



the **Church**
of **St Peter** and
St Simon-the-Apostle

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Welcome to SPSS.

Please join us for coffee hour after the 10.30 am service.

In the bulletin, directions are suggested to stand, sit or kneel at certain times during the service. Please note these are guidelines and we encourage you to take the posture that is comfortable for you.

Flowers are given in loving memory of family members from Sheila Thomas.

Holy Eucharist at 9.00 am

The service begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

For the Readings, please see the 10.30 am. Service.

Collect – BCP page 194.

Celebrant & Preacher The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess

Choral Eucharist at 10.30 am

The service is from the *Book of Alternative Services*, beginning on page 185.

Celebrant The Reverend Abraham Thomas

Preacher The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess

Servers Fen Nanton, Vincent and Celine Wong, Betty Scattleberry & Ferdinand

Director of Music Robin Davis

Mass Setting *A Parish Mass – Gloria, Sanctus/Benedictus, Agnus Dei* – Derek Holman

Children going to Church School will gather at the font during the first hymn.



THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude *In Green Pastures*

HAROLD DARKE

Processional Hymn 7 *New Every Morning is the Love*

MELCOMBE

Greeting *Please remain standing until the end of the Gloria.*

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.**

Collect for Purity

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 Lord. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Almighty God,

your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

Give us grace to love one another

and walk in the way of his commandments,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Gloria

D. HOLMAN

With vigour ♩ = 132 *f*

9
Glo - ry to God - in - the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

14
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

20 *p*
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

26
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us: you are seat - ed at the

32 *rit.*
right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer.

37 *A tempo* *f*
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

43
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

48 *rit.*
Spi - rit, in the Glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - - - men.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading *Please be seated*

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Read by Katherine Jones

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Get up and go towards 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 22.25-31. *Deus, Deus meus.* All are invited to sing the Psalm. Seated.



- 25 Of thee cometh my praise in the | great cong' re | gation; /
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 | ever.
- 27 All the ends of the world shall remember, and be | turned un-to the | Lord; /
and all the kindreds of the | nations shall | worship be | fore him.
- 28 For the kingdom | is the | Lord's /
and he is the | Governor a | mong the | nations.
- 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 pos | terity shall | serve him; /
it shall be told of the Lord unto a gene | ration | yet to | come.
- 2nd ³¹ And all shall de | clare his | righteousness/
unto a people that shall be | born, that | he hath | done it.

Epistle I *John 4:7-21*

Read by Mary Martin

Reader A reading from the First Letter of John.

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. 18 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.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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

THE CALL

Please stand

The Holy Gospel *John 15.1–8 Please remain standing*

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes[a] 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 to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon *Please be seated*

Nicene Creed *Please stand*

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Led by Glenna Sims-Bonk

Please stand, kneel or sit for the prayers.

Confession and Absolution *Please kneel*

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his 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.**

The absolution is pronounced.

Please stand after the absolution

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Hymn at the Offertory *In Christ Alone*

(KEITH GETTY & STUART TOWNEND)

1. In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live, I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving *Please, sit, kneel or stand.*

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

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 **Con moto** ♩ = 100 *f*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord, God of

10 **a little faster** *rit.*

power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the

19 **A tempo** *p* *rit.*

high - est. Bles - sed is he who

25 *mf* *rit.*

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please kneel as able.

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,

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *Sung by all*

MACNEIL ROBINSON

Celebrant As our Sav-iour taught us, let us pray,

All Our Fa-ther in heav- en, hal- lowed be your name, your king- dom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai- ly

Music by MacNeil Robinson

bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom,

the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A - men.

