



CHRIST'S CHURCH  
CATHEDRAL  
HAMILTON ONTARIO

CHORAL EUCHARIST  
FOURTH 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                      Variations on 'Christus Paradox'                      JS Bach

## WORDS OF WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN                      Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs                      CP#319  
*We begin our worship together in community by praising God in song.*

1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
with angels round the throne;  
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
but all their joys are one.

3 Jesus is worthy to receive  
honour and power divine;  
and blessings, more than we can give,  
be, Lord, forever thine!

2 "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,  
"to be exalted thus!"  
"Worthy the Lamb!" our lips reply,  
"for he was slain for us."

4 Let all creation join in one  
to bless the sacred name  
of God who sits upon the throne,  
and to adore the Lamb!

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

May his grace and peace be with you.  
**May he 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 God's peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly king,  
al - mighty 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,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The collect is the prayer appointed for each day 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.

O God, whose Son is the good shepherd, send us out as shepherds to seek the lost, to heal the injured and to nurture all with grace and compassion; through Jesus, who calls each by name. **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34.7-15

*This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

You shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: As I live, says the Lord God, because my sheep have become a prey and my sheep have become food for all the wild animals, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves and have not fed my sheep, therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: Thus says the Lord God: I am against the shepherds, and I will hold them accountable for my sheep and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them.

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.

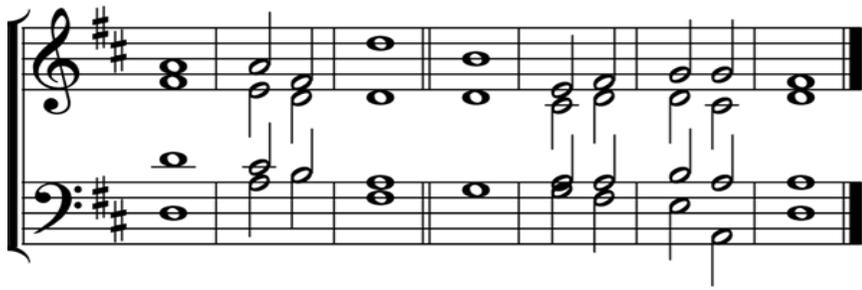
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

Psalm 100

*The psalms are prayers Jesus used covering every mood of our relationship with God and one another.*



- 1 Be joyful in the Lord / all you / lands; \*
- 2 serve the Lord with gladness,  
and come into the divine / presence / with a / song.
- 3 Know this: the Lord, the / Lord is / God; \*  
the One who made us and to whom we belong;  
we are God's / people · the / sheep of · God's / pasture.
- 4 Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving;  
go into these / courts with / praise; \*  
give thanks to God and call up/on the / name of · the / Lord.
- 5 For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is / ever/lasting; \*  
and whose faithfulness en/dures from / age to / age.

## THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 2.19-25

*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 Peter.

It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body

on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

There Is a Green Hill Far Away

CP#202 (vv1-3)

1 There is a green hill far away  
outside a city wall,  
where the dear Lord was crucified  
who died to save us all.

2 We may not know, we cannot tell  
what pains he had to bear;  
but we believe it was for us  
he hung and suffered there.

3 He died that we might be forgiven,  
he died to make us good,  
that we might go at last to heaven,  
saved by his precious blood.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10.1-10

*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 to the people, "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.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

GRADUAL HYMN

There Is a Green Hill Far Away

CP#202 (vv4-5)

4 There was no other good enough  
to pay the price of sin;  
he only could unlock the gate  
of heaven, and let us in.

5 O dearly, dearly has he loved,  
and we must love him too,  
and trust in his redeeming blood,  
and try his works to do.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Monica Romig Green

*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 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.**

## DEDICATION OF AN ALTAR FRONTAL

Presenter I present to you this altar frontal to be set apart for the service of Christ's holy Church.

Presider This is the offering which you shall receive from the people: gold, silver, and bronze, blue and purple and scarlet cloth, and finely woven linen.

O Lord our God, how excellent is your greatness:  
**You are clothed with majesty and splendour.**

Glorious God, all your works proclaim your perfect beauty: Accept our offering of this altar frontal to your praise and in thanksgiving for the lives and ministries of the Rev. Canon Peter Ford and the Rev. Brian Shoesmith, and grant that it may adorn this sanctuary and show forth your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 neighbours 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

You, Lord Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

CP#630

1 You, Lord, are both lamb and shepherd.  
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer  
of the way you took and gave.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
you, whom we both scorn and crave.

2 Clothed in light upon the mountain,  
stripped of might upon the cross,  
shining in eternal glory,  
beggared by a soldier's toss,  
you, the everlasting instant;  
you, who are both gift and cost.



pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the One who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

*To receive communion, please come forward to the altar rail or to the standing station. To receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available.*

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## LAMB OF GOD

CP#701

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. world: grant us peace.

## The Sending Forth of the Community

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this 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 his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you this day and forever. **Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN

### Crown Him with Many Crowns

CP#378

1 Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne:  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

3 Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end;  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

4 Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

#### THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Théodore Dubois

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