



*"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness.
Hope whispers that things will get better." Desmond Tutu*

Morning Prayer

Fifth Sunday After the Resurrection

May 2nd, 2021 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

Celebrant – The Rev. Sherri Golisky

Homilist – The Rev. Canon Janet Read-Hockin



8 a.m. Service of Ante Communion

taken from The Book of Common Prayer

(An online pdf version of the 1962 Book of Common Prayer is available by [clicking here](#))

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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Sermon Janet +

***Thank you for your
prayers and presence.***

10 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer
taken from The Book of Alternative Services

Prelude

Gavotte - Handel

Welcome

Processional Hymn: 330

O Praise Ye the Lord

1 O praise ye the Lord! Give praise in the height;
 2 O praise ye the Lord! Give praise up - on earth;
 3 O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
 4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - jice in God's Word, ye an - gels of light;
 in tune - ful ac - cord, give thanks for new birth;
 each ju - bi - lant chord re - ec - ho a - round;
 be ev - er out - poured all a - ges a - long;

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
 praise God who hath brought you all grace from a - bove,
 loud or - gans, God's glo - ry pro - claim in deep tone,
 for love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him in bright - ness ar - rayed.
 praise God who hath taught you the path - ways of love.
 and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what God hath done.
 for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

Text: Ps. 150; para. Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.
 Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918).

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 LAUDATE DOMINUM

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: He gave us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

Celebrant: Rejoice, then, even in your distress.

All: We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.

Celebrant: God has claimed us as his own.

All: He called us from our darkness into the light of his day.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Venite (Psalm 95:1-7)

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his for he made it, *

and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

ACTS 8:26-40

Linda P.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:24-30

Linda P.

My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

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 Second Reading

1 John 4: 7-21

Linda P.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: 484

In Christ There is No East or West verses 1-2

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in Christ no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find.
whose service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 15:1-8

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Gradual Hymn: 484

In Christ There is No East or West verses 3-4

3 Join hands disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
Who serves my God in truth and love
Is surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north.
All faithful souls are joined in one
throughout the whole wide earth.

Homily: Janet +

Musical Reflection

Christ the Vine - Powell

Meghan Symon

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant: 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.**

The Prayers of the People

Linda P.

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying,
“Hear us, Lord of glory!”

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and
life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength
in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in
Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter,
let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the
earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the
weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and
strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people,
that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us
pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

The Offertory

During the Offertory, we offer many things to God. When we celebrate the Holy Eucharist we offer the bread and wine. In every service, we also offer ourselves—our cares and concerns, our joys and sorrows, our time, our talent, and our treasure. To make a special request for a ‘distanced’ visit, please email Rev. Janet ([please just click here](#)). To make a monetary offering please visit the ‘Contact Us’ tab of the website and scroll down to Donations ([or click here](#)).

Offertory Doxology—Sung

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him, above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: **your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.
Give us grace to love one another
and walk in the way of his commandments,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to 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 those who 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.**

Doxology

Celebrant: Let us pray together

All: **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: CP 485

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

CHRISTIAN LIFE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 485

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are arranged in four columns, with the first two columns of each system corresponding to the vocal line and the last two columns corresponding to the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of
2 Je - sus, thou art all com - pass - ion; pure, un -
3 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er; let us thee
4 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee

heaven to earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble
bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with thy sal -
all thy grace re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and
as thy hosts a - bove, pray and praise thee with - out

dwel - ling; all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
nev - er, ne - ver - more thy tem - ples leave.
ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.

5 Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,

6 changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788).
Music: John Stainer (1840-1901).

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LOVE DIVINE
All. TIME BLANKEN 447, 486, 601

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and to serve the Lord, Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

Announcements

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D Major - Johnson

In Our Prayers:

Global: We pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

Our Bishops: We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Linda, Primate of Canada; Anne, Metropolitan of Ontario; Andrew, Bishop of Toronto; Kevin, Suffragan Bishop.

National: We pray for those being ordained transitional Deacons of the Diocese of Toronto.

Outreach:

- St. Francis of Assisi, *its Christmas hampers, support of local food security programs and the Pikangikum water project;*
- St. George Memorial, Oshawa, *its monthly community lunch offering toiletries and gently-used clothing, participation in the Mary Street school breakfast program and St. Vincent soup kitchen, prayer shawl ministry to the community and St. Michael's Hospital, crafts for overseas and weekly Fill in the Gap drop-in from November through March;*
- St. George on Yonge, *its work as a pick-up centre for Out of the Cold programs, its monthly distribution of gift cards and TTC tokens, ESL classes, its support of the local food bank and local community housing.*

Parish:

- We pray for God's guidance in the selection of our next Incumbent, for a fulsome participation from our Parish members in the discernment process, for all those leading and guiding us, that we may be strengthened in our mutual ministry.
- We offer thanks for the ministry of Rev. Sherri in our midst and pray for her and the people of St. Matthew the Apostle during this time of transition.

Parish Cycle: We pray for all members and friends of St. Cuthbert's.

We pray for those in need:

Ann C.; Ann M.; Andrew & Tina; Betty; Brian; Catherine & Victor; Cathy; Cheryl; Christine and Jack; Constance; Dan; Denis; Eedit and Shanni; Emily; Fr. John; Fr. Paul; George; Ian A.; James; Jean; Jennifer; Karin; Lea; Linda; Lisa; Marilyn; Mary; Nicholas; Pat; Sheila; Shirley; Ted; Rev. Yoon Sook Ham; Tyler. For all those suffering from Covid-19 and all front line Health Care Workers.

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