



Welcome to St. George's

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

8:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

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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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 New Credit. May we who dwell on or visit this land also be good stewards and honour those who came before us.

Readings for Next Week Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26



The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

- **Worldwide Anglican Communion** – The Church of the Province of South East Asia
- **Anglican Church of Canada** – Linda, Primate; Sidney, Interim National Indigenous Bishop; Anne, Metropolitan
- **Diocese of Niagara** – Bishop Susan and the people of Christ Church, McNab
- **St. George's** – we give thanks for the faithful leadership that Audrey Conway and Mary Dadd have given to the ministry of our Prayer Shawl Group

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting *(stand)*

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Presider May his grace and peace be with you.

People May he fill our hearts with joy.

Collect for Purity

All Almighty God, 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.

Summary of the Law

Presider 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.

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

All Christ, have mercy upon us.

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect for the Day

Presider The Lord be with you;

People And with thy spirit.

Presider Let us pray.

All 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 Saviour, who is alive 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 Acts

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When Paul had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. God opened

her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to God, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us. Acts 16:9-15

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

Psalm *Refrain* **Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.** May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us. Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. **R** Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. **R** The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing. May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. **R** Psalm 67

Second Reading

Reader A Reading from the Revelation to John.
And in the spirit, an angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is God and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the rulers of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor

anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see the Most High face to face, and God's name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

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Gospel Reading (*stand*)

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.

Reader Jesus answered, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will

teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe." John 14:23-29

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily The Rev. Canon Christopher B.J. Pratt
(silence for reflection)

Nicene Creed *(stand)*

Presider We join our voices with the voices of our forebears, as we say,

All I believe in one God 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 *(remain standing, kneel or sit)*

Prayer During Transition

All Merciful God, giver of all good gifts, look on your Church with grace, and guide the minds of those who shall choose a new Rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and support us in our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Presider Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

All Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all: 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.

Presider Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Comfortable Words

Presider Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

St. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

St. John 3:16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

Hear also what Saint John saith.
If any one sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus
Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.
1 St. John 2:1, 2

Sharing of the Peace (*stand*)

Offertory Sentence

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let
us keep the feast.
1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Prayer over the Gifts

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

THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Presider 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise
thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ
our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered
for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his
death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again
hath restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company heaven of, 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 the One that cometh in the Name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest**

Presider 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 Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; 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.**

Prayer of Humble Access

All **We do not presume 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

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.

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

Presider You are invited to receive spiritual communion with the following prayer:

Come, Lord Jesus, and make in my heart your dwelling place and home. I seek to love you with all my heart, mind, soul and strength, and so, through your presence in bread and wine, I receive you afresh and praise you for you are my God. As you fill me, so may my love for you and for all your people, rise and overflow, that with joy and thanksgiving, I may serve you in the world you love. Amen.

Communion

Those who need to share in the Eucharist using gluten-free wafers, please indicate your request to Canon Mitchell.

Lord's Prayer

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.**

Prayer after Communion

All **Loving God, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, 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

Dismissal (*stand*)

Presider **Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Risen Christ.**

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

Announcements

Support Ukraine Relief with PWRDF

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund is receiving donations for our partners in Ukraine. These include:

- **Hungarian Interchurch Aid**, supporting Ukrainians seeking safety on both sides of the Hungarian-Ukrainian border;
- **HelpAge International**, supporting seniors and their families seeking safety on both sides of the Moldovan border;
- **Initiative E+**, providing medical supplies, equipment and care to Ukrainians who have been injured by Russian attacks;
- **Fight for Right**, supporting a 24-hour hotline for people in Ukraine with disabilities to receive the care they need or to be helped to evacuate safely.

How You Can Help

Please keep the people of Ukraine in your prayers. To make a donation, go to **pwrdf.org/give-today** and click on Ukraine Relief. You may also donate by phone at **1-416-822-9083** or leave a voicemail toll-free at **1-866-308-7973** and

they will return your call, or mail your cheque to **PWRDF, 80 Hayden St., 3rd floor, Toronto, ON, M4Y 3G2.**

Prayer for Ukraine*

God of peace and justice,

we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their
decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and
in fear,

that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen.

**Church of England
Archbishop of
Canterbury
Justin Welby
and
Archbishop of York
Stephen Cottrell*

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be offered on the Feast of Pentecost on **Sunday, June 5**. Those adults or families who are interested in Baptism are invited to contact Canon Pratt through the Parish Office at their earliest convenience.

Pentecost Newsletter

Planning for the St. George's *News from the Pews* Pentecost newsletter has started, and we are looking for submissions. Please submit your ideas and articles to **office@saintgeorge.ca** by **Thursday, May 26**.

Confirmation

We extend congratulations to Ainsley Young, Gabriela Goetz, and Braeden Goetz who received the sacrament of confirmation last Sunday afternoon. Ainsley, Gabriela and Braden are shown with Canon Pratt and Bishop Susan Bell outside Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton, after the service.



Painting Activity with Kate Reilly of the Creativity Greenhouse

St. George's is hosting a watercolour painting lesson for youth age 8 and up. The date is to be confirmed, but will likely be in early June. The cost is \$10 per participant, including materials. This cost is based on St. George's providing a \$10 subsidy per participant to help off-set costs for parents. This 90-minute session will take place after the 10:30 church service (following a 15-minute lunch break) in Mitchell Hall.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

There is a small supply of prayer shawls, lap blankets, prayer pockets, baptism shawls, teddies and cards available. During the pandemic, we made baby blankets and hats for the hospital until our supply of baby wool ran out. As we are unable to continue this worthwhile ministry, we are looking for someone to continue to coordinate it. We are willing to help in any way we can to get it going again. It was our pleasure to work with this group and we are praying that someone will be able to continue it.



Looking forward to hearing from you,
Mary Dadd (519-837-8265) and Audrey Conway (519-836-625)

Gerry Manning Is Retiring!

Please join us at the 10:30 service on Sunday, June 19 when we will recognize and thank Gerry for 35 years of music ministry at St. George's. Special music is being planned, along with an opportunity to honour Gerry's and Margaret's dedication and commitment to the music program and worship leadership. More information will be provided in the upcoming *News From the Pews*.



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