

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!



Fifth Sunday of Easter *May 3rd 2026*

8 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
10 am Holy Eucharist



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Scripture Summaries for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7: 55-60 Today's reading records the stoning of Stephen – the first Christian Martyr. His death comes at the end of a sermon in which he speaks about the history of his people, from the call of Abraham down to the time of Solomon. It is a provocative sermon, in which he delivers a biting criticism of the temple and the hardhearted people who worship there. In the end, Stephen's passionate preaching costs him his life.

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16 This psalm is a lament in which the psalmist prays for deliverance from his enemies. It provides one of the most well-known last sayings of Jesus: "Into your hands, I commend my spirit" (Psalm 31: 5/Luke 23:46). This psalm expresses a deep sense of alienation and hurt, as the psalmist expresses his profound sorrow and grief.

1 Peter 2: 2-10 Today's second reading comes to us again this week from the First Letter of Peter. Jesus is described as the "rejected stone". As has been the case in previous weeks, it appears that what we have here is a set of instructions to recent converts to the Christian faith. Peter offers a series of images with which new converts could identify themselves. He describes them as: newborn infants, a living temple, a holy priesthood, and the elect people of God.

John 14: 1-14 The Gospel reading today is familiar, perhaps because of its frequent use at funerals. In this reading, Jesus gives both promises and commands to his disciples as to how they should live their lives after he has departed from them. In response to a question from Thomas, Jesus declares himself to be the way, the truth and the life, and thus the true path to God.

8 a.m. Service of Holy 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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*Thank you for your
prayers and presence.*

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist The Book of Alternative Services
in-person worship and online via YouTube Live
Supervised Nursery Care is available downstairs

Prelude

Priere a Notre-Dame - Boellman

Welcome

Opening Hymn CP 393

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: Melody Welsh trad.; adapt. John Roberts of Henllan (1808-01876), Caniadauy Cyssegr, 1839; harm. The English Hymnal, 1906

*1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.*

*4 Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.*

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Celebrant: 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; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Glory to God

Refrain: **Gloria! Gloria! Glory to God in the highest. Gloria! Gloria!**
And peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. Refrain**

**Lord Jesus Christ only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. Refrain**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father, Amen. Refrain**

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 Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

ACTS 7:55-60

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16 (read responsively by verse)

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¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

² **Incline your ear to me; * make haste to deliver me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.**

⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit, * for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

¹⁵ **My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶ Make your face to shine upon your servant, * and in your loving-kindness save me."

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 PETER 2:2-10

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn CP 569

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life vs 1-2 before

Text: George Herbert (1593-1633); Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); adapt. E. Harold Geer (1886-1957) © Stainer & Bell Ltd.

1 *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a way as gives us breadth,
Such a truth as ends all strife,
Such a life as killeth death.*

2 *Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a light as shows a feast,
Such a feast as mends in length,
Such a strength as makes his guest.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 14:1-14

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, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me?"

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Gradual Hymn CP 569

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

v 3 after

3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a joy as none can move,

Such a love as none can part,

Such a heart as joys in love.

Homily: Janet+

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—Litany for Easter adapted

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

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

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

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

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: That he may grant us humility to serve one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, and strengthen us to reach out to all those in need, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, and we may strive for peace in our hearts, homes and world, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, we pray especially for [*weekly petitions are added*]... [Pause] May they, and all those who love and care for them, be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: That God may fill us with the hope of the resurrection as we remember those who have died (Pause). And may all those who mourn be comforted. let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: That God 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.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory! Amen.

The Peace—*During the Peace, you are invited to turn to your neighbours and shake their hand. If you are not comfortable shaking hands, please do a slight bow or raise your hand as a greeting.*

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

All: And also with you.

The Offertory—An Invitation

During the Offertory, we offer many things to God —our cares and concerns, our joys and sorrows, our time, our talent, and our treasure. Like every Anglican Parish, St. Cuthbert’s is called to be financially self-sustaining. To make a monetary offering to support our ministry and mission, please place your donation in the Offertory Plate at either the front or back of the Church. You may also place your offering in the plate as members of the Welcome Team slowly process down the centre aisle during the Offertory Hymn. Offerings may also be sent via e-transfer to stcuthbertleaside@toronto.anglican.ca or by visiting the Donate tab of the website ([click here](#)) or by scanning the QR code. St. Cuthbert’s is also grateful to receive donations via The United Way. For more information, please contact the Church Office.



