



ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY, MAY 3RD 2020

Good morning! Everything you need for worship today is found in this leaflet.

You can participate in worship by either live-stream Sunday morning at 10:30am, or at a later time.

Access to this worship service is found on our website: www.stgeorgesonthehill.ca

You can also subscribe to our YouTube channel.

If you have children, you may wish to watch the Godly Play story for today.

Information about Christian Education, Pints of View, and Church by Candlelight can all be found on our website.

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Prelude

The Gathering of the Community

Easter Greeting

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**

Presider: May his grace and peace be with you!

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

Song of Praise: #366 Glory, in the Highest Glory

(Tune: Psalm 42)

Glory, in the highest glory,

Peace to all, in all their days.

Worship, thanks, and praise unceasing

To the Source of all we raise:

Reigning in the sapphire height,

Hidden from our mortal sight,

Now receive our adoration,

As we make our supplication.

Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,

Lamb of God, for sinners given,

Word eternal, born of Mary,

Word made flesh, the face of heaven:

Holy one, to you we pray,

Hear us in the realms of day,

With the Spirit there united,

And the Godhead high exalted.

Prayer of the Day

The Proclamation of the Word of God *(please be seated)*

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the book of Acts.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection.)

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Gospel Acclamation: Hallelujah *(Instrumental)*

L. Cohen

Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and

bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Hallelujah (*Instrumental*)

L. Cohen

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. PJ Carefoote

(After the sermon, please keep a period of silence for reflection.)

Choir Anthem: This is the Day the Risen Lord Has Made

C.V. Stanford

The Apostle's Creed (*Please stand*)

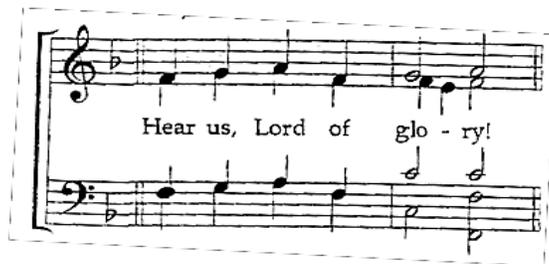
Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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.**

The Prayers of the People: Litany of Easter (*Please kneel or stand as you prefer*)

The presider offers particular intentions for prayer before singing the litany.

Leader: In joy and hope, let us pray to the source of all life, singing, 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.

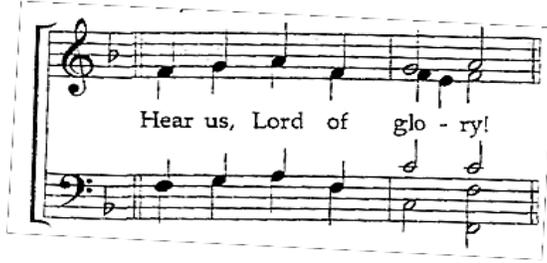
People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

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

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

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

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**



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

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

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

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

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

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader: 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.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who destroyed death and has given the gift of life and immortality to your children. We remember those who have died, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, remembering especially: Libby Davis, Ronald Davidson, Dorothy Currie, Margaret Aird, Audrey Carol Bush, and Lionel Hurst. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Hear our prayers and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live forever in the joy of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory! Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Recessional Hymn: #508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

(Tune: Kingsfold)

(Please join in singing)

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.

Easter Blessing

Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People: **Alleluia!**

Presider: May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever.

People: **Alleluia!**

Presider: May God, who has brought us out of bondage into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

People: **Alleluia!**

Presider: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider: Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Postlude: Tallis' Ordinal ('9th Tune')

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