Agnus Dei *Please stand, kneel or sit as able.*

All **Lamb God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**
Lamb God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

The Communion

- Holy Communion is administered at the High Altar and a standing station at the St Peter's Altar in the south aisle. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing. Fold your hands over your chest to indicate this to the administering priest. Please follow the directions of the sides-people.
- You may choose to receive the bread only where the fullness of the sacrament is present. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, simply receive the bread and return to your seat. You may also touch the base of the chalice while the words of administration are said.
- Intinction (dipping the bread into the chalice of wine) is not permitted in the Anglican Diocese of Toronto.
- **Anointing for healing** is administered during communion in both the north and south aisles.

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

PICKET WOOD

Motet Ubi Caritas Please be seated

OLA GJEILO

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Simul ergo cum in unum congregamur:
Ne nos mente dividamur, caveamus.
Cessent iurgia maligna, cessent lites.
Et in medio nostri sit Christus Deus.
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.*

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice in Him and be glad.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one.
Where charity and love are, God is there.
At the same time, therefore, are gathered
into one:
Lest we be divided in mind, let us beware.
Let evil impulses stop, let controversy
cease.
And in the midst of us be Christ our God.
Where charity and love are, God is there.
At the same time we see that with the saints
also,
Thy face in glory, O Christ our God:
The joy that is immense and good, Unto the
World without end. Amen.*

*Simul quoque cum beatis videamus,
Glorianter vultum tuum, Christe Deus:
Gaudium quod est immensum, atque
probum,
Saecula per infinita saeculorum. Amen.*

Prayer after Communion & Doxology Please stand

Celebrant God of love,
in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life.
May we always walk in your way,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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 in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing & Announcements

Recessional Hymn 598 *Go to the World*

ENGELBERG

Dismissal

Postlude *Sonata #4 in A minor, Chromatic Fugue*

JOSEPH RHEINBERGER

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In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion The Church of Bangladesh

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Durham & Northumberland Deanery

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer *Pray for St. David Anglican-Lutheran Church,*

Orillia, its community breakfast program, food support to the Orillia Lighthouse, counselling services through the Harmony Centre, community garden, Route 66 weekly Kids' Club, and its support of Jubilee House and the Pikangikum Water Project; for St. David Donlands-St. Andrew, Japanese, its Open Door weekly parent and caregiver drop-in, art classes for youth and community performing arts events, food garden, support of St. Monica's Food Bank, Eastview Community Centre's food access programs, and Flemingdon Park Ministry, and outreach to the Japanese-Canadian community; *for St. Dunstan of Canterbury*, its donations of knitted goods to Scarborough Centenary Hospital, its twinning relationship with a First Nations community in northern Manitoba, and fundraising program to support local and global outreach.

Parish Cycle Jean Ponter, John Pugsley and Marc Coté, Joy Quan-Lee, Deta Raffington

Home Bound Parishioners Marie Adams, Alice Fox, Dennis Gittens, Lawrine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, Everton Morris, Denise Orioux, Lucy Simons, Vernita Theobolds, Barbara & Duncan Towe, Lila Vamosi, Daphne Webster, Vashti White.

A Word from the Rector

The Parish Advisory Board met this week. We are delighted that Matthew Beasley accepted the nomination to serve as Chair in 2024.

A couple of items came up at the meeting that I want to share with the congregation. First, the Food Bank ministry. While most of us have plenty to eat, there are many in our community who are struggling. As parishioners of SPSS, we have made a commitment to support the food bank at St Bartholomew's Church and at the fire station next door. Please remember to bring an item of non-perishable food each week to support the important work of these food banks and to help our neighbours in need.

A note about posture during the liturgy. The traditional Anglican formula is as follows: "stand to praise, sit to listen, kneel to pray". That said, many people prefer a posture of standing for prayer and many others, myself included, like to kneel, though we are finding kneeling more and more difficult. While there are directions in the bulletin for suggested posture during the service, these are guidelines. I encourage each of us to assume the posture that is most comfortable. After all, there is not much point in kneeling to pray if when doing so, all we are thinking about is the pain in our knees!

