

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2, 2021

Sung Eucharist at 10.30 am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine Assisting: The Reverend Michael Perry Organist: Alison Jane / Cantor: Mekhriban Mamedova

Mass Setting: Missa Brevis XIII – Holy Cross – Kyrie & Agnus Dei – Healey Willan Gloria & Sanctus – John Merbecke

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Welcome to the Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle.

The service begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer* or on page 230 of the *Book of Alternative Services*.

The flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of the ones who have passed and the ones still with us with love by Sergiu Stefanschi.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude Largo from Voluntary in C minor

MAURICE GREENE

Introit Hymn 569 *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*

THE CALL

Cantor Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath, such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.

All May he fill our hearts with joy.

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Summary of the Law

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Kyrie (Pre-recorded Sept 2020)

HEALEY WILLAN

Choir Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria (CP 679) JOHN MERBECKE

Cantor Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant O almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of the sinful: Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson Acts 8.26-40

Reader The first lesson is written in the 8th chapter of the Book of Acts, beginning at the 26th verse.

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22.23-31 *Cum invocarem. Sung by the Cantor.*



²³ O praise the Lord, ye that **fear** him: /

magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and stand in awe of him, all ye **seed** of Is-ra-el.

²⁴ For he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the **poor**; /

he hath not hid his face from him; but when he called unto **him** he heard-him.

²⁵ Of thee cometh my praise in the great conger-ga-tion; /

my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear-him.

²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied; they that seek after the Lord shall **praise** him; / may your heart **live** for ev-er.

All the ends of the world shall remember, and be turned unto the **Lord**; / and all the kindreds of the nations shall wor-**ship** be-fore-him.

²⁸ For the kingdom is the **Lord's** /

and he is the Governor a-mong the na-tions.

²⁹ Surely to him shall all the proud of the earth bow **down**; / and before him shall kneel all that go down into the dust, and he that cannot **keep** his soul-a-live.

³⁰ Their posterity shall **serve** him; /

it shall be told of the Lord unto a generation yet to come.

And men shall declare his **righ**-teous-ness/ unto a people that shall be born, that **he** hath done-it.

Epistle I John 4.7-21

Reader The Epistle is written in the 4th chapter of the First Letter of John, beginning at the 7th verse.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of

the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 709 Alleluia

VICTORY

Cantor Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit. John 15.5

The Holy Gospel John 15.1-8

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

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

All Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Homily The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Anthem Rise Up My Love (Pre-recorded in Gloucester Cathedral 2019) HEALEY WILLAN

Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away.

For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear upon the earth.

The time of singing of birds is come.

Arise my love, my fair one, and come away.

Song of Solomon

Nicene Creed

Celebrant I believe in one God.

All the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of the Father before all worlds,

God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God;

begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father;

through whom all things were made:

who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,

and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,

and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again

according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.

And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead:

whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,

who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.

And I look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 1.28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith. This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear also what Saint John saith. If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2.1.2

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

All Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Sentence

Worthy is the lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honour and glory and blessing. *Revelation 5.12*.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us

AURELIA

Choir The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing; our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring, for all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received,

and for the generations who faithfully believed.

The love of Jesus calls us, that we may always be companions on a journey, where all the world may see that serving Christ is freedom which time does not destroy; where Christ's command is duty, and every duty joy.

The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go, to challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow, to know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more; for those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.

The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days, to be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways; that God with men and women may so transform the earth, that love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit. All

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord. All

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do. A11

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all

places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God,

creator and preserver of all things.

The celebrant continues with the Proper Preface.

Celebrant Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud

and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, Cantor

MERBECKE

heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God. And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

Celebrant And now as our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to pray:

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 them that 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.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And with thy spirit.

Celebrant We do not presume

All to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table; but thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei (Pre-recorded Sept 2020) HEALEY WILLAN

Choir Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

O lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Holy Communion

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

For those worshipping from home, we commend this prayer for Spiritual Communion.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

(The Prayer of St Richard of Chichester - adapted)

Communion Hymn 56 I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life

PICKET WOOD

I am the bread, the bread of Life; who comes to me will never hunger.

I am the bread, the bread of heaven; who feeds on me will never die.

And as you eat, remember me – my body broken on the tree:

my life was given to set you free, and I'm alive for evermore.

I am the vine, the living vine; apart from me you can do nothing.
I am the vine, the real vine; abide in me and I in you.
And as you drink, remember me – my blood was shed upon the tree: my life was given to set you free, and I'm alive for evermore.

So eat this bread and drink this wine, and as you do, receive this life of mine. All that I am, I give to you, that you may live for evermore.

Prayer after Communion & Blessing

Celebrant Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. All

Postlude Partita: La Folía della Spagna BERNARDO PASQUINI

In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer New Curates of the Diocese of Toronto.

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer *Pray for St. Francis of Assisi*, its Christmas hampers, support of local food security programs and the Pikangikum water project;

for St. George Memorial, Oshawa, its monthly community lunch offering toiletries and gently-used clothing, participation in the Mary Street school breakfast program and St.

Vincent soup kitchen, prayer shawl ministry to the community and St. Michael's Hospital, crafts for overseas and weekly Fill in the Gap drop-in from November through March;

and for St. George on Yonge, its work as a pick-up centre for Out of the Cold programs, its monthly distribution of gift cards and TTC tokens, ESL classes, its support of the local food bank and local community housing.

Parish Cycle Brooke Sales-Lee, Marie Samuels-Isaac, Laurie Sanderson, Geoffrey Sangwine

<u>Home Bound Parishioners</u> Gail Birnie, Nancy Byers, Cintra Cassidy, Jim Colling, Ann Duff, Charlotte Graham, Lorraine Griffith, George Petricko, Lucy Simons, Lila Vamosi, Pam Young.

Parish Announcements

The deadline for submissions is Thursday at noon each week.

Services

- Wednesday, May 5 *Eucharist* 11 am Choral Eucharist. Live-Stream only
- Sunday, May 9 Choral Eucharist 10.30 am Choral Eucharist. Live-Stream only
- Wednesday, May 12 Eucharist
 11 am Choral Eucharist. Live-Stream only

Church School: For the time being, Sileen Phillips will be leading Church School On-line on Sundays at 10.25 am.

Jubilate! The deadline for sharing articles, announcements and pictures is Sunday, May 9. Think of all the wonderful things shared in our last newsletter. Help to keep everyone feeling connected and inspired!

Flower Donations: If you would like to make an offering of flowers as a thanksgiving or memorial, please contact Sheila Thomas (416-921-2593), Flower Co-ordinator. Dates currently available are May 30; June 14 & June 28.



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