



Eastertide with the gathered community of  
**St. George's Anglican Church**  
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## **Ante-communion for the Sixth Sunday of Easter May 17, 2020 at 10 am.**

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*Officiant - The Rev. Susan Spicer*  
*Deacon – The Rev. Marilyn Metcalfe*  
*Reader – Ms. Thourla Mosesmoore*  
*Organist – Mr. Surinder Mundra*  
*Intervessor – Mr. Geoffrey Lee*  
*Technical coordinator – Ms. Andrea Humphries*  
*Administrator – Mrs. Helen Elbertsen*

### **The Gathering of the Community**

*Sentence*                      If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will  
love you, and we will come to you.                      *See John 14:23*

#### **HYMN                      330 O Praise Ye the Lord**

O praise ye the Lord! Give praise in the height;  
rejoice in God's Word, ye angels of light;  
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,  
and worship before him in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Give praise upon earth;  
in tuneful accord, give thanks for new birth;  
praise God who hath brought you all grace from above  
praise God who hath taught you the pathways of love.

O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;  
each jubilant chord re-echo around;  
loud organs, God's glory proclaim in deep tone,  
and sweet harp, the story of what God hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song

be ever outpoured all ages along;  
for love in creation for heaven restored,  
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

*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* 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.**

## THE GLORIA

*Officiant* Glory 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.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you  
riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love  
toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain  
your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 First Peter (3:13-18a)

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### THE PSALM (66:7-18)

Bless our God, you peoples;  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holds our souls in life,  
and will not allow our feet to slip.

For you, O God, have proved us;  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water;  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows,  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.  
I called out to him with my mouth,  
and his praise was on my tongue.

If I had found evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me;

But in truth God has heard me;  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer  
nor withheld his love from me.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

### GOSPEL HYMN 553 *Ubi Caritas et Amor*

*Ubi caritas et amor,  
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.*

Live in charity and steadfast love,  
live in charity; God will dwell with you.

*Ubi caritas et amor,  
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.*

*Deacon*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
                 according to John (14:15-21)  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father,  
and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit  
of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor  
knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

*The gospel is proclaimed.*

*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

<i>Officiant</i>	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.
<i>Officiant</i> <i>All</i>	Most merciful God, <b>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.</b>
<i>Officiant</i>	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.
<i>People.</i>	<b>Amen.</b>

#### THE EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

<i>Please stand</i>	
<i>Officiant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b> <i>We share God's peace, greeting one another and saying "The peace of Christ," or "Peace be with you."</i>

#### OFFERTORY HYMN    **529 God, My Hope on You Is Founded**

God, my hope on you is founded;  
you my faith and trust renew:  
through all change and chance you guide me,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, you alone  
call my heart to be your own.

Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown, betray our trust;

though with care and toil we build them,  
tower and temple fall to dust.  
But your power, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.

Daily does the almighty Giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
God's desire for us delights us,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Here at hand, love takes stand,  
joy awaits Gods sure command.

God's great goodness lasts for ever,  
deepest wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attending,  
beauty springing out of naught.  
Evermore from God's store  
newborn worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ the Son.  
Christ, you call one and all;  
those who follow shall not fall.

#### BLESSING OF OUR OFFERINGS

*Officiant* God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that  
eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in  
his name. **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

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 **362 Tell Out My Soul**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name – the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for ever more!

#### DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in joy to love and serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **A Note from the Wardens –**

The Wardens would like to take this opportunity to give a very heartfelt thank you to the congregation for their continued support, financially, spiritually and with your talents. With your very thoughtful consideration of your giving, we have had a very successful April even under these circumstances.

David Fletcher, Rector's Warden

Theresa Less, People's Warden

Robert de Savoye, Deputy Rector's Warden

Mary-Anne Lee, Deputy People's Warden

**Rev. Susan will be attending an online board meeting** this week, Wednesday and Thursday. The meeting was scheduled for Edmonton for these two days but has moved to Zoom. Rev. Susan is a director of the Anglican Foundation of Canada and attends these meetings twice a year. The Anglican Foundation of Canada provides assistance to Canadian Anglicans for the work of ministry.

**WORSHIP ONLINE** via facebook live: Tuesday through Saturday at 8 am Morning Prayer and 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.

**Thank you to Surinder** our music director for a wonderful Mother's Day Concert. We know that hours and hours of work went into it. Thanks to Marie, Anna and Vanessa as well as the puppy. We look forward to more concerts when we can once again gather, but we give thanks to Surinder who continually brings music into our lives in this time. Just under \$500 was raised for Herizon House. Thanks one and all for your generosity.

**IMPORTANT UPDATE - A NEW ROOF!** Thanks to the tireless efforts of Bob de Savoye, and the Historic Church Preservation Committee, the work will begin soon on the new roof. We have signed a contract for a roofer to install enviroshakes. This is wonderful news for our building. Our heartfelt thanks to Bob, the committee and our generous contributors, including the Town of Ajax.

### **Celebrate Rogation Days!**

Rogation days are the three days (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) following the Sixth Sunday of Easter, -- this Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Rogationtide is a time-honoured tradition in the church, with a fascinating history. In 470 CE, France was in turmoil. There was the threat of war from invading Goths, fires in cities, outbreaks of disease. How would the people and their harvests survive in such a time of such great turmoil and disruption? In the midst of this perfect storm of uncertainty, a bishop in Viennes turned to prayer and procession to ask God for help.

*Rogare* is a latin word meaning, "to ask". Rogationtide is focused on the planting season when we ask God for an abundant harvest, especially in times of calamity. Tradition calls for parishioners to walk the parish boundaries, blessing farmers, fields and livestock, stopping at significant landmarks to pray, and to leave crosses, and stopping on the way to check on neighbours. . This was called beating the boundaries.

Rogationtide honours creation and our interconnectedness with each other. It calls us to holy neighbourliness, working together in the garden, the field, the church, the community to bring life and abundance to all. It's the practice of love in community.

*So how shall we mark Rogation days?* We can plant something at home, even if it's just a row of lettuce, or a bot of herbs, plant something you can eat. Buy locally raised food. Check on our neighbours this week.

**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. You are welcome to come by for a 5 or 10 minute chat during this time.

## **ROGATION PRAYER ON WEDNESDAY MAY 20th at 8 am.** Rev.

Susan will beat the boundaries of our church yard, and pray for the church, the world, the earth, the needs of our community. Join online via facebook live. [www.facebook.com/st.georgesanglicanchurch/](http://www.facebook.com/st.georgesanglicanchurch/)

## **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](mailto:rev.marilynmetcalfe@gmail.com)

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

**Rogationtide Prayers live through Facebook** on Wednesday at 8 am

**Wardens Meeting** on Thursday at 4 pm

**Baptism Preparation Class** at 3 pm Fridays

**Coffee hour** on Friday at 10 am

**ZOOM youth** on Friday at 7 pm.

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