

The Book of Alternative Services



2 May 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am



St. George's Cathedral, Kingston

Setting: *Addington Service, Shephard*
Prelude: *Erschienen ist der herrlich Tag*, Walther

Gathering Hymn

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

2 Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.

Lux Eoi
Arthur Sullivan 1842-1900

3 Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

4 Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty

Christopher Wordsworth 1807-85

The Gathering of the Community

All stand. The presider greets the community.

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Presider May his grace and peace be with you.

People **May he fill our hearts with joy!**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Standing at the font, the presider continues,

Joined to Christ the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Prayer Over the Water and Blessing

Water may be poured into the font while the presider gives thanks, saying,

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith. We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Fifth Sunday of Easter

O God, you give us the Son as the vine, apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, so that we bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

A reading from the Book of Acts 8:26-40 (Sarah Earl)

Then an angel of the LORD said to Philip, "Get up and go to-ward 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 en-tire 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 read-ing 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 command-ed the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eu-nuch, 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.

The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept. Then shall follow a psalm as appointed.

Psalm 22:24-30

23 O praise the Lord, ye that fear him: / magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and stand in awe of him, all ye seed of Israel.

24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the poor; / he hath not hid his face from him; but when he called unto him he heard him.

25 Of thee cometh my praise in the great congregation; / 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 unto the Lord;/ and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's, / and he is the Governor among 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 alive.

30 Their posterity shall serve him; / it shall be told of the Lord unto a generation yet to come.

31 And men shall declare his righteousness / unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done it.

A Reading from the First Letter of John 4:7-21

Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. Everyone who commits sin is a child of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. Those who have been born of God do not sin, because God's seed abides in them; they cannot sin, because they have been born of God. The children of God and the children of the devil are revealed in this way: all who do not do what is right are not from God, nor are those who do not love their brothers and sisters. For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. We must not be like Cain who was from the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them. We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God.

The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Jesu, true and living bread.

2 Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia, alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.

3 Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, alleluia,
we in worship join with them.

4 Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
Alleluia, alleluia,
cleansing souls from every stain.

5 Life-imparting heavenly manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna

worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia, alleluia,
risen, ascended, glorified!

St Osmund

Healey Willan 1880-1968

George Hugh Bourne 1840-1925

All stand for the Gospel.

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes 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. *John 15:1-8*

The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Loving God's Word - The Rev. Canon Barbara Stewart

Sermon - The Venerable Michael Thompson

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The presider may address the people in these or similar words.

Dear friends,
through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism,
so that we may rise with him to a new life. Let us renew the promises we
made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works,
and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Presider Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People **I will, with God's help.**

The presider concludes the Renewal of Baptismal Vows with the following:

God the creator, the rock of our salvation,
has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the
forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

May he keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People (Sarah Earl)

The Peace

All stand, and the presider addresses the people.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The Motet

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life,

Such a way as gives us breath,

Such a Truth as ends all strife,

Such a Life as killeth Death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength,

Such a Light as shows a Feast,

Such a Feast as mends in length,

Such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart,

Such a Joy as none can move,

Such a Love as none can part,

Such a Heart as joys in love.

Alexander Brent Smith 1889-1950

George Herbert 1593-1633

The members of the community, ministers and people, may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Presider

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.

Blessing

Presider

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who journey with us. And so make haste to love, and be swift to be kind; And may the God who travels with us, the God of pilgrimage, the God of Hope, bless, care and keep you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always.

People

Amen

Dismissal

The presider may bless the people. The deacon, or other leader, dismisses the people, saying in these or similar words,

Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Closing Hymn

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.

Here I am, Lord
Dan Schutte, b. 1947

I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

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Postlude: *Fugue in G Minor (Little Fugue)*, BWV 578, J. S. Bach

Preacher: The Venerable Michael Thompson
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Interim Music Director: Brad Barbeau

Prayer List: The Very Rev Sharon Murdoch, The Rev Don Goodwin, John Bate, Dee Padfield, Sandy, Jason, Allie and Dev Kauenhofen, Paul Robertson, Richard Watson-Laird, Danielle Clarke, Sean Lovett, Ralph Brose, Diana Davis Duerkop, Gill Cleghorn, Carol MacDonnell, Sue Kilpatrick, Elspeth Stevenson, The Most Reverend Andrew Hutchison, the family of the Venerable Dr. Fred Gosse, Jim Anderson, the family of Kathy Anderson.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Pray for our Chair of Trustees, Peter Case. On our parish list: Erin Hosken, Neil Hoult & Yina Wang, Eileen Huberland, Mark Hutchings, and their families.

Readings for Sunday, May 9 – Easter 6
Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17
Sermon: Eric Frisen

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