



# SUNDAY EUCCHARIST WITH PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF  
EASTER

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*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**.*

*As sojourners on this land, we acknowledge the heritage and history of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe nations at the time of the creation of the "Dish With One Spoon" wampum agreement. As partners with them and with all of God's Creation, we honour and respect these nations. We walk together with all whom we meet here justly, mercifully and humbly.*

## 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

Fugue in F BWV 540,2

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

WORDS OF WELCOME

SENTENCE

Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts burn within us while you speak.

*Luke 24:32.*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## 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 hid: 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.

## THE GLORIA *(sung by all)*

*The Gloria, or some other song of praise, centers the service on the God we gather to praise in our worship.*



Glo-ry to God in the high- est, — and peace to his peo-ple on  
earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al- might - y 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 sea - ted 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 FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

O God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread.  
Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# The Proclamation of the Word

## THE FIRST READING

*This reading, taken from the New Testament, is from the epistles. This epistle is traditionally held to have been written by St. John the Evangelist at Ephesus.*

1 John 3: 1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

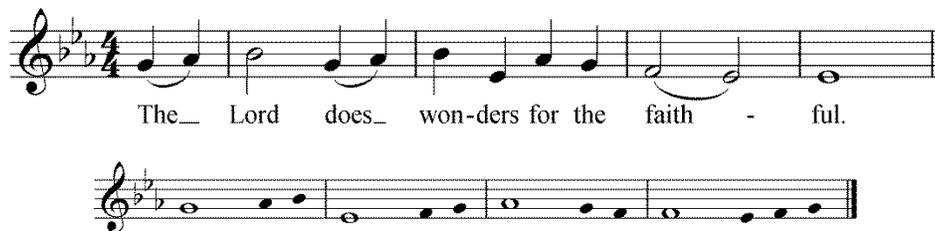
The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM *(Please join with the Cantor in the singing of the Refrain)*

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

Psalm 4



Answer me when I call O God, defender of **my** cause (1)  
you set me free when I am **hard** pressed;(1)  
have mercy on me and hear **my** prayer. (2)  
“You mortals, how long will you dishonour **my** glory (3)  
how long will you worship mute or si-**lent** idols(3)  
and run af-**ter** false gods?”

## REFRAIN

Know that God does wonders for **the** faithful;  
when I call, my redeemer will **hear** me.  
Tremble then, and do **not** sin;  
speak to your heart in silence u-**pon** your bed.

## REFRAIN

Offer the appoint-**ed** sacrifices  
and put your trust **in** God.  
Many are saying, “Oh that we might see bet-**ter** times!”  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon **us**, O God.

## REFRAIN



You have put gladness in **my** heart,  
more than when grain and wine and oil **in**-crease.  
I lie down in peace at once I fall **as**-leep;  
for only you, God, make me **dwell** in safety.



THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung by all)



*Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;  
make our hearts burn while you speak to us.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

*This reading is taken 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.*

*Luke 24: 36b-48*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you**

The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

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.

The Gospel of Christ  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## THE SERMON

Dr. Rob Jones  
Rector's Warden and Ordinand

*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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin  
Mary,  
and was made man.  
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.  
With the Father and the Son he is  
worshipped  
and glorified.  
He 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. Please respond as directed by the Intercessor.*

Jesus, our exalted Lord, has been given all authority.  
Let us seek his intercession that our prayers may be perfected  
by his prayer.

Jesus Christ, great high priest,  
living for ever to intercede for us,  
pray for the Church, your broken body in the world ...

in particular we pray for all those affected by the coronavirus that they may receive healing. We pray as well for the strength and determination of those who care for these and all patients together with the medical researchers and care professionals who give so tirelessly of themselves. May they be surrounded by every blessing.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, King of righteousness,  
enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high,  
pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule ...

we pray for the Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran Churches in the world, their synods, bishops,  
priests, deacons and all committed to their care. Indeed, we pray for the mission of Christ's church in  
every place and proclaimed through every expression.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,  
drawing humanity into the life of God,  
pray for your sisters and brothers in need, distress, or sorrow ...

as a community we pray for those who are developmentally and physically challenged and those who  
help, support, counsel and care for them.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus, pioneer of our salvation,  
bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection,  
surround with your saints and angels  
those who have died trusting your promises ...

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Shepherd of all things,  
ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe,  
pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service ...

in our parish cycle of prayer we remember Anne and Ted, Robin, J, Jean and David and Gaynor. We  
remember in our prayers all those listed in the Chronicle who have desired our intercession for health  
and healing.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ,  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to your worship  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

God of eternal life and love  
We give thanks today for the life and witness of Philip, Duke of Edinburgh,  
For his service in pursuit of peace as a naval officer,  
For his service to the Queen as a wise counsellor and companion,  
For his commitment in marriage for over seventy years in witness to mutual respect and love,  
For his commitment to nurturing family and guiding with wisdom their growth and development,  
For his encouragement of young people around the world to skill development, physical health, adventure,  
and service through the Duke of Edinburgh Award,  
For his care and advocacy for all of creation  
For a life lived selflessly in service to others.  
We remember with thanksgiving and commit him into Your keeping this day in the sure and certain hope of  
resurrection to eternal life.  
May he rest in peace and rise in glory. **Amen.**

**HYMN** – Eternal Father, strong to save.

TEXT: William Whiting (1825-1878)

MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876). MELITA

E - ter - nal Fa - ther strong to save, whose arm re - strains the  
O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, pre - serve their lives in  
rest - less wave, who bids the migh - ty o - cean deep its  
dan - gers hour; from rock and tem - pest, floods and flame, pro -  
own ap - point - ed bounds to keep: we cry, O God of  
tect them by your ho - ly name, and to your glo - ry  
ma - jes - ty, for those in per - il on the sea.  
let there be glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

### 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.*

Christ our Passover 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.

