



ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY, MAY 10TH 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: #237 Now the Green Blade Rises

(Tune: Noel Nouvelet)

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, Love by hatred slain,
Thinking that he would never wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Your touch can call us back to life again,

Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

Prayer of the Day

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

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: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection.)

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

Gospel Acclamation: Hallelujah *(Instrumental)*

L. Cohen

Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14

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, "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."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Hallelujah (*Instrumental*)

L. Cohen

Sermon: The Reverend Michelle Childs-Ward

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

Choir Anthem: Be Joyful and Sing to the Lord

J. Althouse

The Apostle's Creed (*Please stand*)

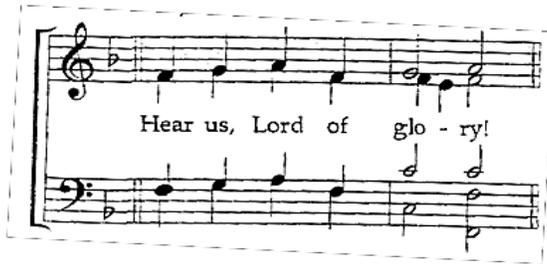
Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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, 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, especially Margaret Broadbent.

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: #450 You Call Us, Lord, to Be
(Please join in singing)

(Tune: Rhosymedre)

You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart,
To feel with thoughtful mind and think with tender heart.
*Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
For faith in your unfailing grace
To make us equal to the task.*

You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbour too,
To take the risk, and dare to show what love can do.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord . . .

You call us, Lord, to be good stewards of the earth;
To tend it as a place of blessedness and worth.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord . . .

You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live,
To know we best receive when joyfully we give.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord . . .

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: Only You

J. Hall