



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

SUNDAY MAY 17

Ascension Sunday

The flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God by Sheila Thomas

† Holy Eucharist at 9.00 am †

The service begins on page 67 of the Book of Common Prayer.
Celebrant & Homilist The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess

† Choral Eucharist at 10.30 am † *Traditional Rite BAS p. 230.*

Celebrant & Preacher The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess
Music Director Mervin Fick
Choir Parish Choristers
Servers Ferdinand Galingan, Celine Wong, Vincent Wong, Gary Toneguzzo,
Fen Nanton
Communion Minister Laurie Garbutt
Mass Setting *Merberke (CP 679, 683, 685)*

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

We invite you to join us for coffee after the service.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude Two Chorale Preludes on 'Dearest Jesus , We Are Here'

JG WALTHER, JS BACH

Processional Hymn 247 Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

ASCENSION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant May His grace and peace be with you.

All **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

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.**

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord;
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.

This is the first and great commandment And the second is like unto it:
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

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

Gloria

MERBECKE

Celebrant Glory be to God on high,

All **and in earth peace, good will towards all.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty, O Lord, the only-begotten Son, 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

Celebrant Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Lesson

Read by Stephanie Woodside

Reader A reading from *Acts 1:1-11*

¹The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, ²until the day in which ^[a]He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, ³to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

⁴And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; ⁵for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

⁹Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**



O CLAP your hands together, all ye peoples; / O sing unto God with the voice of melody.
For the LORD Most High is to be feared; / he is a great King over all the earth.
He subdued the peoples under us, / and the nations under our feet.
He chose our heritage for us, / even the glorious land of Jacob, whom he loved.
GOD is gone up with a merry noise, / the LORD with the sound of the trumpet.
O sing praises, sing praises unto our God; / O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.
For God is the King of all the earth: / sing ye praises with understanding.
God reigneth over the nations: / God sitteth upon his holy throne.
The princes of the peoples are gathered together, / with the people of the God of Abraham;
For the rulers of the earth belong unto God; / he is very highly exalted

Epistle

Read by Larry Krotz

A reading from Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸ the eyes of your ^[a] understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰ which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

²² And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, ²³ 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 245 O Lord Most High, Eternal King

GONFALON ROYAL

The Holy Gospel Luke 24: 44-53

Read by the Reverend Canon Michael Burgess

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.**

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.

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

Jesus said:

⁴⁴ Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” ⁴⁵ And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

⁴⁶ Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ And you are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

⁵⁰ And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God.

Homily

Choir Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee

S LOLE

Nicene Creed *Please stand. Said together.*

Celebrant I believe in one God

All **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;**

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

**begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God;
begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father;
through whom all things were made:
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge
both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

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

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **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 absolution is pronounced.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. *Revelation 5. 12.*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 375 At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. **Amen.**

Prayer of Consecration – Eucharistic Prayer A

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. *Proper Preface Follows.* 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.**

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

All **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.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Alleluia!

All **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Prayer of Humble Access

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.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.**

Holy Communion

- All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion.
- Communion is administered at the High Altar and at the St Peter's Altar in the south aisle.
- Please do not dip the consecrated bread into the wine - Drinking from the chalice is considered safe from the point of view of public health.
- You are also welcome to receive only the bread if you prefer. Indicate this by holding your arms crossed over your chest as the chalice passes; this is also a way to receive a blessing rather than communion.
- Gluten-free communion wafers are available, please indicate this to the priest.

Motet O Sacred Feast

H WILLAN 

Hymn 491 The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns

ST MAGNUS

Thanksgiving After Communion

Celebrant

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

Hymn 378 Crown Him With Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Dismissal

Leader Go forth into the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude Praeludium und Fugue F major

JS Bach

Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall.

The service is taken from the *Book of Common Prayer, 1962*
and the *Book of Alternative Services, 1985*.

In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Jerusalem

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle : Pray 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; for St. George, Pickering Village, its ministry providing food and community through the Community Garden and Thursday Lunch programs, its knitting ministry, support of migrant workers, Joanne's House for homeless youth, Herizon House refuge for women and children fleeing domestic abuse, and ongoing advocacy for the Duffin's Creek watershed; and for St. Hilary, Cooksville, its community garden, weekly food cupboard and holiday hampers, backpacks and school supplies for children in Mississauga and Ghana, knitted items for patients at Trillium Hospital, bed mats, and international relief efforts for natural disasters.

Parish Cycle: Ian Taylor, Anna Tharyan and Simon Chester, Vernita Theobalds

Home Bound Parishioners: Marie Adams, Alice Fox, Dennis Gittens, Lawrine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, Ivaline Jonas, Marian McPherson, Everton Morris, Denise Orioux, Lucy Simons, Vernita Theobalds, Duncan Towe, Lila Vamosi, Vashti White.

Hymn Note for At the Name of Jesus (CP # 375)

This processional hymn for Ascension Day is based on Philippians 2:9-10. Born in London, Caroline Maria Noel (1817-77) was the daughter of Canon Gerard Noel vicar of Romney, Hampshire, and sometime chaplain to Queen Victoria. He later joined the Baptist church. Caroline belonged to the evangelical wing of the Church of England. She began writing hymns at the age of 17, but she soon stopped and did not resume until the age of 40. She suffered from illness for a large part of her life. She hoped that her verse would cheer and comfort those who were sick. This hymn was first published in her *Name of Jesus and Other Verses for the Sick and Lonely (1870)*. She was buried next to her father outside Romney Abbey Church.

Ralph Vaughan Williams composed KING'S WESTON for this text. The tune was published in his *Songs of Praise (1925)*. King's Weston is a country house on the River Avon near Bristol.
Submitted by Diane Way

Announcements

Altar Flowers | Needed are flowers for the Altar on May 24, 31, and June 7, 14, 21, 28. If you are able to/wish to donate flowers please speak with Joy (416-423-7042) or Sheila (416-921-2593). Thank you.

Notice Regarding Cheques to the Church | A reminder to ensure that cheques are made payable to: *The Church of St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle*. Kindred Credit Union has informed us any other derivation of the church's name on cheques is not cashable and will be destroyed.

Update from Stewardship Committee | Thank you to everyone who has brought in their empty wine/liquor/beer bottles and beer cans. This week we returned \$7.40 bringing the year-to-date total to \$183.10. Every little helps! 😊

Donations for March compared to April are as follows:

General Givings

Type of Giving	March 2026	April 2026
Pre-Authorized Givings	\$10,841.00	12,041.00
Canada Helps	\$2,121.60	705.48
Envelope & E-Transfers	\$3,178.00	7,313.00
Easter Donations	\$0.00	2,245.00
Total	\$16,140.60	22,304.48

Thank you to all who donated so generously toward the Easter campaign.

Congratulations to Sileen Phillips | Join us in congratulating our Child and Youth Coordinator Sileen Phillips on her recent appointment as a new Youth Ministry Coordinator at the Anglican Diocese of Toronto, starting May 14th. Sileen will continue her role here at SPSS, and will be working with the Diocese in the south archdeaconry working closely with Bishop Kevin Robertson. Sileen and Siobham, Siobhan Carmichael will be working in the north archdeaconry working closely with Bishop Riscylla Shaw, will be responsible for organizing appropriate networks for professional and youth leaders in their respective areas and will help to increase communication throughout the archdeaconry and across the Diocese.

First Responder Team | We are looking for someone to join the First Responders list. Preferably someone with first aid training, but if you do not have first aid training the church will cover the cost of training. Speak to Larry Krotz or Ted Robinson if you are interested.



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Church Office Hours

Tuesday to Thursday - 9:30 am to 5:30 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.*