

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rogation Sunday May 14, 2023

Welcome to the church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle

Holy Eucharist at 9.15 am.

(In the Chapel of the Holy Spirit)
The service begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Choral Matins at 10:30 am.

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine Homilist: The Reverend Abraham Thomas

Guest Organist & Director of Music: Robert Busiakiewicz Organist: Alison Jane

The Flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of her husband Derreck from Joyce Brighty.

The service begins on page 1 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Prelude Fantasia XLII

JOHN MUNDY

Organist – Robert Busiakiewicz

Processional Hymn 205 The Day of Resurrection

ELLACOMBE

Opening Sentences – BCP p. 1-2

Invitation to Confession – BCP p. 4

General Confession & Absolution – BCP p. 4-5 *Please kneel or be seated officiant* Almighty and most merciful Father,

We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws,

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,

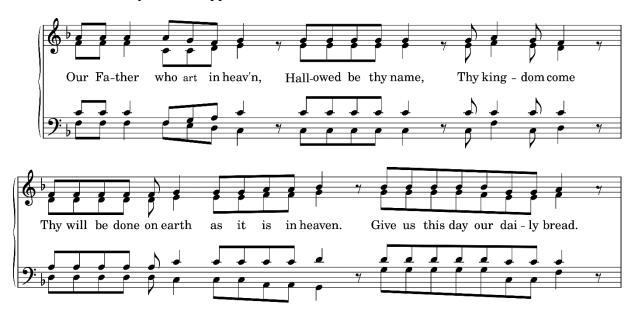
miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto all people in Christ Jesu our Lord.

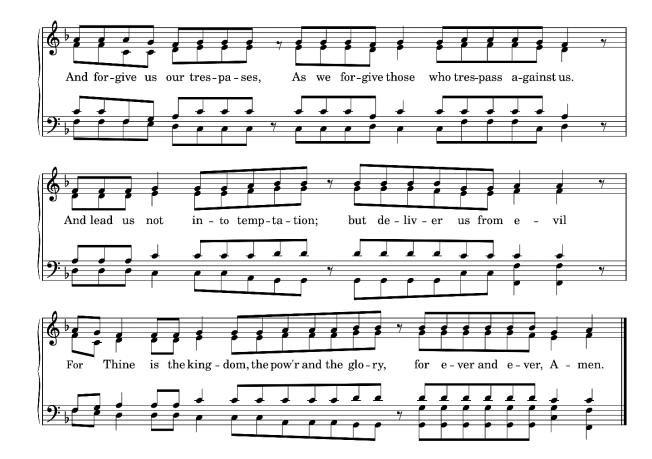
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Absolution – BCP p. 5

Officiant Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer – BCP pp. 5-6





Versicles & Responses – *BCP* p. 6

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;

All And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;

All O Lord, make haste to help us. All stand.

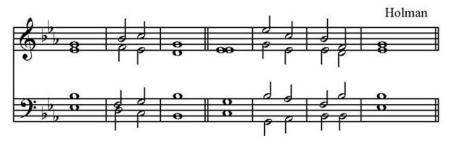
Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

All As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord;

All The Lord's Name be praised.

The Venite – *Psalm 95 BCP* pp. 6-7 *Sung by all, standing.*



Alleluia | Christ is | risen. * O come let us worship | Al-le | lu | ia.

O come, let us | sing unto · the | Lord: /

* let us heartily rejoice in the |strength of |our sal |vation.

Let us come before his | presence with | thanksgiving /

* and show ourselves | glad in | him with | psalms.

For the Lord is a | great | God /

* and a great | King a \cdot bove | all | gods.

In his hand are all the | corners \cdot of the | earth |

* and the | strength of \cdot the | hills is \cdot his | also.

The sea is | his and \cdot he | made it /

* and his | hands pre | pared the \cdot dry | land.

O come, let us worship and | fall | down /

* and | kneel be \cdot fore the | Lord, our | Maker.

For he is the | Lord our | God /

* and we are the people of his pasture, | and the | sheep of \cdot his | hand.

To-day, O that ye would | hear his | voice: /

* 'Harden not your hearts as in the Provocation, and as in the day of Temp | tation | in the |wilderness

When your fathers | tempted | me, /

* proved | me, and | saw my | works.

Forty years long was I grieved with that gene | ration, and | said, /

* "It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they | have not | known my | ways";

Unto whom I | sware in my | wrath, /

* that they should not | enter | into my | rest.'

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. | A- | men.

Alleluia | Christ is | risen. * O come let us worship | Al-le | lu | ia.

Reader The first lesson is written in the 17th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the 22nd verse.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown God.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66.7-18 Jubilate Deo.



- ⁷ O praise our | God, ye | peoples, / and make the | voice of ⋅ his | praise to be | heard;
- ⁸ Who holdeth our | soul in | life, /

and suffereth | not our | feet to | slip.

