



Welcome to St. George's

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

10:30 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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Communion Assistants	Bruce Mackenzie, Franki Robinson, Ben Stephenson,
Greeter	Hugh Spencer, Wendy Beresford
Warden	Paul Deacon
Videographer	Bruce Carrick
Sexton	Andrew Wilson



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.

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Prelude *Flute Sonata in G*
Flute: Amy Parker

C.P.E. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY (*stand*)

Hymn 322 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1-2,5-6)*

Miles Lane

Children's Focus

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 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.

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.

Acts 10:44-48

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 *(choir)*

*Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.*

Hymn 487 *Where Charity and Love Prevail (verses 1-3)* Twenty-Fourth (Primrose)

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

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." John 15:9-17

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

Hymn 487 *Where Charity and Love Prevail (verse 4)* Twenty-Fourth (Primrose)

Homily The Rev. Dr. Barbara Sykes
(followed by silence for reflection)

Anthem *Behold the Tabernacle of God* Robert Powell

*Behold, the tabernacle of God is with you,
and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you.
For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.
For the love of whom you do this day
celebrate the joys of the temple
with a season of festivity. Alleluia.*

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 312 *Sing a New Song unto the Lord*

Sing a New Song

Prayer over the Gifts (*remain standing*)

All God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. 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 Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

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 We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night when he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Presider and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

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 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

Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-
cy up-on us. Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn 70 *Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts*

Maryton

Prayer after Communion *(stand)*

Presider Let us pray.

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 *(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 374 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

Hyfrydol

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude *March on Miles Lane*

Paul Leddington Wright

(please remain seated until the end of the Postlude)

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 1st. 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 signup 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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