



Welcome to St. George's
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Climate Justice Sunday
April 28, 2024
10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST



"Talking Trees" by Amelia Vander Veen

We are a Christian church within the Anglican tradition and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. If you are a visitor or newcomer, please introduce yourself to one of our Wardens, Greeters, or Clergy. Welcome to our church family! If you need to have communion brought to you in the pew, please let the Greeter know before the service begins.

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The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

- **Worldwide Anglican Communion** – The Anglican Church of Bangladesh
- **Anglican Church of Canada** – Linda, Primate; Chris, National Indigenous Archbishop; Anne, Metropolitan
- **Diocese of Niagara** – Susan and Colin, Bishops; the people of Christ Church, Flamborough
- **St. George's** – on this Climate Justice Sunday, we as individuals and as a parish family recommit ourselves to work towards a more equitable and sustainable future for all.

We wish to acknowledge that we meet on land that, at the time of contact, was held by the Attawandaron as an area of trade and ceremony by the two rivers. At various times, the land was occupied by both Haudenosaunee from the south and Anishnaabe from the north. In more recent times, the Huron Treaty gave rights to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. May we who dwell on or visit this land also be good stewards and honour those who came before us.

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY *(stand)*

Hymn 334 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

Grosser Gott

Children's Focus The Rev. Victor Kischak

Greeting *(stand)*

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Presider May his grace and peace be with you.

All May he fill our hearts with joy.

Collect for the Day

Presider Let us pray.

All Loving God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading *(sit)*

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that

were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:1-10

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22 *(choir)*

*My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.*

Hymn 557 *Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ (verses 1,2)*

Sursum Corda

Gospel Reading *(remain standing)*

Reader The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 'Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.'"

Matthew 6:7-15

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

Hymn 557 *Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ (verse 3)*

Sursum Corda

Homily The Rev. Victor Kischak
(followed by silence for reflection)



O God who is the true Sun of the world always rising and never setting who, by Your appearance, nourishes and gladdens all things in heaven and earth We ask You to shine into our hearts so that the night and darkness of sin and the mists of error will be driven away by the brightness of Your shining within our hearts; We ask You to shine into our hearts. - Erasmus

Apostles' Creed (*stand*)

Presider 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.

Prayers of the People (*stand, kneel or sit*)

Confession and Absolution

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

(silence is kept)

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

People Amen.

Sharing of the Peace *(stand)*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn 416 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Royal Oak

Prayer over the Gifts

All Creator of all, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you

People and also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People It is right to give thanks and praise.

Presider Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation, to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that

with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

All

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
6 Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your
13 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who
19 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross. On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All Our Father 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 them that 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.

Breaking of Bread

Presider Lord, we have died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

Presider We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

Presider Live in us, that we may live in you.

Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

(if you need gluten-free bread, please request it before extending your hands)

During Communion

Lamb of God

8 Lamb of God you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer -

16 cy up - on us. Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn 59 *Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him*

Jesus Calls Us

Prayer after Communion *(stand)*

Presider Let us pray.

All God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus the Risen Christ. Amen.

Presider 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 *(remain standing)*

Presider May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, and those that you love,

All and those that you should love,

Presider now and forever.

All Amen.

Hymn 412 *O God, Beyond All Face and Form*

Melita

Dismissal

Presider Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

(please remain seated until the end of the Postlude)

Announcements

Syrian Family Update

Our family of three will arrive in Canada on May 14. We have secured a 2-bedroom apartment for them and will get possession of it on May 1. Thanks to the generosity of many parishioners, we have been able to acquire most of the furnishings. However, we still need three twin beds (or two twins and a double bed), box springs and bedding for these, and four kitchen chairs. There is a list posted on the bulletin board with these and sundry smaller items. If you are able to locate or purchase any of them, please sign the sheet accordingly. We plan to have the apartment ready for them to move in before May 14. Thank you to those who have already signed up to assist with the settlement of the family. We will be contacting you in the weeks ahead as we prepare their apartment before their arrival and then get a better sense of their specific needs as they settle in. For any questions or to get more information, please contact one of us on the committee. And thank you everyone for your good help and prayers. Maria Fage (2fages@rogers.com); Laura Keller (thekellerkrew@gmail.com); Margaret Rich (m.rich222@gmail.com)

St. George's Craft Guild Spring Meetings

- Knitting, crocheting, embroidery, card making, beading, etc.
- All skill levels are welcome – we'll even teach you if you want to learn.
- First and Third Sunday afternoons each month from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Library!

Newcomers' Lunch –Today from 12 to 1pm

So who says there is no Free Lunch?

If you are new to the Church, we would like to invite you to a "Newcomers' Lunch" in the chapel, hosted by Victor. It's our way of welcoming you to our Church and getting a chance to know you a bit better.

Over sandwiches and munchies, Victor will host an interactive discussion on:

- the history of the Anglican Church and the worldwide Church today
- St. George's: what we are, what we do and where we are going

So that we can plan, please **sign up on the list on the bulletin board or email office@saintgeorge.ca.**

Evensong

The next Evensong service is **today at 4:00 pm**.

Bishop's Company Dinner

The Diocese of Niagara is excited to resume the annual Bishop's Company Dinner! Members and their guests will be invited to a special dinner taking place on **Tuesday, May 7** at the Royal Botanical Gardens. During the event, Bishop Susan Bell will be in conversation with the Reverend Michael Coren, priest, author, and columnist. The Bishop's Company provides resources that help the bishop respond compassionately and strategically to the urgent needs of our diocesan leaders, as well as respond to the needs of fellow siblings in Christ within our diocese and beyond. Members make an annual contribution of \$250/individual or \$450/couple in support of the bishop's important pastoral ministry. Membership also comes with an invitation to the annual gathering with the bishop. To become a member, or renew a membership, visit niagaraanglican.ca/bishops-company. If you need help, please email Hannah Keller, registrar for the Bishop's Company, with any questions you may have at hannah.keller@niagaraanglican.ca or call 1-905-527-1316, ext. 380.

Historical Society – Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the St. George's Historical Society will be on **May 15** starting at 7:00 pm in the church library.

Guelph Connections Concerts

The Guelph Connections Concerts Spring cycle begins on **May 7** with the Penderecki Quartet. Concerts are Tuesdays starting at 4:30. Free admission.

Children's Ministry at St. George's

We have a number of new families attending St. George's, and we just want to make sure that you know all of the resources available to you on Sunday morning.

- Parents and small children are always welcome to use the family area at the back of the church.
- There are colouring packets available at the back of the church – ask a Greeter or Warden and they can help you find them.
- School-aged children are encouraged to attend Church School if they'd like.
- All children are invited to take part in the Children's Focus at the beginning of the service.
- If small children or babies need to "escape" for a time, the service is being broadcast in the library. You can take a break and still not miss the service.
- There is a change table available in the Accessible Washroom.

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