



CHRIST'S CHURCH  
CATHEDRAL  
HAMILTON ONTARIO

CHORAL EUCHARIST  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
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10:30AM



*Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Anglican Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words and actions through which public worship is conducted.*

*The people's responses are in **bold**.*

**Territorial Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that we gather today on the lands occupied by the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe nations at the time of the creation of the "Dish With One Spoon" wampum agreement. We honour and respect these nations and commit ourselves to walk together gently upon this land.



# The Gathering of the Community

*When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental or vocal piece of music during which the congregation can prepare for worship.*

GATHERING MUSIC

Sonata #3, 2<sup>nd</sup> movement

Felix Mendelssohn

WORDS OF WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Sing Praise to God

CP#424

*We begin our worship together in community by praising God in song.*

1 Sing praise to God on mountain tops  
and in earth's lowest places,  
from blue lagoon to polar waste,  
from ocean to oasis.

No random rock produced this world,  
but God's own will and wonder.  
Thus hills rejoice and valleys sing  
and clouds concur with thunder.

2 Sing praise to God where grasses grow  
and flowers display their beauty,  
where nature weaves her myriad web  
through love as much as duty.

The seasons in their cycle speak  
of earth's complete provision.  
Let nothing mock inherent good,  
nor treat it with derision.

3 Sing praise to God where fishes swim  
and birds fly in formation,  
where animals of every kind  
diversify creation.

All life that finds its home on earth  
is meant to be respected.  
Let nothing threaten, for base ends,  
what God through grace perfected.

4 Sing praise to God where humankind  
its majesty embraces,  
where different races, creeds, and tongues  
distinguish different faces.

God's image in each child of earth  
shall never pale or perish.  
So treat with love each human soul,  
and thus God's goodness cherish.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

May God's grace and peace be with you.

**May God fill our hearts with joy.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*This prayer was an English rendering of a Latin prayer that began the liturgy in the medieval church before the Reformation. It remains a distinctive part of Anglican worship to this day.*

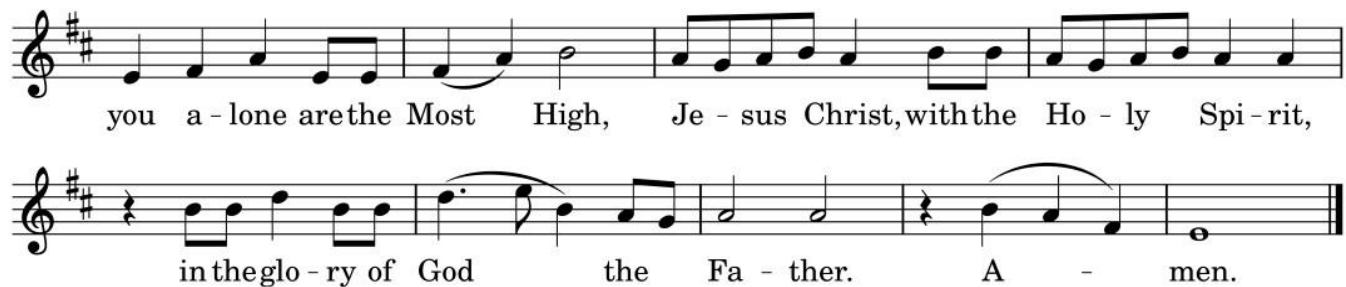
Almighty God,

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.

## GLORIA

CP#691

Glo - ry to God in the high - est,  
and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly king,  
al-migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the  
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God you take a - way the  
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed  
at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For  
you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or brings out the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes God’s attributes as shown in the scriptures for the day.*

Let us pray.

God of abiding love, you dare to call us friends. Take our fragmented hearts, command them to love, and make whole our joy, which is our life, reborn in Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for us. **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### THE FIRST READING

Acts 10.44-48

*This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted, but during Eastertide it is normally from the Acts of the Apostles, which recounts the story of the Christian community after Jesus’ resurrection.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

## Psalm 98

*The psalms are prayers Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another.*



- 1 Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done / mar·vel·lous / things, \*  
whose mighty hand and holy / arm have / won the / victory.
- 2 O Lord, you have made / known the / victory; \*  
you have openly shown your righteousness / in the / sight of • the / nations.
- 3 You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the / house of / Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have / seen your / victory • O / God.
- 4 Shout with joy to the Lord / all you / lands; \*  
lift up your / voice, re/joyce and / sing.
- 5 Sing to the / Lord with • the / harp, \*  
with the harp / and the / voice of / song.
- 6 With trumpets and the / sound of • the / horn \*  
shout with joy be/fore our / sovereign • the / Lord.
- 7 Let the sea make a noise and / all that • is / in it, \*  
the lands and / those who / dwell there/in.
- 8 Let the rivers / clap their / hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who is / coming • to / judge the / earth.
- 9 [2<sup>nd</sup> part] In righteousness shall God / judge the / world \*  
God shall / judge the / peoples • with / equity.

## THE SECOND READING

1 John 5.1-6

*This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation of John.*

A reading from the First Letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN

May the Grace of Christ Our Saviour

CP#481 (vv 1-2)

1 May the grace of Christ our Saviour,  
and the Father's boundless love,  
with the Holy Spirit's favour,  
rest upon us from above.

2 Thus may we abide in union  
with each other and the Lord,  
and possess in sweet communion  
joys which earth cannot afford.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15.9-17

*This reading is from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments

and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

GRADUAL HYMN

May the Grace of Christ Our Saviour

CP#481 (v 3)

3 To the God whose wisdom made us,  
to the Son who set us free,  
to the sanctifying Spirit,  
glory, endless glory, be!

