



Welcome to St. George's

Fifth Sunday after Easter

May 5, 2024

8:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST



"Church" by Isaiah Stephenson, age 7

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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Server	Ian Gower
Communion Assistant	Debbie Marchment
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The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

- **Worldwide Anglican Communion** – The Anglican Church of Brazil
- **Anglican Church of Canada** – Linda, Primate; Chris, National Indigenous Archbishop; Anne, Metropolitan
- **Diocese of Niagara** – Susan and Colin, Bishops; the people of St. Paul's Church, Glanford
- **St. George's** – thanksgiving for all who have assisted in the extensive preparations for the Syrian family who will soon be arriving in Guelph

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.

Welcome and Announcements

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Commandments

Priest 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.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Kyrie

Priest Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Priest Lord, have mercy upon us.

Priest The Lord be with you;

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Priest Let us pray.

Collect for the Day

Priest Lord, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

People Amen.

Lesson

Acts 10:44-48

Reader The Lesson is written in the tenth chapter of the Book of Acts, beginning at the forty-fourth verse.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader Here endeth the lesson.

Gospel

John 15:9-17

Gospeller The Holy Gospel is written in the fifteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, beginning at the ninth verse.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Gospeller Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you

love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Barbara Sykes

Nicene Creed

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.

Offertory

Priest Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High.

All Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

Intercessions

Intercessor

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

Let us pray for peace on earth and for the unity of all Christian people.

Almighty and ever-living God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all people: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant Charles our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servants Susan and Colin our Bishops, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, *especially those for whom our prayers are desired.*

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and

Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

People Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Priest 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, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

All Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: 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.

Priest 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.

People Amen.

Comfortable Words

Priest 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 anyone 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

HOLY COMMUNION

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Priest It is 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 of heaven, 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.**

Prayer of Consecration

Priest 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.**

Sharing of the Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

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.

Agnus Dei

Priest O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
People Have mercy upon us.
Priest O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
People Have mercy upon us.
Priest O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
People Grant us thy peace.

Communion

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

Lord's Prayer

Priest 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.

Prayer after Communion

Priest Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

All And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Gloria

All Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy

great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Benediction

Priest

May the peace of God, which passeth 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 amongst you and remain with you, and those that you love,

All

and those that you should love,

Priest

now and forever.

All

Amen.

Announcements

Syrian Family Update

Our family of 3 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 one twin bed frame or one double bed frame including box springs. Linens for the 3 twin beds (and perhaps a double bed) are still needed. There is also a list of smaller items missing on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. We plan to have the apartment ready for them to move in by May 14. A big "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.

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St. George's Craft Guild Spring Meetings – Meeting Today at 1:00 pm

- 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!

Pickleball Today

St. George's will be hosting another Pickleball game **today** from 12 noon to 1 pm in Mitchell Hall. Don't worry if you've never played before! Our instructors will teach the basics. Open to anyone from ages 9 to 99. Paddles and balls are provided, so just bring running shoes and be ready to have fun! Come find out why Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in North America!

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.

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.

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.

THE GUELPH CONNECTIONS CONCERTS



Church Yard Clean Up

On May 11 a band of merry men and women will be tending to the gardens and other elements of the exterior of the church. And YOU are invited. We'll be grading the flower beds, planting flowers and bushes, disposing of yard waste, painting graffiti and step edges and so on. If you would like to join us, please meet at about 9 am in the parking lot. If you have questions, please contact Harry Oussoren at 905-601-0348



Spring Cleanup

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.

Voices OF HOPE

Democratic Republic of the Congo

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, PWRDF has partnered with the PANZI Foundation and Maison Dorcas in a new phase of a successful project which began in 2019. This second phase – which began in October 2023 and will run until September 2024 – places a heavy emphasis on working with victims of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) to build agricultural skills and create economic independence.

Across the country, ongoing war has created a deeply unstable and unsafe environment for hundreds of thousands of women. Rape and sexual assault are often used by soldiers as a tactic of war. With nowhere to go, Maison Dorcas provides services and support to survivors of SGBV so they can heal and safely reintegrate into their communities.

Fields, agricultural implements, seed, goats, pigs and fishing equipment are being distributed during this phase of the project, which is operating primarily in Bukavu, the capital of the province of South Kivu. Agricultural success has been proven to boost survivors' self-esteem and facilitate their reintegration back into their families and communities, while the increase in financial autonomy mitigates the risk of becoming a victim to SGBV again.



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