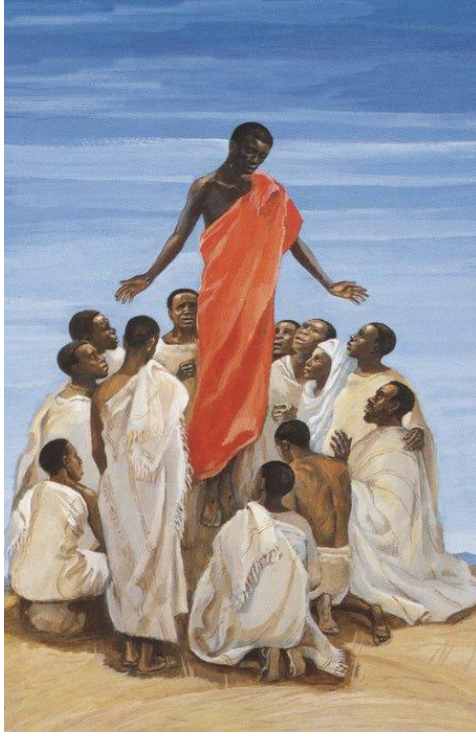




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Ante-communion for Ascension (transferred)
May 24, 2020 at 10 am.

Officiant - The Rev. Susan Spicer
Deacon – The Rev. Marilyn Metcalfe
Reader – Mrs. Leslie Hajdu
Organist – Mr. Surinder Mundra
Intercessor The Rev. Fay Patterson
Technical coordinator – Ms. Andrea Humphries
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The Gathering of the Community

Sentence Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, to the close of the age.
Matthew 28: 19, 20

HYMN **247 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise**

Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!
to his throne above the skies; alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven! alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates; alleluia!
he hath conquered death and sin; alleluia!
take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

Highest heaven its Lord receives, alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves; alleluia!
though returning to his throne, alleluia!
still he calls the world his own, Alleluia!

See! He lifts his hand above, alleluia!
See! He shows the prints of love; alleluia!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow alleluia!
blessings on his church below. Alleluia!

Still for us he intercedes; alleluia!
his prevailing death he pleads, alleluia!
near himself prepares our place, alleluia!
he the first-fruits of our race. Alleluia!

Lord, though parted from our sight, alleluia!
far above the starry height, alleluia!
grant our hearts may thither rise, alleluia!
seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia!

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Officiant May his grace and peace be with you.
People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Officiant
All

Almighty God,
**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 GLORIA

Officiant
All

Glory to God in the highest,
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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant

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. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Reader A reading from Ephesians (1:15-23)

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward 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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM (47)

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.
For the Lord Most High is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.
He subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet.
He chose our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to God, sing praises.
For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with all your skill.
God is king over all the earth;
God sits upon his holy throne.
The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the rulers of the earth belong to God;
And he is highly exalted.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

GOSPEL HYMN 405 Alleluia No. 1

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth; he is the king of creation. **R**

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and is risen. **R**

We have been crucified with Christ: now we shall live for ever. **R**

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Saviour. **R**

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke (24:44-53)

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

Then he 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 worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

THE SERMON

Rev. Susan Spicer

A brief silence is kept.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Please stand.*)

Officiant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All:

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

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.
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. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Thanksgiving, Intercessions and Petitions

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Officiant 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.

Officiant 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.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

Please stand

Officiant The peace of the risen and ascended Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

*We share God's peace, greeting one another and saying
"The peace of Christ," or "Peace be with you."*

OFFERTORY HYMN 374 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his Blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er.
Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! King Eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, Heaven thy throne;
thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the Eucharistic Feast.

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alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;
hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his Blood.

