

EASY PRINT – Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 30, 2023

Welcome – Fr. Daniel

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Processional Hymn: #445 – “GOD THE CREATOR”

God the Creator, you in love made me who once was nothing but now have grown.
I bring the best of all my life offers; for you I share whatever I own.

O Christ the Saviour, you in love called me who once was no one lost and alone.
I pledge to go wherever you summon, making your will and purpose my own.

O God the Spirit, you in love move me who once was nowhere and felt unknown.
I know my need of you for companion: all things can change when not on my own.

And with the people summoned together to be the church in which faith is sown,
I make my promise to live for Jesus and let the world know all are his own.

✠ **The Easter Greeting**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Leader: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

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

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Almighty God,

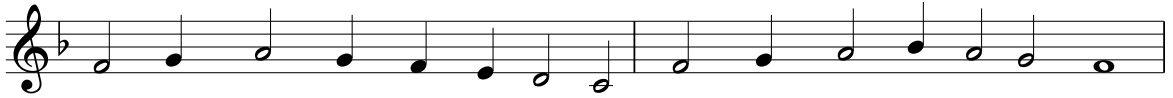
All: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Gloria: #366 – “GLORY IN THE HIGHEST GLORY”

All sing



1. Glo-ry, in the high - est glo - ry, peace to all, in all their days.
2. Je - sus Christ, the world's Re-deem-er, Lamb of God, for sin-ners given,



Wor-ship, thanks, and praise un-ceas-ing to the Source of all we raise:
Word e - ter - nal, born of Ma-ry, Word made flesh, the face of heaven:



reign - ing in the sap-phire height, hid - den from our mor - tal sight,
ho - ly one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day,



now re-ceive our a - dor-a-tion, as we make our sup-pli-ca-tion.
with the Spir - it there u-nit-ed, and the God-head high ex-alt - ed.

The Collect of the Day

Please kneel or be seated

Leader: O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Please be seated

(Those who welcomed Peter’s message and were baptised) devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Acts 2.42-47

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm #23

Please remain seated & sing

The Cantor sings the refrain, all repeat



O_ God is my shep - herd, I shall not be in want.

Cantor: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. *Refrain*

Cantor: He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his names sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. *Refrain*

Cantor: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. *Refrain*

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Please be seated

For is it a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure 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 right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. 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, free from 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 Peter 2.19-25

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Sequence Hymn: #508 – “I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY”

The first two verses are sung before the Gospel.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

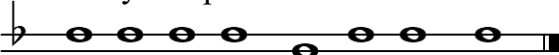
The last verse will be sung; after the Gospel.

The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

All: 

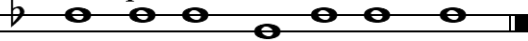
Glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

Jesus said, "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."

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

John 10.1-10

All:  Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

The last verse will be sung; after the Gospel.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.

Sermon

Please be seated

Solo – "I SEE THE LOVE OF GOD IN EVERY RIVER,"

Sung by Laurel Tubman

Composed by David Ochterlany

I see the love of God in every river, flowing wide, flowing free,
I see the love of God in every ocean reaching further than eye can see.

I see the love of God in every valley, offering shelter to you and me.
I see the love of God in every mountain, standing fast through eternity.

The love of God is all around me, whatever the trouble, pain or care
The love of God is all around me, if I will look I'll find it there.

I see the love of God in eyes of old folk kindly wisdom shining clear
I see the love of God in little babies, sleeping softly without a fear.

I see the love of God in every river flowing wide, flowing free,
I see the love of God in every ocean reaching further than eye can see.

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

Leader: Let us confess our faith as we say,

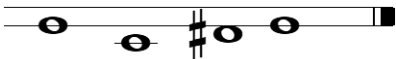
All: **We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with 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

Please kneel or be seated

The Leader offers prayers for the church, the world, the sick and the suffering, and those who have died.

Leader: In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, singing,

All: 
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel. In the Mississauga Deanery cycle of prayer, we pray for ..., in our own cycle of prayer for, Let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: That he may reveal the light of his presence to the poor, the hungry, the weak and the sick, ..., that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: That his resurrection might give hope to those who mourn, and shed light on those who have died, ..., for whom the memorial flowers are offered. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Almighty God,

All: **you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Please kneel or be seated

Leader: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Leader: Most merciful God,

All: **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.**

Priest: 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace

Please rise in body or spirit

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #520 – “THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS”

All sing

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever!