⁹ For thou, O | God, hast | proved us: /

thou also hast tried us, | like as | silver is | tried.

 $^{\rm 10}$ Thou didst bring us | into the | snare, /

and didst lay | trouble up | on our | loins.

2nd ¹¹ Thou didst suffer our enemies to ride | over our | heads: /

we went through fire and water, but thou didst bring us out | into a | place of | freedom.

 12 I will go into thine | house with \cdot burnt | offerings: /

I will | pay | thee my | vows,

- ¹³ Which I promised | with my | lips, / and spake with my mouth | when I | was in |trouble.
- I will offer unto thee fat burnt sacrifices, with the | incense of | rams: /
 I will | offer | bullocks and | goats.
- 15 O come hither, and hearken, all | ye that · fear | God, / and I will tell you what | he hath | done · for my | soul.
- ¹⁶ I called unto him | with my | mouth, / and gave him | praises | with my | tongue.
- ¹⁷ If I had regarded wickedness | in my | heart, / the | Lord would | not have | heard me.
- ¹⁸ But verily | God hath | heard me, / and con | sidered the | voice of · my | prayer.
- ¹⁹ Praised be God, who hath not cast | out my | prayer, / nor | turned his | mercy | from me.

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.

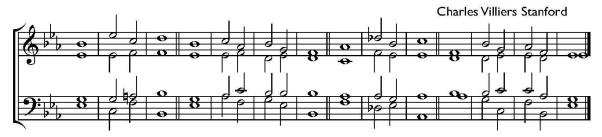
Reader The second lesson is written in the third chapter of the First Letter of Peter, beginning at the 13th verse.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Te Deum



We praise ' thee, O ' God; / we acknowledge ' thee to ' be the ' Lord. All the ' earth doth ' worship thee, / the ' Father ' ever ' lasting. To thee all angels ' cry a'loud / the heavens and ' all the ' powers there in. To thee ' cherubim and ' seraphim / con'tinual'ly do ' cry

Holy 'holy 'holy / Lord 'God 'of 'hosts;

Heaven and 'earth are 'full / of the 'majes·ty 'of thy 'glory.

The glorious company of the a postles praise thee /

the goodly fellowship ' of the ' prophets ' praise thee;

The noble army of 'martyrs' praise thee, /

The holy church throughout all the world 'doth ac'knowledge 'thee,

2nd The Father, of an 'infinite 'majesty /

thine honourable, true and only Son; also the 'Holy 'Ghost, the 'Comforter.



Thou art the King of 'glory, O'Christ. / Thou art the ever lasting 'Son of the 'Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to de'liver 'man /

Thou didst not ab 'hor the 'Virgin's 'womb.

When thou hadst overcome the 'sharpness of 'death /

thou didst open the kingdom of 'heaven to 'all be'lievers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the 'glory · of the 'Father. /

We believe that thou shalt 'come to 'be our 'judge.

We therefore pray thee, 'help thy 'servants /

whom thou hast redeemed 'with thy 'precious 'blood.

Make them to be numbered 'with thy 'saints / in 'glory 'ever'lasting.



O Lord save thy people and 'bless thine 'heritage; /

Govern them and 'lift them 'up for 'ever.

Day by day we 'magni-fy 'thee; / and we worship thy Name, 'ever 'world with-out 'end. Vouchsafe O Lord to keep us this 'day with-out 'sin. /

O Lord have mercy up 'on us, have 'mercy up 'on us.

O Lord let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our 'trust is \cdot in 'thee. /

O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me 'never 'be con 'founded.

Third Reading John 14.15-21

Reader The third lesson is written in the 14th chapter of the Gospel according to St John, beginning at the 15th verse.

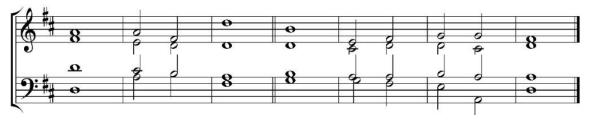
Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Jubilate Deo Sung by all. Please stand.

Jonathan Battishill (1738-1801)



- ¹ O be joyful in the Lord, 'all ye 'lands:
 - * serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his 'presence 'with a 'song.
- ² Be ye sure that the 'Lord · he is 'God;
 - * it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, ' and the 'sheep of \cdot his 'pasture.
- ³ O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his 'courts with 'praise;
 - * be thankful unto him, ' and speak ' good of · his ' Name.
- ⁴ For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is 'ever 'lasting;
 - * and his truth endureth from gene ' ration to ' gene ' ration.

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. A '--' men.

The Apostles' Creed -BCP pp. 10-11

Officiant I believe in God

All the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant The Lord be with you;

All And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray. Please kneel or be seated.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

All Christ, have mercy upon us.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant 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. Amen.

