



Welcome to St. George's

Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

11:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST - FACEBOOK LIVE

*Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. John 20:29*

We are a Christian church within the Anglican tradition and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Welcome to our church family!

Clergy	The Rev. Canon Ralph Blackman, Rector
Organist	Gerry Manning
Singers	Paula Turnbull, Alexander Muth
Videographer	Laura Keller
Sexton	Toni Atieh

We wish to acknowledge that we meet on land that, at the time of contact, was held by the Attawandaron as an area of trade and ceremony by the 2 rivers. At various times the land was occupied by both Haudenosaunee from the south and Anishnaabe from the north. In more recent times the Huron Treaty gave rights to the Mississaugas of New Credit. May we who dwell on or visit this land also be good stewards and honour those who came before us.

Readings for Next Week

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48



The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

- **Worldwide Anglican Communion** – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
- **Anglican Church of Canada** – Linda, Primate; Mark, National Indigenous Archbishop; Anne, Metropolitan Archbishop
- **Diocese of Niagara** – Bishop Susan and the people of St. Christopher's Church, Burlington
St. George's – Steve & Irene Light; John Linseman & Jane Loewen; Leigh & Georgia Livock; Mike & Jennifer Loder, Mackenzie, Brooklynn and Cole; Doug Long; Chad Louttet & Debbie Prescod Louttet, Kyle and Christian; Fred Lovett; Craig & Ellen Luccock, Emma, Naomi and Hannah; Richard Ludlow; Elizabeth Luke-Weir; Joyce Lyne

Prelude Two movements from *Water Music*

G.F. Handel

Welcome and Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introit Hymn 242 *This Is the Feast of Victory for Our God (verses 1, 3, 5)*

Festival Canticle

Greeting

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Presider May grace and peace be with you.

All May our hearts be filled with joy.

Collect for the Day

All Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, so that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God, the Source of all life. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Reader A reading from the First Letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with God and was revealed to us — we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with God and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with God, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 1:1—2:2

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn 244 *We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight*

Shanti

Gospel Reading

Reader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Temple Authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and

his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As God has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:19-31

Reader The Gospel of Christ.
All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily The Rev. Canon Ralph Blackman
(followed by silence for reflection)

Solo *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* (from Messiah)

Handel

Prayers of the People

The Peace

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

All **God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider 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.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider 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, Jesus 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,

All we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Presider 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.

All Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All 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.

Breaking of Bread

Presider Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

Presider We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

Presider Live in us, that we may live in you.

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

Presider You are invited to receive spiritual communion with the following prayer:

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 in 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.

Communion

Hymn 209 *Walk Softly in Springtime*

Marche Doucement

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

All Holy God, 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 our risen Saviour. Amen.

Hymn 210 *Yours Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son*

Maccabaeus

Sending Forth

Presider May the Bringer of Light bless you,
may the bright Son of Mary bless you,
and may the Light of Christ dwell in you.
In all you do, and in all that you may become,
may the Way of Christ be the path you tread
and the kingdom of heaven be your home.
And the blessing of our God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be upon you this day and for ever.

All Amen.

Postlude *Trumpet Tune*

Handel

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