# May 5, 2024 10am THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER





Loving God. Loving People. Growing in Christ Together.

Presiding:

The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

We are a Christian community which celebrates and enacts the love of God in our common life of prayer and service in this neighbourhood. Children are full members of our church and we welcome their presence and participation in our worship. Please feel free to sit at any time during the celebration.

> Prelude: Prière à Notre Dame (Suite Gothique) *L. Boellmann*

> > Opening Hymn 425: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee *Tune: Hymn to Joy*

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Op'ning to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise; Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, Chanting bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in thee! Thou are giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest, Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest! Loving Father, Christ our Brother, Let thy light upon us shine; Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus, Which the morning stars began; God's own love is reigning o'er us, Joining people hand in hand. Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife; Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

Welcome:

The Penitential Rite:

*Presider:* The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. *Psalm 51.18* 

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon. Isaiah 55.6, 7

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All:	Most merciful God, 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: All:	Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen.</b>
Presider: <b>All:</b>	Lord, open our lips, <b>And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.</b>
Presider: <b>All:</b>	O God, make speed to save us. <b>O Lord, make haste to help us.</b>
	Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: <b>as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be</b> <b>for ever. Amen.</b>
Presider:	Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed: O come, let us worship.

Venite: O Come And Sing Tune: Richmond (306) Psalm 95:1-7 O come and sing unto the Lord, To God our voices raise. O Rock of our salvation, hear Our joyful song of praise.

Before God's presence let us come With praise and thankful voice; Let us sing psalms to God with grace, With grateful hearts rejoice.

Our God is great, and reigns supreme Above all power and might; God's hand still holds the depths of earth, The mountains' breadth and height.

The sea belongs to God alone Who made both calm and storm, And from the Maker's mighty hand The dry land took its form.

O come and let us worship God As to our knees we fall; We are God's people, God is Lord, The Maker of us all.

Please be seated.

Prayer for our Young People: Children leave for their Faith Formation programmes.

*Presider:* May our Lord Jesus bless you as you meet him in the scriptures. Amen.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in Scripture

> Psalm 98: Read responsively

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous 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.** 

*Presider:* Lord God, we see your righteous rule in all your works, and we join our voices with the song of your whole creation in praising you, in and through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48 Reader: Chris Pitts

*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.

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

*Reader:*The word of the Lord.*People:*Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you're able. Jubilate Deo: **Rejoice in God** *Tune: Fulda (592)*  Rejoice in God, all earthly lands And lift your hands in song and prayer, Delight to live by God's commands; Sing joyful praises everywhere.

Know this, we serve the Holy One, To whom our restless souls belong, We have our breath through God alone, To whom we raise our grateful song.

Like sheep, we wander without aim Unless our shepherd's voice is heard In trust we call upon God's name, For daily bread and gracious word.

On God, our Maker we depend For love that's gracious, strong, and sure God's faithfulness shall never end From age to age it shall endure.

Please be seated.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6 Reader: Bob Cameron

*Reader:* A reading from the first letter from John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

Reader:The word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The Song of Zechariah: Luke 1:68-79 Said in unison

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Gospel: John 15:9-17 Gospeller: The Rev. Deacon Jennifer Cameron

Gospeller:The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,<br/>according to John.People:Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospeller: Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's will 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 to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

Choral Anthem If Ye Love Me Thomas Tallis

#### Sermon:

The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

The Apostles' Creed:

- *Presider*: I invite those who would like to make a profession of Christian faith to join with me in the Apostles' Creed.
- 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.

> Offertory Hymn: Giver of the Perfect Gift (180) Tune: Song 13

It's during the singing of this hymn that we give back to God from what God has given us. You can use an offering envelope or give via e-transfer: etransfer@allsaintskingsway.ca

Giver of the perfect gift, Only hope of human race, Hear the prayer our hearts uplift Trembling at thy throne of grace.

Though the accusing voice within Speaks of many a wrong to thee, Thou canst cleanse from every sin, Thou canst set the conscience free.

Who can save us, Lord, but thou? Let thy mercy show thy power. Lo, we plead thy promise now, Now, in this the accepted hour.

Oh! may these our Lenten days, Blest by thee, with thee be passed, That with purer, nobler praise We may keep thy feast at last. Presider: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Please sit or kneel, as you're able.

Prayers of the People: Intercessor: Joanne Colbourne

Leader:	Let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."
All:	Let us ask the Lord for a day of fulfilment and peace. <b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
All:	Let us ask the Lord to teach us to love others as he has loved us. <b>Lord, have mercy.</b>

Let us ask the Lord for peace and justice in the world.

*All*: Lord, have mercy.

Let us ask the Lord to strengthen and relieve those who are in need. We pray especially for those who have asked for our prayers (...) and we pray in memoriam for (...).

*All*: Lord, have mercy.

Let us ask the Lord to renew the Church through the power of his life-giving Spirit.

*All*: Lord, have mercy.

Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

A Prayer for Strength:

Presider: Eternal God, you create us by your power and redeem us by your love. Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves today in love and service to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

> A Prayer for Guidance: Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being. Guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Peace: O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life, to serve you is perfect freedom. Defend us your servants from the assaults of our enemies, that we may trust in your defence, and not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

A Prayer for Grace:

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, or be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

*Presider:* Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Parish Announcements:

Please stand, as you are able.

## Closing Hymn 565: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Tune: CWM Rhondda

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty; Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, Be thou still my strength and shield, Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever sing to thee, I will ever sing to thee.

Dismissal:

Presider:Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!All:Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*Presider:* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in G-minor, BWV 558 J.S. Bach



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