*1 Corinthians 5: 7 and 8*

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 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

*Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. 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.*

*All are invited to make a gift to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love with the world by donating online at [www.cathedralhamilton.ca](http://www.cathedralhamilton.ca)*

### OFFERTORY HYMN

TEXT: Timothy Dudley-Smith (based on a prayer of Augustine of Hippo), 1976  
MUSIC: Keith Landis, 1993. CAVANAUGH



Light of the minds that know him, may Christ be light to  
Life of the souls that love him, may Christ be ours in  
Strength of the wills that serve him, may Christ be strength to  
May it be ours to know him that we may truly  
mine! My sun in risen splendour, my light of  
deed! The living bread from heaven on whom our  
me, who stilled the storm and tempest who calmed the  
love, and loving fully serve him as serve the  
truth divine, my guide in doubt and darkness my  
spirits feed, who died for love of sinners to  
tossing sea, his Spirit's power to move me, his  
saints above, till in that home of glory with  
true and living way, my clear light ever  
bear our guilty load and make of life's brief  
will to master mine, his cross to carry  
fadeless splendour bright, we serve in perfect  
shining, my dawn of heaven's day  
journey a new Emmaus road  
daily and conquer in his sign  
freedom our Strength, our Life, our Light

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Creator of all,  
you wash away our sins in water,  
you give us new birth by the Spirit,  
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.  
As we celebrate the resurrection,  
renew your gift of life within us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

**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 in adoration  
**We lift them up to God**

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.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n 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. 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 sons and daughters;  
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.**

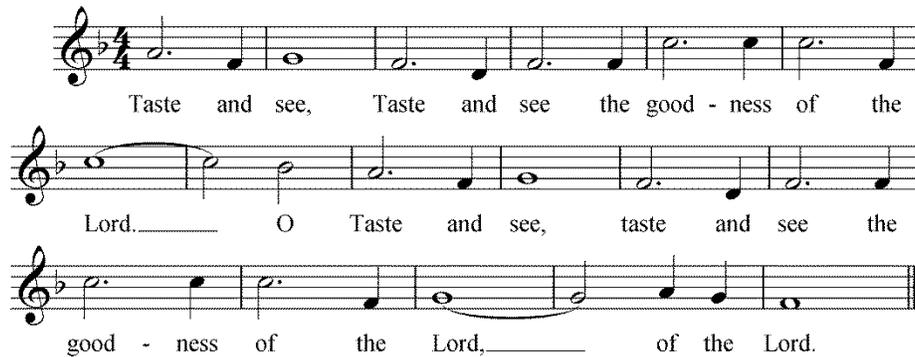
**Give us today our daily bread.**

**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 for ever. Amen.**

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM



Taste and see, Taste and see the good - ness of the  
Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ O Taste and see, taste and see the  
good - ness of the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.

## THE INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

Dear friends, I invite you in this moment,  
wherever you may be, to receive Christ,  
in communion with the saints,  
and the gathering of God's people,  
unseen and yet present with us now.

Many are made one

We receive you Lord Jesus Christ,  
**We welcome your presence in us,**  
**And together proclaim our love for you;**  
With our hearts, minds, our souls and our strength,  
With the saints we worship you,  
With the angels we adore you,  
With your whole Church, we proclaim your reign,  
Come to us, though many, and make us one in you

Amen.

I invite you in the silence of your own hearts to make your own act of Communion with Christ.

**Come Lord Jesus and make in my heart your dwelling place and home.**

**I seek to love you with all my heart, mind, soul and strength, and so through your presence of bread and wine**

**I receive you afresh and praise you for you are my God.**

**As you fill me, so may my love for you and for all your people, rise and overflow,**

**that with joy and thanksgiving**

**I may serve you in the world you love. Amen.**

**Amen.**

#### MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Two were bound for Emmaus

Bob Hurd

*Two were bound for Emmaus, disheartened and lost;  
all their hope for the future had been nailed to a cross.  
Love unknown then walked beside them,  
come back from the dead,  
and they knew he was risen in the breaking of bread.*

*On the Sea of Tiberius, when the night was nearly gone  
and their toil seemed so useless, not one fish had they  
caught,  
from the shore the stranger called to them:  
"Cast your net, friends, once more."  
And they filled it to bursting, but the net was not torn.*

*Then they knew it was Jesus and they hastened in to shore;  
bread and fish for their breakfast from the hands of their  
Lord.*

*"O Peter, if you love me you must care for my sheep;  
if you follow your Shepherd, then a shepherd you'll be."*

*When the road makes us weary, when our labor seems but  
loss,  
when the fire of faith weakens and too high seems the cost,  
let the Church turn to its risen Lord,  
who for us bore the cross,  
and we'll find our hearts burning at the sound of his voice*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father,  
we have seen with our eyes  
and touched with our hands  
the bread of life.  
Strengthen our faith  
that we may grow in love for you and for each other;  
through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

**Amen.**

#### THE BLESSING

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

**Amen.**

God the Son,  
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

**Amen**

THE DISMISSAL

We are raised to new life with Christ  
Go in his peace. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia**

POSTLUDE

Toccat, Fugue and Chaconne

Dietrich Buxtehude

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