THE SERMON

The Dean

*The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life. The Sermon is followed by a period of silence for reflection.*

THE CREED

*The word “creed” comes from the Latin “credo” for “I believe.” First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325AD and confirmed in 381AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist, particularly on special feast days, declaring our loving trust in the Triune God and exploring the relationship between the three “persons” of God – the Creator/Father, Jesus the Christ/Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly**

human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the universal church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are a part of a larger fellowship, the Church – the Body of Christ.*

#### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Confessing our sins, receiving forgiveness (absolution) and showing signs of peace to one another prepare us to receive Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*

*The presider invites the people to confession.*

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The presider offers absolution and the people respond.*

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## THE PEACE

*The community stands for the Peace.*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### THE OFFERTORY

*At the offertory we gratefully offer back some of what God has given us, symbolically in the elements, and in our contributions towards the work of the church. Donations to the mission of the Cathedral can be made via PayPal, using the QR code here.*



### OFFERTORY HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

CP#374

1 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.

2 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"?

3 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.

4 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.

5 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.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Let us pray.

God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

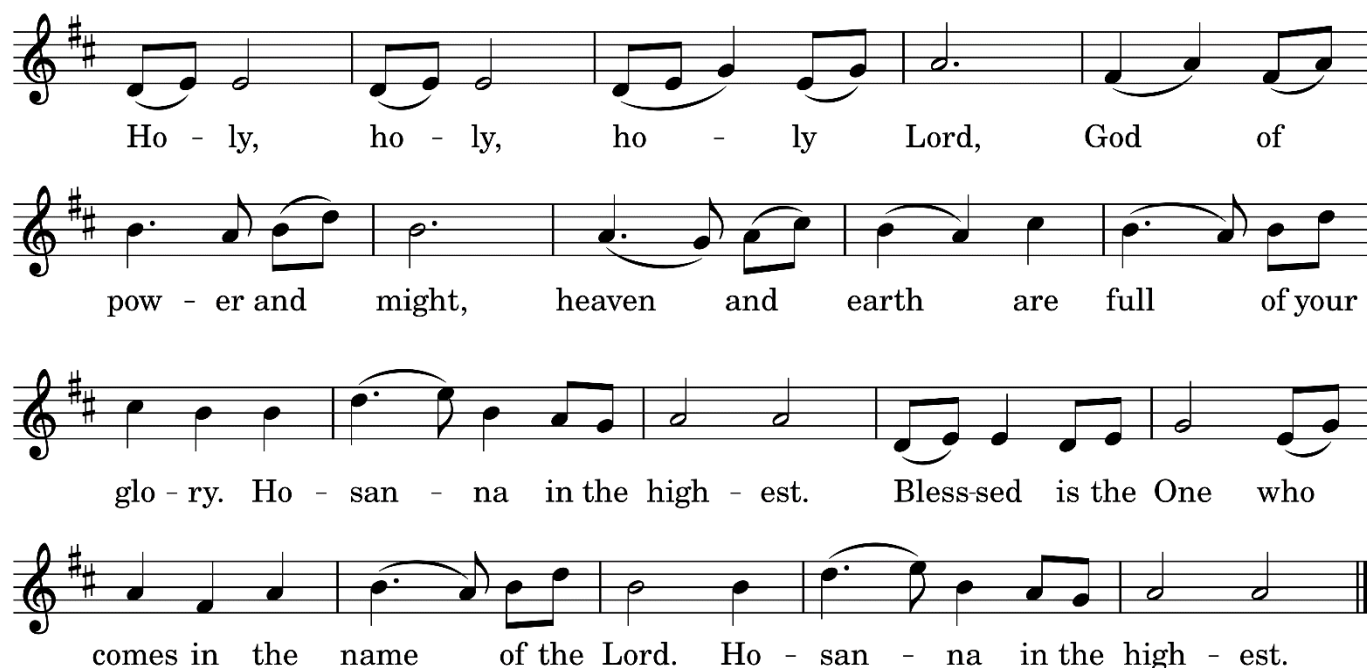
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life.

Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.



We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.*

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

**Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

#### THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## LAMB OF GOD

CP#701



## MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Ave Verum Corpus

Stephanie Martin

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for humanity! Your side was pierced and flowed with water and blood. May we have a foretaste of you in the trial of death. O sweet, kind Jesu, Son of Mary, have mercy on us. Amen.

## The Sending Forth of the Community

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God, whose power working in us, can do 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.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work

to do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you this day and forever. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

CP#461

1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
you soldiers of the cross!  
Lift high his royal banner,  
it must not suffer loss.  
From victory on to victory  
his army he shall lead  
till evil is defeated,  
and Christ is Lord indeed.

2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus!  
The trumpet-call obey;  
then join the mighty conflict  
in this his glorious day.  
Be strong in faith and serve him  
against unnumbered foes;  
let courage rise with danger,  
and strength to strength oppose.

3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus!  
Stand in his power alone,  
for human might will fail you –  
you dare not trust your own.  
Put on the gospel armour,  
keep watch with constant prayer;  
where duty calls or danger,  
be never failing there.

4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus!  
The fight will not be long;  
this day the noise of battle,  
the next the victor's song.  
To everyone who conquers,  
a crown of life shall be;  
we, with the king of glory,  
shall reign eternally.

## THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

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