

### **ASCENSION SUNDAY**

## Seventh Sunday of Easter May 12, 2024

### Holy Eucharist at 9.00 am

Celebrated in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

Celebrant & Preacher The Reverend Abraham Thomas



#### Choral Eucharist at 10.30 am Traditional Rite

Celebrant The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine Assisting The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess

Preacher The Reverend Abraham Thomas

Music Director Robin Davis
Organist Johan van 't Hof

Head Server Fen Nanton

Servers Paul Mitchell, Celine Wong, Ashrey Beyongyera

Communion Ministers Fen Nanton, Paul Mitchell

Mass Setting Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

Gloria, Sanctus/Benedictus, Agnus Dei – Healey Willan

Children going to Church School are invited to gather by the font. Hearing Assistance Units are available at the back of the church.

Please join us for coffee after the 10.30 am service.

The flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of Joyce and Derrick Brighty.

## The Gathering of the Community

**Prelude** "L'Ascension" (from "Ascension Day")

Alléluias sereins d'une âme qui désire le ciel (Serene Alleluias from a Soul Longing to Heaven)

OLIVIER MESSIAEN

Processional Hymn CP 491 The Head that Once was Crowned with Thorns ST. MAGNUS

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

Celebrant Almighty God,

all 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.

Gloria (Hymn Book #679)

Celebrant 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-

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty, O Lord, the onlybegotten Son, Jesu 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 God 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.

**Collect of the Day** 

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy onlybegotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we

begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without

end. Amen.

# Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson Acts 1:1–11

Read by Mekhriban Mamedova

*Reader* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'ish what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his 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 he 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 towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards 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.'

Reader The word of the Lord.All Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 47 Omnes gentes, plaudite



<sup>1</sup>O clap your hands together 'all ye 'peoples;

/ \* O sing unto ' God · with the ' voice of ' melody.

<sup>2</sup> For the Lord Most High is ' to be ' feared;

/ \* he is a great ' King · over ' all the ' earth.

<sup>3</sup> He subdued the 'peoples 'under us, / \* and the 'nations 'under our 'feet.

<sup>4</sup> He chose our 'heritage ' for us,

/ \* even the glorious land of ' Jacob, ' whom he ' loved.

<sup>5</sup> God is gone up with a 'merry 'noise,

/ \* the 'Lord with the 'sound of the 'trumpet.

<sup>6</sup> O sing praises, sing praises ' unto our ' God;

/ \* O sing praises, sing ' praises ' unto our ' King.

<sup>7</sup> For God is the King of 'all the 'earth: / \* sing ye 'praises with 'under 'standing.

8 God reigneth ' over the ' nations: / \* God sitteth up ' on his ' holy ' throne.

<sup>9</sup> The princes of the peoples are 'gathered to 'gether,

/ \* with the 'people · of the 'God of 'Abraham;

 $^{10}$  For the rulers of the earth be ' long · unto ' God; /\* he is ' very ' highly ex ' alted.

### **Epistle** *Ephesians 1:15–23*

Read by Paul Faulkner

*Reader* A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and

has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The word of the Lord.All Thanks be to God.

### Gradual Hymn CP 245 O Lord Most High, Eternal King vv. 1 & 2 GONFALON ROYAL

O Lord Most High, Eternal King, By thee, redeemed thy praise we sing. The bonds of death are burst by thee, and grace has won the victory. Ascending to the sapphire throne, Thou claim'st the kingdom as thine own; And angels wonder when they see how changed is our humanity.

#### The Holy Gospel. Luke 24:44–53

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

All Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Then Jesus said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise be to thee, O Christ.

#### Gradual Hymn CP 245 O Lord Most High, Eternal King vv. 3 & 4

Be thou our joy, O mighty Lord, As thou wilt be our great reward; Let all our glory be in thee Both now and through eternity. O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to thee let earth accord, Who art, while endless ages run, With Father and with Spirit, one. Alleluia! **Homily** The Reverend Abraham Thomas

The Nicene Creed Please Stand

Celebrant I believe in one God,

All the Father almight

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 Intercessions

Led by Spencer Higgins

Celebrant

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

Let us pray for peace on earth and for the unity of all Christian people.

Let us remember before God those who have departed this life and are at rest.

Leader

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Leader

Lord, in thy mercy.

All

Hear our prayer.