Today I am worshipping at Christ Church Deer Park as I have been invited to participate in their service as they say thank you and farewell to the Venerable Cheryl Palmer, who is retiring from parish ministry after many years of faithful service. Cheryl will continue to serve the Church on a part-time basis in her role as Archdeacon.

Geoffrey+

Hymn Notes: *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life* (CP#569) – Submitted by Diane Way

George Herbert (1593-1633) was one of the greatest English poets of the 17th Century. He received his M.A. from Trinity College, Cambridge, and served as the public orator of the university (1619-27). James I called him “the jewel of the university.” He was ordained in 1626 and served as a parish priest until his death from consumption. His most famous work is *The Temple* (published posthumously in 1633). It is a three-part work which denotes his relationship with God. Herbert asked that it be published “if it might be to the advantage of any dejected soul.” His poetry was widely read in the 17th century, and leading Puritans had a marked devotion to his works. Herbert’s poetry is the plain words of ordinary speech used with simple dignity. Herbert described his poems as “a picture of spiritual conflicts that have passed betwixt God and my soul.”

Ralph Vaughan Williams set this poem to music in his *Five Mystical Songs* from George Herbert (1911). *The Call* by E. Herbert Geer (1886-1957) is an adaptation of Vaughan Williams’ setting. Geer was for 36 years the professor of music at Vassar College. His chief interest was the choir, and he wrote more than 100 choral pieces for women’s voices.

Parish Announcements

Children Going to Church School | Please gather at the entrance of the Church near the font to meet with Sileen Phillips, Children’s Ministry Co-ordinator, and Carol Peck.

Coffee Hour | We hope you will join us for coffee hour which is in the Parish Hall immediately after the service. If you would like to help with this important ministry of hospitality please speak with Fran Brown or Laurie Sanderson.

Altar Flowers | If you wish to donate on these dates or any other date in 2024 please contact Sheila Thomas, 416-921-2593.

An Eastertide Evensong: Sunday, May 5th at 4.30 pm.

This service will be a simple congregational Evensong with a musical meditation, offering works by G.F. Handel and J. S. Bach.

Denise Williams, *Soprano* Geoffrey Sangwine, *Baritone* David Smith, *Piano/Organ*

An offering will be taken to support the Afterschool Program at SPSS.

Choir Concert – May 11, 3:00 p.m.

A concert of hope and reflection
featuring the Choir of
St. Peter & St. Simon-the-Apostle
and the Arcady ensemble,
Conducted by Robin Davis

Can We Sing the Darkness to Light?
KYLE PEDERSON

Hymn To The Creator Of Light
JOHN RUTTER

Hail, Gladdening Light
CHARLES WOOD

Mass in Time of War
FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN

Arcady
ENSEMBLE

Sat. May 11, 2024, 3:00 pm
Tickets \$30 available on **eventbrite**



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Be a Change Maker

As part of the choir's upcoming concert theme "Can we Sing the Darkness to Light" reflecting on the state of the world we are currently living in, donations of "spare change" will be gratefully accepted at the ticket desk in the Narthex after the service. All funds collected will go to the Anglican Church's Primate's World Relief and Development fund and its agencies in the Ukraine and Gaza. If you wish a tax receipt, please put the change in a zip-loc bag identified with your name.



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SERVICES

Sundays

9.00am	Weekly Holy Eucharist (in the Chapel of Holy Spirit)
10.30 am	1 st and 3 rd Sundays Choral Eucharist – Traditional BCP Rite
2 nd Sunday	Choral Matins (unless announced)
4 th Sunday	Choral Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite
5 th Sunday & Evensong	As Announced

Wednesdays

11.00 am	Weekly Sung Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite
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CLERGY, WARDENS & STAFF

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Church Office Hours	Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

We acknowledge that in gathering to worship Almighty God,
we are in the traditional territory of many First Nations peoples
including the Mississaugas of the New Credit,
the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunees, and the Huron-Wendat.

"The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is, the world and all who dwell therein." Psalm 24.1.