BLESSING OF OUR OFFERING

Officiant Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

**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 glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Officiant

Go with confidence into the days ahead, trusting in God's unfailing love and faithfulness. God will not abandon you, for you are the work of His hands – His own creation – and His Love endures forever. The blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifying Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen

CLOSING HYMN **378 Crown Him with Many Crowns**

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit, go in the
 peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Sunday School moves over to Zoom at 11:30. See you there!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENTECOST VOICES NEEDED – Calling all who speak a second language! Join in the great congregation of voices speaking the gospel to all nations in all languages next Sunday. Don't be shy! It will be fun. Let Rev. Susan know if you would be willing to come into a zoom meeting to do this ASAP.

WORSHIP ONLINE via facebook live. You do not have to be a user of facebook to tune into the service. Just use this link.

www.facebook.com/.St.GeorgesAnglicanChurch/

Services are held Tuesday through Saturday:

8 am Morning Prayer

8:30 pm Compline.

10 am on Sundays.

Thanks to all those who have been making masks for our local hospital. We have had another request for them, from the Toronto Urban Native Ministry team. Our thanks go to Evelyn Samuels, Debbie Wright, Beverley Trull, Brenda Horsford and Jackie Foster. If you are interested in contributing to this effort, please let the office know and we'll connect you with the coordinator. One of the challenges is having enough elastic so if you are some, that might be a help.

IMPORTANT UPDATE - A NEW ROOF! Thanks to the tireless efforts of Bob de Savoye, and the Historic Church Preservation Committee, the work will begin in early June on the new roof. We have signed a contract for a roofer to install envirosakes.

GARDENING Bev Jowitt has been calling people, inviting them to help care for our church gardens. If you are interested, let us know. We are very grateful for the beautiful gardens all around our church and for those who tend them.

LAWN CHAIR CHATS On Tuesday, from 10 am to 12 noon, Rev. Susan will be at the church by the garden. This is meant to be not only an enjoyable social time, but also a time for pastoral conversations. Please note that we cannot gather in a group of more than 5. If you would like to have a private conversation or prayer with Rev. Susan, please let her know when you arrive.

Milestones

Do you have a milestone to share? Let us know and we will put it in our weekly bulletin!

ZOOM MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Watch your email for the invitations.

Meditation on Tuesday at 10 am and 7 pm. If you would like to attend, speak to Rev. Marilyn. She can be reached by calling 905-683-7981, Ext. 3 or email her at rev.marilynmetcalfe@gmail.com

Lawn Chair Visits with Rev. Susan in the Church Garden on Tuesday 10 am to 12 Noon

Wardens Meeting on Thursday at 4 pm

Coffee hour on Friday at 10 am

Baptism Prep on Friday May 29th at 3 pm.

ZOOM youth on Friday at 7 pm.

COMING SOON! Save the Date! June 4th at 7 pm Advisory Board.

A PRAYER FOR THIS TIME

Brother Richard shared his poem "Lockdown" in a Facebook post on Friday, March 13.

Yes there is fear.

Yes there is isolation.

Yes there is panic buying.

Yes there is sickness.

Yes there is even death.

But,

They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise
You can hear the birds again.
They say that after just a few weeks of quiet
The sky is no longer thick with fumes
But blue and grey and clear.
They say that in the streets of Assisi
People are singing to each other
across the empty squares,
keeping their windows open
so that those who are alone
may hear the sounds of family around them.
They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland
Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.
Today a young woman I know
is busy spreading fliers with her number
through the neighbourhood
So that the elders may have someone to call on.
Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples
are preparing to welcome
and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary
All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting
All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new way
All over the world people are waking up to a new reality
To how big we really are.
To how little control we really have.
To what really matters.
To Love.
So we pray and we remember that
Yes there is fear.
But there does not have to be hate.
Yes there is isolation.
But there does not have to be loneliness.
Yes there is panic buying.
But there does not have to be meanness.
Yes there is sickness.
But there does not have to be disease of the soul
Yes there is even death.
But there can always be a rebirth of love.
Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.
Today, breathe.

Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic
The birds are singing again
The sky is clearing,
Spring is coming,
And we are always encompassed by Love.
Open the windows of your soul
And though you may not be able
to touch across the empty square,
Sing

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