Leader

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant Charles our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and

impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Lord, in thy mercy. Leader All

Hear our prayer.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and Leader specially to thy servants Andrew our Diocesan Bishop, and Kevin and Riscylla, Suffragan Bishops of this diocese, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly

administer thy holy Sacraments.

Lord, in thy mercy. Leader Hear our prayer. All

Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom Leader among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord, in thy mercy. Leader

Hear our prayer. All

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and Leader succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, (especially those for whom our prayers are

desired, NN).

Lord, in thy mercy. Leader Hear our prayer. All

Leader

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers

of thy heavenly kingdom.

Lord, in thy mercy. Leader Hear our prayer. All

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Celebrant Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

#### **Confession and Absolution**

The Celebrant invites the Confession of Sin. Silence is kept. Please kneel as able.

All

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: 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.

The Celebrant pronounces the absolution.

### **Offertory Sentence**

Celebrant

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither rust nor moth corrupts, and where thieves do not break through and steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. *St. Matthew* 6. 20,21.

#### **Celebration of the Eucharist**

Offertory Hymn CP 247

Hail the Day that sees Him rise

LLANFAIR - CP#206

#### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Celebrant

Eternal God,

our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time.

Accept all we offer this day, and renew us in his transfigured life;

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Prayer of Consecration**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All It is meet and right so to do.

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. Through thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his most glorious resurrection manifestly appeared to all his apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven to

prepare a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

All Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,

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:

All

We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.

Celebrant

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.** 

#### The Lord's Prayer – sung by all

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

say, 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 those who 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.

#### The Peace

*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**

All O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;

have mercy upon us. Repeat.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;

grant us thy peace.

# **Holy 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.

### Hymn CP 48 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

**PICARDY** 

**Motet:** *Rise up my Love* 

**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

#### **Thanksgiving After Communion**

Celebrant

Eternal Giver of love and power, whose Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Almighty God, we thank thee for feeding us with the body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer ourselves, our souls and bodies to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice unto thee. Send us out in the power of the Spirit, to live and work to thy praise and glory; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

### **Blessing**

Hymn CP 378 Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

### **Dismissal**

Celebrant

Followers of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit,

serve the world God loves. Alleluia!

All

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

JOHANN PACHEBEL

The service is taken from the Book of Common Prayer, 1962.

#### In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion The Anglican Church of Burundi.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer The Diocese of Jerusalem.

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer Pray for Pray for St. George on-the-Hill, its Etobicoke Learning Cooperative, prayer shawl ministry, and involvement in the Out of the Cold program; for St. George, Allandale, its Deacon's cupboard, support of Hospice Simcoe, the David Busby Centre, Samaritan House and Grove Park seniors' home; and for St. George, Fairvalley, its support of Mariposa House Hospice, Faithworks and area foodbanks.

<u>Parish Cycle</u> Marie Samuels – Isaac, Laurie Sanderson, The Rev. Geoffrey Sangwine, Sheila Sangwine, Pearline Saunders.

<u>Home Bound Parishioners</u> Marie Adams, Alice Fox, Dennis Gittens, Lawrine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, Everton Morris, Denise Orieux, Lucy Simons, Vernita Theobalds, Barbara & Duncan Towe, Lila Vamosi, Vashti White.

#### A Word from the Rector

Last Sunday afternoon we held an Eastertide Evening Prayer with a musical meditation featuring works by Handel and Bach. It was lovely to welcome David Smith, Piano/Organ, Denise Williams, Soprano and Gan Morgan trumpet and to sing with them. The offering was dedicated to support the afterschool Homework Club, a ministry we share in with Rosedale Presbyterian Church and St Andrew's United, Bloor Street. The service was very well attended and over \$1700 was donated. Thank you so much to all who joined us and to those who contributed so generously to the offering which is a tremendous and much needed support for the programme and our mission and ministry.

In a world with much darkness, opportunities to celebrate beauty and renew our commitment to peace and justice are valuable and necessary. Thank you to the choir and musicians who participated in yesterday's concert from *Darkness to Light*. May the worship and praise we offer to God's glory be manifest in all our lives as we strive to live together with respect, trust, justice and peace.

The Diocese of Toronto is entering into an important time of spiritual renewal. Parish and ministries across the diocese are invited to participate and I hope that here at SPSS we will take this opportunity to join in and renew our own spiritual life as a parish. I draw your attention to some information about it today's bulletin and on our website.

