is in them that I have been glorified. I am in the world no more, but while I am coming to you, they are still in the world. Holy God, protect those whom you have given me with your name – the Name that you gave me – that they may be one, even as we are one."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

GRADUAL

CP 708

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SERMON

Please be seated for the sermon.

APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand as you are able.

**All: I believe in God Almighty,
 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: In Your Holy Name,

All: we offer our prayers.

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 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.

All: 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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HYMN**How Shall I Sing That Majesty****CP 335**

How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face.
They sing, because thou art their Sun;
God, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun
there alleluias be.

How great a being, God, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

Words: John Mason, alt.

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*You are invited to stand around the altar in a circle and remain there until
everyone has received Communion.*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Source of all joy, receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Keep us in the love of Christ and bring us to the vision of his glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore we praise you with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn 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.**

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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.

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.

HYMN**God, Your Glorious Presence****CP 337**

God, your glorious presence
draws us to adore you,
and with awe appear before you.

In your holy temple
all keep mystic silence,
prostrate lie with deepest reverence.
You alone God we own,
you our God and Saviour:
praise your name for ever.

In God's glorious presence
hear the harps resounding!
See the hosts the throne surrounding!
"Holy, holy, holy,"
hear the hymn ascending,
angels, saints, their voices blending!
Bow your ear to us here:
hear, O Christ, the praises
that your church now raises.

Fount of endless blessing,
purify my spirit,
trusting only in your merit.
Like the holy angels
who behold your splendour,
may I ceaseless worship render.
Let your will ever still
rule your church terrestrial,
as the hosts celestial.

Words: Gerhard Tersteegen; tr. Frederick William Foster, John Miller, and William Mercer

*Music: Joachim Neander
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, may we who share Christ's banquet be one with him as he is one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended Saviour. 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

HYMN**Come Away to the Skies****CP 225****Tune: CP 489**

Come away to the skies, my beloved arise,
And rejoice in the day thou wast born:
On this festival day, come exulting away,
And with singing to Zion return.

Now with singing and praise, let us spend all the days,
By our gracious Creator bestowed,
While by grace we receive from God's bounty, we live
To the honor and glory of God.

For the glory we were first created to share
Both the nature and kingdom divine,
Now created again that our lives may remain,
Throughout time and eternity thine.

We with thanks do approve the design of that love
Which hath joined us to Jesus's name;
So united in heart, Let us nevermore part,
Till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.

Hallelujah we sing, to the heavens' high King,
And our rapturous praises repeat:
To the Lamb that was slain, hallelujah again,
Sing all heaven, and fall at his feet!

*Text: The Southern Harmony, New haven, 1835, alt.
Music: Melody Scottish trad.; arr. George Black ©.*

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go forth to live as Christ's body in the world! Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE

WHAT'S *happening* This Week

Tues, May 23	Breakfast to Go (8 – 9:30 am)
Wed, May 24	Morning Prayer (9:30 – 10 am) Centering Prayer (10 – 10:30 am)
Sat, May 27	Toronto Doors Open (9 am – 5 pm) Food Drop-Off (9 – 11 am) Coffee, Tea, and Creativity (11 am – 1 pm) St. John's Concert/Talent Night (7 – 9 pm)
Sun, May 28	Toronto Doors Open (9 am – 5 pm) Holy Eucharist for the Day of Pentecost (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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