

EASY PRINT – Second Sunday of Easter – April 27, 2025

Welcome – *Fr. Daniel*

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Processional Hymn: #230 – “THE TOMB IS EMPTY! COME AND SEE”

The tomb is empty! Come and see where once the body lay.
Can it be true that Jesus Christ is raised to life today?

The tomb is empty! Come and hear these words of life and peace:
"He is not here. He lives again in all your Galilees."

The tomb is empty! Come and touch the stone and folded shroud.
Christ lives indeed. Alleluia! Believers, shout aloud!

The tomb is empty! Come and meet the risen Christ our Lord
in whom we have our victory, in whom is life restored.

✠ **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.**

The Gloria

Please remain standing & 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: Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe
and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Judges.

Please be seated

When the Israelites cried to the Lord on account of the Midianites, the Lord sent a prophet to the Israelites, and he said to them, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I led you up from Egypt and brought you out of the house of slavery, and I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of all who oppressed you and drove them out before you and gave you their land, and I said to you, ‘I am the Lord your God; you shall not pay reverence to the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live.’ But you have not given heed to my voice.” Now the angel of the Lord came and sat under the oak at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, as his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites. The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, “The Lord is with you, you mighty warrior.” Gideon answered him, “But sir, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our ancestors recounted to us, saying, ‘Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the Lord has cast us off and given us into the hand of Midian.” Then the Lord turned to him and said, “Go in this might of yours and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian; I hereby commission you.” He responded, “But sir, how can I deliver Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.” The Lord said to him, “But I will be with you, and you shall strike down the Midianites, every one of them.” Then he said to him, “If now I have found favor with you, then show me a sign that it is you who speak with me. Do not depart from here until I come to you and bring out my present and set it before you.” And he said, “I will stay until you return.” So Gideon went into his house and prepared a kid and unleavened cakes from an ephah of flour; the meat he put in a basket, and the broth he put in a pot and brought them to him under the oak and presented them. The angel of God said to him, “Take the meat and the unleavened cakes and put them on this rock and pour out the broth.” And he did so. Then the angel of the Lord reached out the tip of the staff that was in his hand and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes, and fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened cakes, and the angel of the Lord vanished from his sight. Then Gideon perceived that it was the angel of the Lord, and Gideon said, “Help me, Lord God! For I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Judges 6.7-22

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 118.14-29

Please remain seated

The Choir sings the refrain, all repeat



The Lord is my strength, and my song; and is become my salvation.

The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass. The right hand of the Lord hath the preeminence the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. The Lord hath chastened and corrected me; but he hath not given me over unto death.

Open me the gates of righteousness, that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter into it.

I will thank thee, for thou hast heard me and art become my salvation. The same stone which the builders refused is become the headstone in the corner.

This is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord hath made we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Help me now, O Lord O Lord, send us now prosperity. Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the Lord we have wished you good luck, ye that are of the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord who hath shewed us light bind the sacrifice with cords, yea, even unto the horns of the altar. Thou art my God, and I will thank thee thou art my God, and I will praise thee. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious and his mercy endureth for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Revelation to John.

Please be seated

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Revelation 1.1- 4

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Sequence Hymn: #244 – "WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT"

The first two verses are sung before the Gospel.

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!"

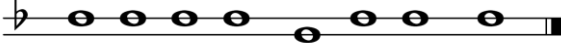
The last two verses will be sung; after the Gospel.

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.

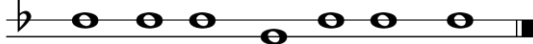
When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father 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.

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

John 20.19-31

All:



Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

The last three verses will be sung; after the Gospel.

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.

Sermon – *The Reverend Dr. James Leatch*

Please be seated

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.**

All: 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: As we gather in God's presence, let us pray to the Lord, singing,

All: 

Leader: Lord, have mer - cy
For the whole People of God, that each one may be a true and faithful servant of Christ. In the Mississauga Deanery, we pray for the parish of ..., in our own parish, we pray for ..., let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For those drawing near to the light of faith, praying especially for ... who will be baptized here next week, that the Lord will bring all Christians to true knowledge of himself, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them, .., let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For those who have died, His Holiness, Francis, Bishop of Rome, and ..., all for whom the memorial flowers are offered. Rest eternal grant unto them and let light perpetual shine upon them, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to the true growth and well-being, and for all offering themselves for public service in the federal election, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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. 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.**

*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.*

We welcome back the children from Sunday school during the offertory hymn.

Offertory Hymn: # 204 – “TRULY HE COMES TO US” (v1,2,5 & 6) *All sing*

Truly, he comes to us: darkness is ended; now night is over, his light is ascended: ultimate sunrise, that floods all creation, bringing his secret from death's desolation.

Night has made way for the great proclamation; morning has broken, with songs of elation. Christ comes in light from the depths of his prison, death is abandoned, and Jesus is risen.

Highest, most holy, once lost and forsaken: now, from the sleep of the dead you awaken; angels appear at the tomb with the story: "He is not here, but is risen in glory."

Give God the glory and glad adoration, from whom and through whom and in whom, creation looks for the joy which, in Christ, we inherit: praising the Father, the Son, and the Spirit!

✕ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Priest: God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Presider: *People:*

The Lord be with you. 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: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

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: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat" this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to be in your presence and serve you.

All: Amen.

All sing

3
 6
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 14

As our Sa-viour taught us let us pray. Our Fa-ther 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-li-ver us from e-vil
 for the king-dom, and the pow-er and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-e-ver
 A - - - - - men.

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.

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: Jesus, you are the Risen Lord, which no tomb could hold and no locked door could keep out. Though I cannot physically partake of your body and blood, give me the assurance and grace of your presence, that I, in communion with the Church, may also live in the power of your resurrection.

All: **Amen.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

All sing



The Communion

Those who have been baptized in any Christian church, including children, are welcome to receive communion. If you have not been baptized yet or do not wish to receive the bread and wine, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a blessing. Simply cross your hands over your chest to alert the priest you wish to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn: #222 – “ALL SHALL BE WELL”

All sing

All shall be well! For on our Easter skies see Christ the sun of righteousness arise.

All shall be well! The sacrifice is made, the sinner freed, the price of pardon paid.

All shall be well! The cross and passion past, dark night is done, bright morning come at last.

All shall be well! Lift every voice on high; "Death has no more dominion; but shall die."

Jesus alive! Rejoice and sing again; all shall be well for evermore, Amen!

Communion Hymn: #224 – “AWAKE, ARISE”

All sing

Awake, arise, lift up your voice, let Easter music swell;
rejoice in Christ, again rejoice and on his praises dwell.

Oh, with what gladness and surprise the saints their Saviour greet;
nor will they trust their ears and eyes but by his hands and feet:

those hands of liberal love indeed in infinite degree,
those feet still free to move and bleed for millions and for me.

His enemies had sealed the stone as Pilate gave them leave,
lest dead and friendless and alone he should their skill deceive.

O Dead arise! O Friendless stand by seraphim adored!
O Solitude again command your host from heaven restored!

Prayer after Communion

Priest: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Please rise in body or spirit

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: #231 – “THAT EASTERTIDE WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT” (V1, 2 & 3)

That Eastertide with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light,
alleluia, alleluia!

when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the glorious wounds abide;
alleluia, alleluia!
the tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was risen again.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

From every weapon death can wield thine own redeemed forever shield:
alleluia, alleluia!

O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dismissal

Priest: Go with faith and do not doubt, but believe. He is Risen! Alleluia, alleluia!
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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Thanks to all who participated in today's service.