Offertory Hymn

Maria Straub, 1874

1 *God sees the little sparrow fall,
it meets his tender view;
if God so loves the little birds,
I know he loves me too.*

2 *He paints the lily of the field,
perfumes each lily bell;
if he so loves the little flowers,
I know he loves me well. **Refrain***

God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall

R *He loves me too, he loves me too,
I know he loves me too;
because he loves the little things,
I know he loves me too.*

3 *God made the little birds and flowers,
and all things large and small;
He’ll not forget his little ones,
I know he loves them all. **Refrain***

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Said by All: Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer #2

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: 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 Father 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.

Sung by all: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**
CP 732 **God of power and might,**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: 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 he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Celebrant: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to gather 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 for ever.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as Jesus 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 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection. Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

Celebrant: This is the table at which God is host and all are welcome guests. These are the gifts of God for the whole People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Sung by All: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

CP 747 Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world, give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Administration of Communion

Please wait until the Choir has returned to their pews before proceeding to the communion rail. The Welcome team will direct you to the communion rail. Please proceed to the rail in a clockwise motion around the table and return to your pew following the same clockwise motion.



Everyone is welcome to receive communion.



You may receive both bread and wine, or just the bread, if you wish.



We have GF-free wafers available on request.



Cross your arms to receive a blessing instead.



Communion can be brought to you if needed: just ask a sidesperson.

Communion Hymn CP 237

Now the Green Blade Rises

Please see the Blue Common Praise Hymnal in your pew rack.

Motet

O Salutaris Hostia - Gonoud

sung by the choir

Latin:

*O salutaris Hostia, / Quae caeli pandis ostium: /
Bella premunt hostilia, / Da robur, fer auxilium.*

English:

*O saving Victim, opening wide / The gate of heaven to man below;
Our foes press on from every side; / Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.*

Prayer after Communion (*please stand*)

All: God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life.
May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Doxology

All: Glory to God, whose power working in us can do, and is doing, 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—Fr. Randal Johnston

Recessional Hymn CP 371

To God be the Glory

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993) © 1991 G.I.A. Publications, Inc. Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924).

1 To God be the Glory, who great things has done!
God so loved the world, freely sending the Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear God's voice.
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give God the glory,
who great things has done.

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
That when the offender, repenting, believes
Through Jesus' atonement, God's pardon receives. **Refrain**

3 Great things God has taught us,
great things God has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our gladness when Jesus we see! **Refrain**

Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia! Let us go in peace to love and to serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Announcements

Postlude

Menuet Gothique - Boellman

*Please join us for Refreshments in Lamb Hall.
Special thanks to our hosts Rev. Janet, Gary & the Choir.*

St. Cuthbert's Leaside, Acknowledgment of Indigenous Territory

This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations – the Wendat, the Métis, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishnaabe, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of New Credit. We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami/Lake Ontario. This territory is governed by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Treaty, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnaabe Confederacy to peaceably share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes. In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.

In Our Prayers we pray for:

The World: All those suffering in the midst of war, civil unrest, or disasters caused by climate change. We pray especially for the hope of peace between the United States, Israel and Iran; for the Middle East, Cuba, Ukraine; for all nations and people known to us

Our Community: We uphold in love all those who live and work along Rutherglen Road

The Church: The Church of India and New Curates of the Diocese of Toronto

Our Bishops: Sarah, *Archbishop of Canterbury*; Shane, *Primate of Canada*; Chris, *National Indigenous Archbishop*; Anne, *Metropolitan of Ontario*; Andrew, *Bishop of Toronto*; Kevin & Riscylla, *Suffragan Bishops*.

Our Archdeacon: *The Venerable Theadore Hunt*

Outreach:

- Pray for St. Francis of Assisi, *its Christmas hampers, and support of local food security programs and the Pimatisiwin Nipi water project;*
- for 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;*
- for St. George on Yonge, *its involvement in refugee resettlement, ESL classes, support of the local food bank, and Diocesan FaithWorks ministries.*

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

We pray for those in special need: Donna S.; Henry and family; Andrea; Carolin; Ava and her family; Monique; Fr. Randal; Jeannie; Anita; and Tamara D.

And continue to uphold: Dale; Carol M.; John N.; Marilyn and Sharon.

Flower Dedication

*The flowers adorning the Sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God
In thanksgiving for the love and light of Christ that shines through the people of St. Cuthbert's*

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