*We give out of our blessings to bless others.
If you are new or visiting, please don't feel you need to give anything.*

Offertory Sentence

All sing

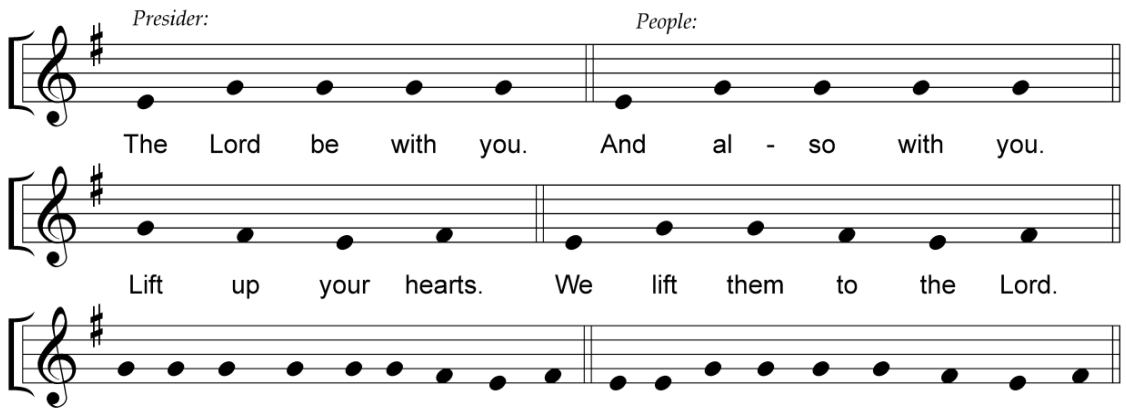


Yours be the glo - ry Yours be all we give.
Bless O Lord our hum - ble offe - ring and the lives we live.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Priest: God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd.

All: **Amen.**



Presider: The Lord be with you. *People:* And al - so 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

Priest: Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world. When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first. Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and singing:

Sanctus

All sing

----- Ho-ly Ho-ly Ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might;
Heav'n and Earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please kneel or be seated

Priest: Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

All: **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Priest: At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

Priest: Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope:

All: **Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Priest: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

All: **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Priest: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

All sing, unaccompanied

Presider:

People:



As our Sav-iour taught us let us pray. Our Fath - er in hea-ven,



hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come, your will be done,



on earth as in hea-ven, Give us to - day our dai - ly bread,



For - give us our sins, as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of trial. And de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

Music: M. Robinson
Theodore Presser Co.

Priest: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

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

Priest: We were buried in your tomb.

All: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Priest: Live in us that we may live in you.

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

All sing



Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy, have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

The Communion

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.
Please come forward to the Altar rail and stand or kneel as you prefer.*

Communion Hymn: #244 – “WE WALK BY FAITH, AND NOT BY SIGHT” *All sing*

We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound,
to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:

that, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Communion Hymn: (AAHH #276) – “I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES” *All sing*

I know that my Redeemer lives; what joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives, He Lives, who once was dead; He lives, my everlasting Head!

He lives, to bless me with His love; He lives, to plead for me above;
He lives, my hungry soul to feed; He lives, to help in time of need.

He lives, and grants me daily breath; He lives and I shall conquer death;
He lives, my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name; He lives, my Saviour still the same;
What joy the blest assurance gives; I know that my redeemer lives!

Prayer after Communion

Priest: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: Glory to God

Please stand

All: **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.**

The Blessing & Announcements

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Closing Hymn: #444 – “YOUR HAND O GOD HAS GUIDED”

Your hand, O God, has guided your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written, full clear, on every page.
Our forebears owned your goodness and we their deeds record,
and both of this bear witness: one church, one faith, one Lord.

Your heralds brought glad tidings to greatest as to least;
they bade them rise, and hasten to share the royal feast;
and this was all their teaching, in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming one church, one faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless, shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the struggle and cast away the crown?
Not so; in God's deep counsels some better gift is stored:
the covenant of promise – one church, one faith, one Lord.

Your mercy will not fail us, nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us, your people shall be one;
and then, by all creation, your name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem: one church, one faith, one Lord.

Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**