## EASY PRINT - Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 5, 2024

### Welcome – Fr. Daniel

Processional Hymn: #374- "ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS"

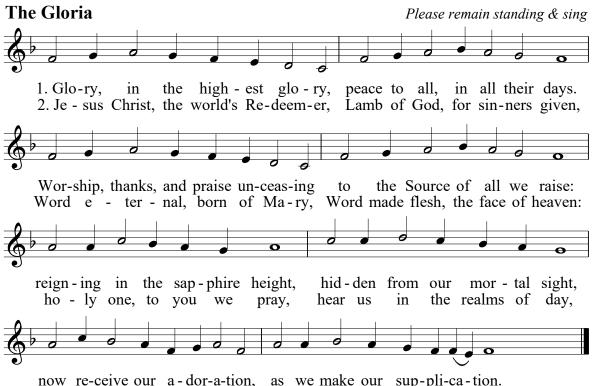
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne; alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus, out of every nation, hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay; alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day; Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

# **★** The Gathering of the Community

- 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: 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.



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

- Priest: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love your riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
- All: Amen.

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Please be seated

Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several day.



Psalm 98

Please remain seated



Cantor: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. / His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory. // The Lord has made known his victory; / he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. // **REFRAIN** 

- Cantor: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel./ All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. // Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; / break forth into joyous song and sing praises. // **REFRAIN**
- Cantor: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. / With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. // Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; / the world and those who live in it. // **REFRAIN**
- Cantor: Let the floods clap their hands; / let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. // He will judge the world with righteousness, / and the peoples with equity. // **REFRAIN**

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of John. Please be seated

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments.

And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 John 5.1-6

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Sequence Hymn: #532 – "WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS" The first two verses are sung before the Gospel.

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials or temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

The last verse will be sung; after the Gospel.

The Gospel

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

All:

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

Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

The last verse will be sung; after the Gospel.

Are we weak and heavy–laden, cumbered with a load of care? Christ the Saviour is our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer. Do our friends despise, forsake us? Are we tempted to despair? Jesus' strength will shield our weakness, and we'll find new courage there.

### Sermon

Please be seated

## Choir Anthem - "THE BOND OF LOVE"

We are one in the bond of love, we are one in the bond of love; we have joined our ipirtt with the Spirit of God, we are one in the bond of love.

Let us sing now, ev'ryone, let us feel His love begun; let us join our hands that the world will know we are one in the bond of love.

We are one in the bond of love, we are one in the bond of love; we have joined our ipirtt with the Spirit of God, we are one in the bond of love.

# The Nicene Creed

Please rise in body or spirit

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.

John 15.9-17

All: 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 peace let us pray to the Lord, singing,

Lord, have mer - cy

- Leader: We pray for all who confess the name of Christ: fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit. Let us pray.
- All: Lord, have mercy.
- Leader: We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and for those who live in celibacy: be their joy and their strength. Let us pray.
- All: Lord, have mercy.
- Leader: We pray for the church and in the Mississauga Deanery of Prayer we are praying for .... In our own parish this week we are praying for .... Let us pray.
- All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression: grant them your salvation. Let us pray.

All: Lord, have mercy.

- Leader: For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick, ... and those who have died: ..., show them your kindness and mercy. Let us pray.
- All: Lord, have mercy.
- Leader: We pray for one another: may we always be united in service and love. Let us pray..
- All: Lord, have mercy.
- Leader: We pray to be forgiven: may we be set free from all hardship, distress, want, war, and injustice. Let us pray.
- All: Lord, have mercy.
- Leader: May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern: may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together. Let us pray.
- All: Lord, have mercy.
- 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.

- All: 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

All sing

- Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- People: And also with you.

The ministry of the church depends on the generosity of it's members. We give in the thanksgiving for all that God has given us.

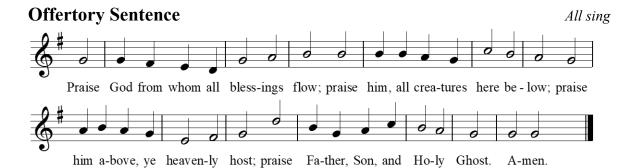
Offertory Hymn: (AAH # 308) – "NO, NO ONE"

Theres's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, no, not one! no, not one! None else could heal all our soul's diseases No, not one! no, not one! *Refrain: Jesus knows all about our struggles, He will guide till the day is done; There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus No, not one! no, not one!* 

