



# *Welcome to St. George's*

## **The Feast of the Ascension**

**June 1, 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 Anglican Church of Korea
- **Anglican Church of Canada** – Chris, National Indigenous Archbishop; Anne, Acting Primate and Archbishop
- **Diocese of Niagara** – Bishops Susan and Colin; the people of the Church of the Apostles (St. James & St. Matthews), Guelph
- **St. George's** – The following members of our parish family: Carol Aniol, Toni Atieh & Abir Darwish, and Rita, Therese and Elie Atieh

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**Prelude**    *Elegy*

Barrie Cabena

**Welcome and Announcements**

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY** *(stand)*

**Hymn 378**    *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Diademata

**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)*

Barrie Cabena

**Collect for the Day**

Presider    Let us pray.

**All**            **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

## First Reading *(sit)*

Reader     A Reading from the Book of Acts.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Acts 1:1-11

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

## **Psalm 47** *(choir)*

*Clap your hands, all you peoples; \*  
shout to God with a cry of joy.  
For the Lord Most High is to be feared; \*  
he is the great King over all the earth.  
He subdues the peoples under us, \*  
and the nations under our feet.  
He chooses 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 ram's-horn.  
Sing praises to God, sing praises; \*  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.  
For God is King of all the earth; \*  
sing praises with all your skill.  
God reigns over the nations; \*  
God sits upon his holy throne.  
The nobles of the peoples have gathered together \*  
with the people of the God of Abraham.  
The rulers of the earth belong to God, \*  
and he is highly exalted.*

## **Hymn 405** *Alleluia No. 1 (verses 1-3)*

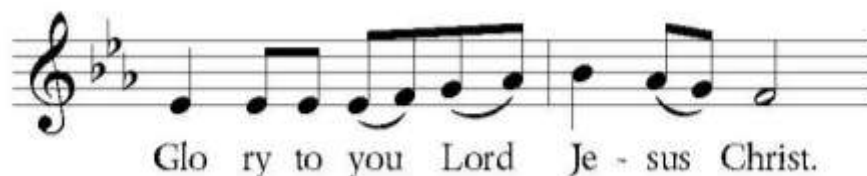
### **Gospel Reading** *(remain standing)*

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 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 worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.  
John 14:23-29

Reader  
**All** The Gospel of Christ



**Hymn 405** *Alleluia No. 1 (verse 4)*

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

**Anthem** *Lift Up Your Heads*

William Mathias

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates,  
and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors,  
and the King of glory shall come in.  
Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.*

*Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.*

- Psalm 24:7-10

## **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*)

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People And also with you.**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Offertory Hymn 245** *O Lord Most High, Eternal King*

Gonfalon Royal

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

**All 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.**

### **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.

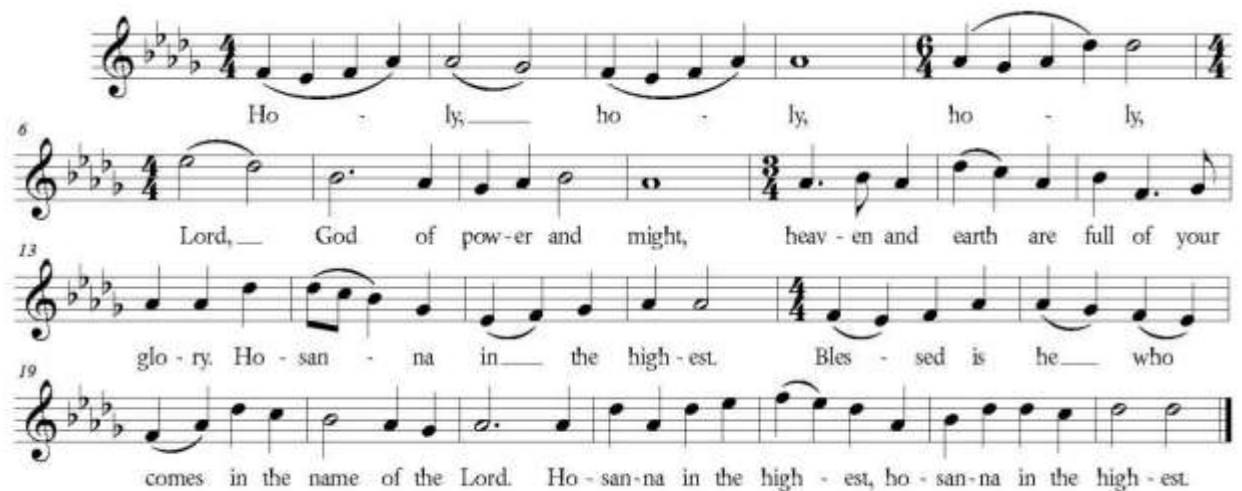
In fulfilment of your will, he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in

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



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



## Hymn 85 *Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless*

St. Agnes

### Prayer after Communion (*stand*)

Presider Let us pray.

**All** Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our 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 247** *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

Ascension

**Dismissal**

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Tocatta in F*

Dietrich Buxtehude

## Announcements

### Today



*St. George's Anglican Church  
welcomes you to  
A Service of  
Choral Evensong  
on Sunday, June 1st  
at 4:00 PM  
99 Woolwich St. Guelph ON*

*Canticles-Brewer in D  
Responses-Ayleward  
Anthem-Lift Up Your Heads by  
William Mathias*

*Find solace in the stillness and calm of  
prayers, readings, and music.*

### **Chi Rho Fellowship Meeting**

CHI RHO FELLOWSHIP will meet next on **Thursday June 12**, with an outing for lunch. Please meet at Swiss Chalet on Woodlawn at 1 pm. Everyone is welcome. See you there!

**Next Book Club Meeting: Tuesday, June 17**, 7:00 pm in the church library and via Zoom. We will be discussing THE BOOK OF FIRE by CHRISTY LEFTERI. This is the story of a family in Greece, as they become victims of a devastating wildfire, losing their home and idyllic village; their road from loss to healing, recovery, and search for meaning in the wake of tragedy. This is a story so very relevant to events unfolding in our country today. Four copies of the book are available in the Guelph Public Library

### **Memorial Flowers**

On Rogation Sunday, a donation was made for flowers for the church gardens in memory of: Frederick John (Jack) Ing, Haydn Griffith-Jones, Fred and Winifred Rawlings, Fred and Jane Ing, Elinor Hart, Mary Kent, John and Lewis Rawlings, Adrian Wilshire, Regina Rawlings – by Patricia Ing Griffith-Jones and family





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