



ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL

The Ascension of the Lord

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH 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

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

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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: #374 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

(Tune: Hyfrydol)

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation, hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.**

Prayer of the Day

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

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the book of Acts.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This,' he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection.)

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.
He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.
He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.

God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted.

Gospel Acclamation: Hallelujah (*Instrumental*)

L. Cohen

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

A. Smith

The Apostle's Creed (*Please stand*)

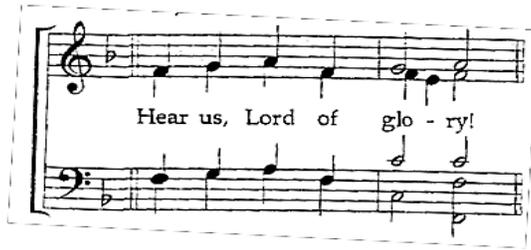
Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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 Arthur Gordon Newman, Jean and Bill Doherty, Laura Grattan and Geoffrey R.E. Bromwich.

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: #451 King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You
(Please join in singing)

(Tune: Hermon)

King of love, O Christ, we crown you Lord of thought and Lord of will,
Each demand of your high challenge dedicated to fulfil;
We with you by grace co-workers, till, where human foot has trod,
Peoples, kings, dominions, races, own the empire of our God.

King of life, you have created wheat in golden harvest spread:
Make your servants strong to serve you by the gift of daily bread.
Feed us with your body broken, with your blood outpoured sustain,
That our souls divinely strengthened may the life eternal gain.

King of mercy, you have saved us from the haunting sense of loss,
Nailing in your vast compassion sin's indictment to the cross.
Those who love, by your sore anguish, from the past you cleanse and free,
Breathing words of absolution throned and reigning from the tree.

King triumphant, King victorious, take your throne our hearts within,
Lest the might of fierce temptation snare us into deadly sin.
By the Spirit's rich anointing, grant us strength life's race to run,
Till the power of sin be vanquished, till the prize of God be won.

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: Where There Is Love

J.S. Bach