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

All And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the King;

All And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

All And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people;

All And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;

All And evermore mightily defend us.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;

All And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

Officiant O LORD, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Officiant O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect for Peace

Officiant O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**. *Collect for Grace*

Anthem Ubi Caritas Maurice Duruflé

Ubi cáritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero

Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Sermon The Reverend Abraham Thomas

Hymn 486 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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During the hymn a collection will taken.

Prayers – Led by Spencer Higgins *Please kneel or be seated.*

General Thanksgiving – *BCP* pp. 13-14

Officiant Almighty God,

Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Prayer of St Chrysostom – *BCP* p. 15

Officiant Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Grace

All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Recessional Hymn 425 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Postlude *Sortie improvisée sur Finlandia* Organist – Robert Busiakiewicz

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After the service, please join us outside of the Church at Bloor Street for the Rogationtide blessing of the garden.

In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion The Church of the Province of West Africa.

<u>Diocesan Cycle of Prayer</u> New Curates of the Diocese of Toronto.

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer *Pray for St.* George, Fairvalley, its support of Mariposa House Hospice, Faithworks and area foodbanks;

for St. George, Grafton, its provision of affordable seniors housing through the Haldimand Court Apartments, Community Care Dinners, monthly Soup Lunch, Christmas hampers and food donations, and support of Transition House in Cobourg;

and for St. George, Pickering Village, its Creation Care team, support and ministry to Migrant Workers, its support to the local Food Bank with groceries and produce from the Community Garden, its Knitting Ministry providing hats and blankets for babies in ICU, and items for homeless people, its support to Herizon House Women's Shelter and to Joanne's House for homeless youth.

<u>Parish Cycle</u> Matthew Beesley & Lesia Wasilishin, Mary Belrea, Katherine Belyea, Rogers & Diane Beyongyera.

<u>Home Bound Parishioners</u> Joyce Brighty, Nancy Byers, Alice Fox, Dennis Gittens, Lorraine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, George Petricko, Lucy Simons, Miriam Smart, Vernita Theobolds, Barbara & Duncan Towe, Lila Vamosi, Daphne Webster.

A WORD from the RECTOR

Happy Mother's Day! This Sunday known also as "Rogation Sunday" a name from the Latin *Rogare* meaning "to ask". It comes directly before the three Rogation (or asking days), which have been observed since the fifth century as days of prayer for God's blessing on the crops. In some rural communities it is still the custom for the litany to be prayed out in the fields and for the newly planted crops to be blessed. We give thanks for the abundance of this land and ask God's blessing, especially on all who work in agriculture and food production. After the 10:30 service we will go out to bless the garden on the north side of the Church.

The funeral service for Bob Gretton will be at SPSS on Saturday, May 20th. Visitation from 2 to 3 pm, followed by a service and reception in the Parish Hall. We give thanks for Bob's life and hold his brother John and all his family in our prayers. Geoffrey+

Lord Jesus, who came to share our life here on earth
and made your home among us at Nazareth:
we thank you for our homes and families,
and especially today for our mothers and for all they mean to us.
Bless them, O Lord, and bless our homes;
and help us to find our true happiness in loving and service one another
for your sake, our Saviour and friend. Amen.

PARISH NOTICES

SPSS GARDENS: This spring the Garden Committee has applied for a grant for a pollinator garden through Bees for Peace. This garden will be planted in Spring 2024, on the south side of the church property under the large stained -glass windows. In the meantime, our present gardens are being assessed for needs and the Garden Committee is planning a Gardening Day in June. Whether you are a digger, a planter or unsure we need your help to maintain our beautiful property and keep it environmentally friendly and welcoming. Please consider this as a one-day work event or a monthly offering to turn on the hoses. Please contact Fran through the church office if you can help out. High school students are encouraged to fill in their community hours this way also. Google Bees for Peace and enjoy the latest newsletter to be informed about our pollinator garden. Thank you. Fran

The Bible BBQ is back! Mark your calendars – Bible BBQs are back on Tuesdays this June. Fr Greg and Fr Geoff are excited to resume this popular time of community building and learning. The first session will be held in the backyard at the St Jude's Rectory (18 Howarth Ave), weather permitting, on *Tuesday June 6 starting at 5:30pm*. The theme this year: Faith on Fire!

Sunday School News: Steeple Chase *June 10th 2023*. Calling all families for a fun-filled day you don't want to miss! Friendly competition, fellowship and prizes. Please see the link for more information and to register, https://scarboroughsteeplechase.homesteadcloud.com/

Courtyard Fountain Repair: Our courtyard fountain needs repair and the cost to do so is \$800. Rosemary Hutchison has generously offered \$200 towards the \$800 cost of repair. We are looking for 3 additional donors to match the donation or anyone that can contribute towards the repair cost.



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