No friend like Him is so high and holy no, not one! no, not one! And yet no friend is so meek and lowly No, not one! no, not one!*Refrain* 

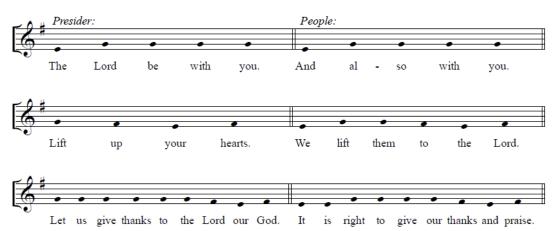
There's not an hour that He is not near us no, not one! no, not one! No night so dark but His love can cheer us no, not one! no, not one! Refrain

Was e'er a gift like the Saviour given? no, not one! no, not one! Will He refuseus a home in heaven? no, not one! no, not one! Refrain



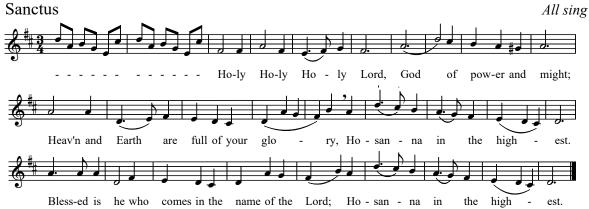
## **★** The Celebration of the Eucharist

Priest: God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name.



All: Amen.

- Priest: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.
- Priest: You made us in your image, male and female, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

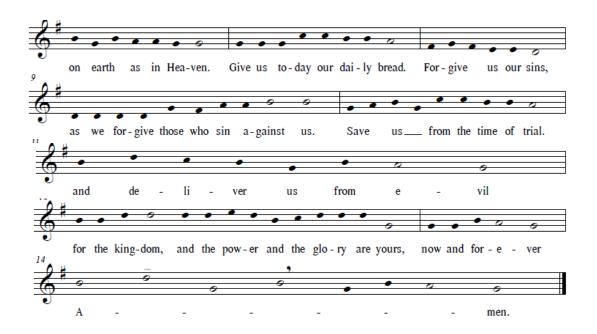


Priest: Glory and honour and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favour upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at the table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honour, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen**.



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Priest: "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

### All: Give us this bread for ever.

- Priest: "I am the vine, you are the branches."
- All: May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

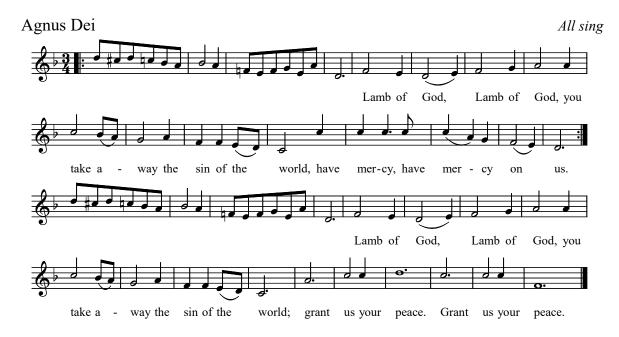
Priest: If you are joining us from home, join us in this act of Eucharist by offering with me this prayer for Spiritual Communion.

The following is said by the Priest and those worshipping with us online.

Online: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, and for all the pain that you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

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

People: Thanks be to God.



### 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. Indicate to the priest if you would like to have him intinct the wafer for you.

Communion Hymn: (AAH #335) - "JESUS LOVES ME"

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so; Little ones to Him belong, they are week, but He is strong. *Refrain: Yes, Jesus Loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me for the Bible tells me so.* 

Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gates to open wide! He will wash away my sin. Let His little child come in. *Refrain:* 

Jesus loves me ! loves me still, Tho' I'm very weak and ill; From His shining throne on high, Comes to watch me where I lie, *Refrain:* 

Jesus loves me ! He will stay Close beside me all the way; If I love Him when I die, He will take me home on high. *Refrain:*  All sing

All sing

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine For Thee all the follies of sin I resign; My gracious Redeemer, my Saviour art Thou. If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me. And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree; I love Thee for wearing the thrones on Thy brow; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death, And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath,

And say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow, "If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow. "If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."

### **Prayer after Communion**

- Priest: Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
- All: Amen.
- Priest: Glory to God,
- 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: #425 – "JOYFUL, JOYFUL, "

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day. Please stand

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays; stars and angels sing around thee, centre of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well–spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father and our Mother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

## Dismissal

Priest: Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia! People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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