



Welcome to St. George's

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

10:30 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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The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

- **Worldwide Anglican Communion** – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
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Prelude *Pastorale on the 23rd Psalm*

Jacobus Kloppers

Welcome and Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY (*stand*)

Hymn 351 *Rejoice in God, All Earthly Lands*

Deus Tuorum Militum

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 Purity

Presider 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: though Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie (*Choir*)

Noel Rawsthorne

Collect for the Day

Presider Let us pray.

All O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading *(sit)*

Reader A Reading from the Book of Acts.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner. Acts 9:36-43

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (choir)

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Hymn 519 *The Lord's My Shepherd* (verses 1-3)

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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 John.

All



Reader Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a

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*)

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn 469 *Sing Praises Old and New*

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Prayer over the Gifts

All God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. 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 our thanks and praise.**

Presider We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Parent of all.

In fulfilment of your will, he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in a single system. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The second staff has a 6/4 time signature. The third staff has a 4/4 time signature. The fourth staff has a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est."

Presider Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way Jesus took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever.

All

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 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

The musical score is written on three staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are: "Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world, have mercy up-on us. Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world grant us peace, grant us peace." The score includes a repeat sign after the first line of music and a double bar line at the end of the third line.

Prayer after Communion (*stand*)

Presider Let us pray.

All God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. 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 444 *Your Hand, O God, Has Guided (verses 1-3,5)*

Thornbury

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Postlude on Brother James Air*

David Lasky

Announcements

Looking for Volunteers

Are you looking for a way to get more involved in St. George's and contribute to the life of the church? We are currently looking for volunteers to assist in the following areas: Greeters, Readers and Communion Assistants for the Sunday services, as well as volunteers for special events (such as the Rummage Sale), and garden planting and maintenance. Please contact the office (office@saintgeorge.ca) if you are interested (Please note that you do not need to be using the Ministry Scheduler Pro software program to be a volunteer).

May 24 Garden Work Party

St. George's will be hosting a garden work party on **May 24** to get the church gardens in shape for the growing season. We will start at 8 am and hope to be done by noon. Refreshments, tools and camaraderie will be provided. Contact Harry Oussoren (facilities@saintgeorge.ca) for more information.

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