



CHRIST'S CHURCH  
CATHEDRAL  
HAMILTON ONTARIO

## CHORAL EUCHARIST ASCENSION SUNDAY

MAY 12, 2024

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                      Concerto in A minor, 2<sup>nd</sup> movement    A. Vivaldi, arr. JS Bach

## WORDS OF WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN              All Praise to Thee                                      CP#387

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

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,  
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,  
that in our darkened hearts  
    thy grace might shine:  
alleluia, alleluia!

3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
who wast a servant that we might be free,  
humbling thyself to death on Calvary:  
alleluia, alleluia!

2 Thou camest to us in lowliness of thought;  
by thee the outcast  
    and the poor were sought,  
and by thy death was God's  
    salvation wrought:  
alleluia, alleluia!

4 Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou  
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,  
and given the name to which  
    all knees shall bow:  
alleluia, alleluia!

5 Let every tongue confess with one accord  
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;  
and God the Father be by all adored:  
alleluia, alleluia!

## 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.**

## INTRODUCTION

Dear siblings in Christ, for forty days we have been celebrating with joyful hearts the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, his bursting from the tomb and his defeat of the power of sin and death. He appeared to his disciples many times and told them about the kingdom of God. Today we recall how he left this earth and returned to his Father, ascending into heaven to take his throne over all dominions and powers. Trusting in his reign over all creation, and submitting to his kingly yet loving rule, we shall hear the story of his parting. Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us offer him the praise worthy of his name.

## 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



## 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.

Holy God, send your promised Spirit of revelation and wisdom, so that, in the blessed freedom of hope, we may witness to the grace of forgiveness and sing with joy to the One who makes us one. **Amen.**

## A COLLECT FOR JERUSALEM AND HOLY LAND SUNDAY

O God of all justice and peace, we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims, and Christians, and for all people of the land. While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children for, to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father. In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### THE FIRST READING

Acts 1.1-11

*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.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach 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 during 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 toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward 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."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

Psalm 93

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



- 1a The Lord reigns and has put on / splendid ap/parel; \*  
the Lord is robed in / splendour and / girded with / strength.
- 1b The Lord has made the whole / world so / sure \*  
that / it can/not be / moved;
- 2 ever since the world began your throne has / been es/tablished; \*  
you / are from / ever/lasting.

- 3 The waters have lifted up O Lord, the waters have lifted / up their / voice; \*  
the waters have lifted / up their / pounding / waves.
- 4 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers / of the / sea, \*  
mightier is the / Lord who / dwells on / high.
- 5 Your testimonies are / very / sure, \*  
and holiness adorns your house O Lord, for ever / and for / ever/more.

## THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 1.15-23

*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 Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

CP#211 (vv 1-2)

1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 The Lord of life is risen today!  
Sing songs of praise along his way;  
let all the earth rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24.44-53

*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 Luke.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "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 worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## GRADUAL HYMN

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

CP#211 (vv 3-4)

3 Praise we in songs of victory  
that love, that life which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing today with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Canon Dr. Sharyn Hall

*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.*

Jesus says: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father." 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

### Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

CP#84

1 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first begotten from the dead,  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia,  
Jesus true and living bread!

2 Here our humblest homage pay we;  
here in loving reverence bow;  
here for faith's discernment pray we,  
lest we fail to know thee now.  
Alleluia,  
thou art here, we ask not how.

3 Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee,  
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia,  
we in worship join with them.

4 Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  
once for all when thou wast slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall for evermore remain,  
alleluia,  
cleansing souls from every stain.

5 Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
stricken Rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
alleluia,  
risen, ascended, glorified!

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Let us pray.

Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

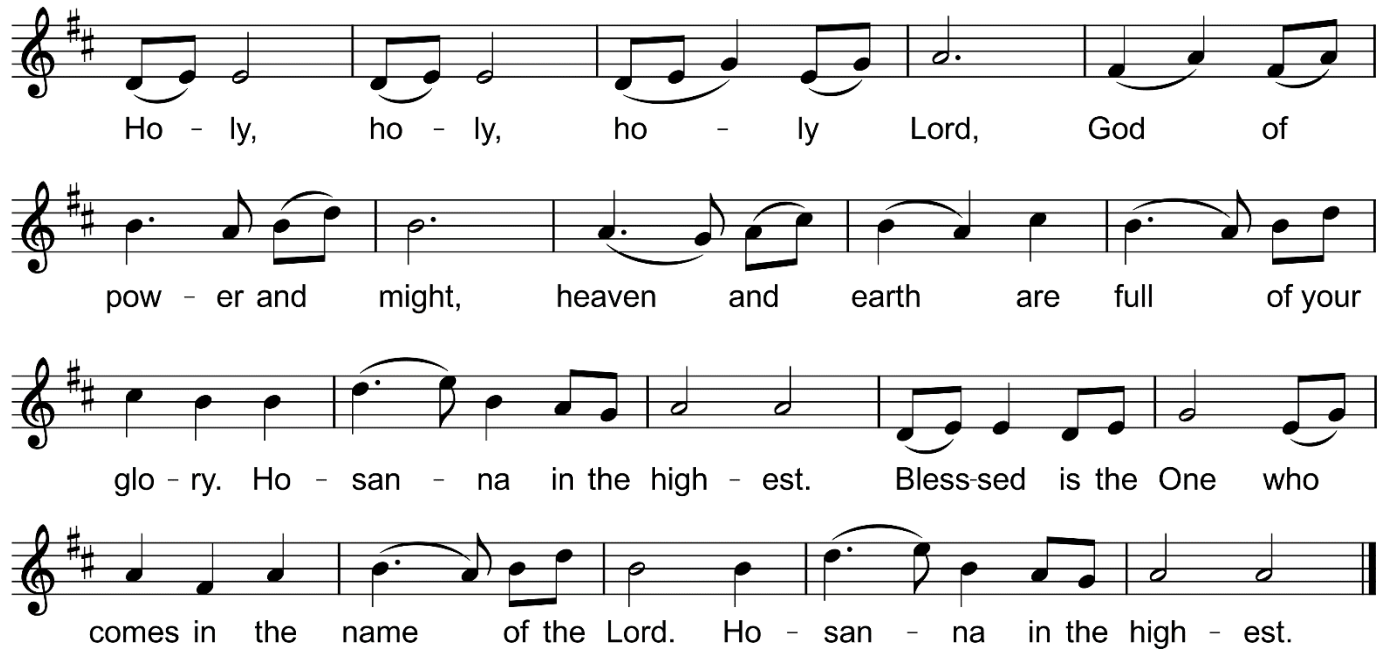
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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 through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples,

and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore we praise you with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

CP#694



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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world: have mer-cy on us. world: grant us peace.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION O King All-Glorious

Healey Willan

O King all glorious amid thy saintly company, who ever shalt be praised, who over passest utterance. Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy Holy Name; leave us not, O our God, that in the day of judgement it may please thee to place us in the number of thy saints and blessed ones, O King most blessed.

## The Sending Forth of the Community

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our 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

God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord. **Amen.**

God the Son, who is our great high priest passed into the heavens, plead for you at the right hand of the Father. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church, make you faithful servants of Christ our King. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

#### CLOSING HYMN

#### Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

CP#247

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!  
to his throne above the skies; alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

4 See! He lifts his hands above, alleluia!  
See! He shows the prints of love; alleluia  
Hark! His gracious lips bestow alleluia!  
blessings on his church below. Alleluia!

2 There for him high triumph waits; alleluia!  
lift your heads, eternal gates; alleluia!  
he hath conquered death and sin; alleluia!  
take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

5 Still for us he intercedes; alleluia!  
his prevailing death he pleads, alleluia!  
near himself prepares our place, alleluia!  
he the first-fruits of our race. Alleluia!

3 Highest heaven its Lord receives, alleluia!  
yet he loves the earth he leaves; alleluia!  
though returning to his throne, alleluia!  
still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!

6 Lord, though parted from our sight, alleluia!  
far above the starry height, alleluia!  
grant our hearts may thither rise, alleluia!  
seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia!

#### THE DISMISSAL

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

#### POSTLUDE

Concerto in A minor, 1<sup>st</sup> movement A. Vivaldi, arr. JS Bach

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