Today we give thanks for the gift of our mothers and families - Happy Mother's Day.

Geoffrey+

#### A Prayer for Mothers Day

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 serving one another for your sake, our Master and Friend.

Amen.

Heavenly Father, whose love enfolds us all, may your kingdom come within our hearts, within our homes, through all our land, and in all the world, for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

#### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers** | If you wish to donate flowers please contact Sheila Thomas, 416 –921–2593.

**Annual Parish BBQ | Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> after the 10.30 am service.** Volunteers are needed for this event to take place – food needs to be planned and purchased, tables set up and food prepared and cooked. This is always a wonderful way to start the summer season - please let us know if you would like to help out.

**Congregational Hymn Sing**| Join us on Saturday May 18, 2:00pm to sing favourite hymns. Only requirement is enthusiasm.

**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.

**Choral Evensong** | Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4 pm.

**Communications Committee Looking for Volunteers**| The committee is looking for members of our parish to assist with running the SPSS social media channels. We are aiming for consistent weekly posts to our socials with news regarding our services and other special events and stories. If you are interested, please contact Stephanie Woodside, either during coffee hour or by emailing <a href="swoodside27@gmail.com">swoodside27@gmail.com</a>.

#### Hymn Notes: The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns (CP # 491)

Born in Ireland, Thomas Kelly (1769-1855) attended Trinity College, Dublin, and was ordained in the Church of England in 1792. Kelly's evangelical tendency led to his leaving the Church after his bishop prohibited him from preaching. Kelly then founded his own chapels in Ireland. He was noted for his support of worthy and benevolent causes and was much beloved by the poor. He was called "the people's pastor." Kelly wrote 765 hymns. This hymn, based upon Hebrews 2:10, has been called "the ideal hymn." It was published in Kelly's Hymns on Various Passages of Scripture (1820). The tune first appeared in in a volume of church music published in 1707, where it was grouped together with three tunes by Jeremiah Clark (c.1670-1707). Clark was chorister and organist at the Chapel Royal and organist at Winchester Cathedral and at St. Paul's Cathedral. He was also music master for Queen Anne. W. Riley ascribed the tune to Clark in his Parochial Harmony (1782) and named it St. Magnus after St. Magnus the Martyr, London.

Submitted by Diane Way

Next Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, readings; Ezekial 37:1-14; Psalm 104:25-35, 37b; Acts 2:1-21, John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15



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# **Season of Spiritual Renewal**

#### Greetings, friends!

As the Diocese of Toronto embarks together on a season in which we'll focus on spiritual renewal across our large and diverse Diocese, we'd like to share some ways we're inviting our parishes to participate in four of the Christian disciplines strongly associated with renewal.

- **1. Prayer:** We want to encourage widespread prayer across the Diocese for individuals and church communities, on Sundays and in other meetings so we begin this season focused on listening to and talking with God. This is why we're sharing our <u>first resource of prayers</u> with you. To read about ways we can intentionally raise the profile of prayer in our churches, please visit the <u>Season of Spiritual Renewal pages</u> on the diocesan website.
- **2. Scripture:** We recognize the need for the study of scripture to be a part of our daily lives. For suggestions on encouraging this, please visit the <u>Season of Spiritual Renewal pages</u>.
- **3. Worship:** We desire everyone in the Diocese to have a renewed joy and desire to engage in the worship of the Living Triune God. For ideas on worship, check out the Season of Spiritual Renewal pages.
- **4. Discipleship and Evangelism:** We want everyone to be confident in sharing their story of faith. You can visit the <u>Season of Spiritual Renewal pages</u> for ideas.

As Coordinator and Admin Support for this Season of Spiritual Renewal, we're here to support and resource parishes across our Diocese. Our goal is to also serve as a sharing portal for creative ideas and best practices that you're already finding helpful. So don't be afraid to share those ideas and practices with us! While we may not be able to share everything, some of these we can pass along to other churches across our Diocese. Please send these directly to Jacqui, whose email is listed below. We are very excited about what God has planned for our Diocese in this season, and we look forward to supporting you all on this adventure!

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**Church Office Hours** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

#### **SERVICES**

Sundays

9.00am Weekly Holy Eucharist (in the Chapel of Holy Spirit)

10.30 am 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays Choral Eucharist – Traditional BCP Rite

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Choral Matins (unless announced)

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Choral Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite

Evensong As Announced

Wednesdays

11.00 am Weekly Sung Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite

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.