



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

APRIL 27, 2025

## SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER

### 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 190.

*Celebrant & Preacher* The Reverend Abraham Thomas

### Choral Eucharist at 10.30 am. *Contemporary Rite*

The service begins on page 185 of the Book of Alternative Services.

*Celebrant & Preacher* The Reverend Abraham Thomas

*Servers* Fen Nanton, Paul Mitchell

*Communion Ministers* Paul Faulkner

*Director of Music* Daniel Webb

*Mass Setting* *A New Plainsong* by David Hurd

*The flowers for today are given by Mark and Laurie Garbutt  
to the glory of Almighty God, and in loving memory of Mark's mother Joan.*

Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after the service.



# THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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**Prelude**      *Voluntary in D, 1st movement., Andante*      JOHN STANLEY

**Processional Hymn CP 205** *The Day of Resurrection*      ELLACOMBE

*Celebrant*      The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

*All*      **And also with you.**

## **Collect of 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.**

## **Gloria** (Hymn Book #686)

*Celebrant*      Glory be to God in the highest,

*All*      **and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty  
God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for  
your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb  
of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are  
seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone  
are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*      Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope  
of those who doubt, may we who have not seen, have faith and receive the  
fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

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**First Lesson** Acts 5:27–32

Read by Larry Krotz

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the temple police had brought the disciples, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, ‘We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.’ But Peter and the apostles answered, ‘We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.’

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 150.** *Sung by the choir. Please remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>O praise God in his holiness:

praise him in the firmament of his power.

<sup>2</sup> Praise him in his noble acts:

praise him according to his excellent greatness.

<sup>3</sup> Praise him in the sound of the trumpet:

praise him upon the lute and harp.

<sup>4</sup> Praise him in the cymbals and dances:

praise him upon the strings and pipe.

<sup>5</sup> Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals:

praise him upon the loud cymbals.

<sup>6</sup> Let everything that hath breath:

praise the Lord.

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.

**Second Reading: Revelation 1:4–8**

Read by Stephanie Woodside

A Reading from the Revelation according to St. John.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Reader*        The word of the Lord.

*All*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn CP 715 Alleluia****The Holy Gospel. John 20:19–31**

*Gospeller*     The Lord be with you.

*All*            **And with thy spirit.**

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

*All*            **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are

written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Gospeller*      The Gospel of Christ.

*All*              **Praise be to thee, O Christ**

## **Homily**

### **The Nicene Creed**

*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.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

Led by Mark Garbutt

*Celebrant*      Let us pray for the Church and the world.

*Please kneel or be seated. The Prayers follow.*

*Celebrant*      Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two of three are gathered together in your name, you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life. Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

*The Celebrant invites the confession of sin.*

*Silence is kept. The celebrant and people say together,*

*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.*

*Celebrant*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All*

**And also with you.**

## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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**Offertory Hymn CP 207** *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

SALZBURG

### Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant*

God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Prayer of Consecration

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*All*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Lift up your hearts.

*All*

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise 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*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest**

*Celebrant*

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

*All*

**we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant*

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer** *said together*

*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

*All* **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Lord, we died with you on the cross.

*All* **Now we are raised to new life.**

*Celebrant* We were buried in your tomb.

*All* **Now we share in your resurrection.**

*Celebrant* Live in us, that we may live in you.

*Celebrant* The gifts of God, for the people of God.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Agnus Dei**

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

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

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- Holy Communion is administered at the High Altar and a standing station at the St. Peter 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.

**Communion Hymn CP 223** *Christ Is Risen*

POLISH CAROL



## **Motet** *This joyful Eastertide*

CHARLES WOOD

*This joyful Eastertide,  
away with sin and sorrow!  
My Love, the Crucified,  
hath sprung to life this morrow:*

*Had Christ, that once was slain,  
ne'er burst His three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain  
but now hath Christ arisen!*

*My flesh in hope shall rest  
and for a season slumber;  
till trump from east to west  
shall wake the dead in number:*

*Had Christ, that once was slain...*

*Death's flood has lost its chill  
since Jesus crossed the river;  
Lover of souls, from ill  
my passing soul deliver:*

*Had Christ, that once was slain...*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen**

## **Doxology**

*Celebrant* Glory to God  
*All* **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Blessing & Announcements**

### **Recessional Hymn CP 217** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Again*

WÜRTEMBERG

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Followers of the risen Jesus Christ, be inspired by the Holy Spirit, and serve the world God loves.

*All* **Amen. Alleluia!**

## **IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

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The Anglican Communion The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Durham & Northumberland Deanery

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

Parish Cycle Diane Way, Vashti White, David Willans & Doug Shorthouse

Home Bound Parishioners Marie Adams, Alice Fox, Dennis Gittens, Lawrine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, Everton Morris, Denise Orioux, Marie Samuels–Isaac, Lucy Simons, Vernita Theobalds, Duncan Towe, Lila Vamosi, Vashti White.

## **Poem of the Week**

“We do not know... how can we know the way?”

Courageous master of the awkward question,

You spoke the words the others dared not say

And cut through their evasion and abstraction.

Oh doubting Thomas, father of my faith,

You put your finger on the nub of things

We cannot love some disembodied wraith,

But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.

Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,

Feel after Him and find Him in the flesh.

Because He loved your awkward counter-point

The Word has heard and granted you your wish.

Oh place my hands with yours, help me divine

wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.

- *A Sonnet for St. Thomas the Apostle*, by Malcolm Guite.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fr Geoff will be on vacation** | Fr. Geoff will be away Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. During this time should you need pastoral care please reach out to The Rev. Abraham Thomas, 416-316-3497.

**St. Anne's Church Fundraiser** | St. Anne's Parish Hall is thrilled to be hosting *HAYDN'S* magnificent Oratorio, *THE CREATION*. ON SUNDAY, APRIL 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM, please come to see and hear *FATHER DON* in the BASS section of two choirs joined together (The Mississauga Chamber Singers and the Toronto Beach Chorale) conducted by St. Anne's Music Director, *MERVIN FICK*. (Tickets are available at <https://bit.ly/3YA65Hw>.) With more than 60 VOICES, a full orchestra and soloists joining forces to perform this masterful piece of music, it promises to be a GLORIOUS EVENING. The performance will take place in St. Anne's Parish Hall – 651 Dufferin Ave.

**Next Advisory Board Meeting** | Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm on Zoom.

**Special Performance at SPSS** | Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 after the service in the Parish Hall, *LOVE LETTERS* by A. R. Gurney, featuring Carol Peck and Michael Burgess. Free will offering, proceeds to support Homework Club.

**The St. John Scripture Study** | Will resume on Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:15 pm

**Jubilate Newsletter** | The Easter issue of the newsletter is now available on the SPSS website. Limited number of hardcopies are available in the church office. Thank you to Fr. Michael for his contribution and for coordinating the publication, and Natalie Berchem for its production.

**Doors Open @ SPSS** | The Toronto Doors Open will be taking place here at the church on May 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 5 pm and 25<sup>th</sup> from 12 am to 5 pm.

**Parish Summer BBQ** | The annual parish barbeque will be taking place on June 15<sup>th</sup> after the service.

**SPSS Website** | For all your parish news and events, please visit our website: <https://stpeterstsimon.ca/>



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### **CLERGY, WARDENS & STAFF**

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<b>Church Office Hours</b>	Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.

### **SERVICES**

#### **Sundays**

9.00am	Weekly Holy Eucharist (BCP) - 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
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday & Evensong	As Announced

#### **Wednesdays**

11.00 am	Weekly Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite
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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*