

EASY PRINT – Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 18, 2025

Please rise in body or spirit

Processional Hymn: #486– “LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING”

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav’n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation; enter ev’ry trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore they temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.
Chang`ed from glory into glory, till in heav’n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

✠ 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: 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: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.
Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his
commandments, who lives 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.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision.

There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Acts 11.1-18

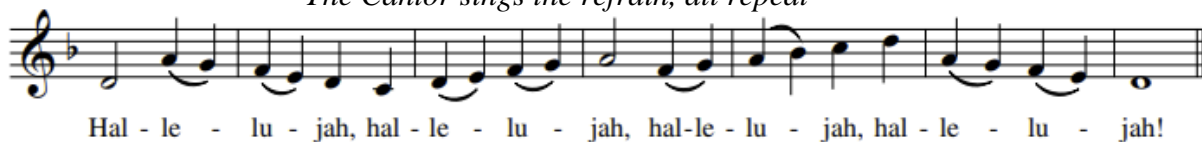
People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm #148

Please remain seated

The Cantor sings the refrain, all repeat



Verse: Hallelujah! Praise God from the heavens; sing praise in the heights. Sing praise, all angels, sing praise, all you heavenly host. **Refrain**

Verse: Sing praise, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars. Sing praise, heaven of heavens, and your waters above the heavens. **Refrain**

Verse: Let them praise your name O God; for you commanded, and they were created. You made them stand fast for ever and ever; you gave them a law which shall not pass away. **Refrain**

Verse: Let them praise the name O God, for your name only is exalted, your splendour is over earth and heaven. You have raised up strength for your people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah! **Refrain**



Sequence Hymn: #368 – “HE CAME DOWN”

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

The first two verses are sung before the Gospel.

He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love,
Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace,
Hallelujah forevermore.

The Gospel

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

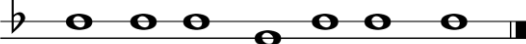
All: 

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

When he (Judas) had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

John 13.31-35

All: 

Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

The last verse is sung after the Gospel.

He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy,
Hallelujah forevermore.

Sermon

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. 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.**

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: Merciful God, he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. As we commit ourselves to following his example of love and service, teach us humility. Let us pray.

All: **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Jesus prayed for his disciples to be one. As we grieve for the divisions in the church, unite us. Let us pray.

All: **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Jesus prayed for those who would come to believe through the disciples' message. As we take up the mission of the church, renew our zeal. We pray this week, in the Mississauga Deanery for ... In our own parish, we pray for Let us pray.

All: **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Jesus commanded his friends to love, but he suffered rejection himself. As we open our hearts to the rejected and the unloved, fill us with your love. Let us pray.

All: **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Jesus reminded his people that, if the world hated them, it had hated him first. As we face our own fears, we pray for those who are persecuted for their faith; give us your peace. Let us pray.

All: **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Jesus loved his friends to the very end. As we open our hearts to all who face darkness tonight, we pray for the sick, For those who mourn, ...those trapped by violence, addiction, or pain. Let us pray.

All: **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Faithful God, these are the prayers of your Church. We offer them trusting and hoping in you. Hear and help us, challenge and change us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us pray.

All: **Amen**

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.**

Deacon: May God show us mercy and give us each the grace to grow in holiness.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace

Please rise in body or spirit

Deacon: 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.

All sing

Offertory Hymn: AAHH # 347- "SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING"

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.
Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?
Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.
Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

Deacon: Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Deacon: The Church of Christ, of which we are members, has taken this bread and wine and given thanks according to the Lord's command. We now share together in the communion of his body and blood.

Prisider:

As our Sa-viour taught us let us pray.

People:

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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.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Deacon: 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 Deacon 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.**

Deacon: 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

*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. **Please indicate to the priest if you would like to have your wafer intincted by gesturing the motion of dipping.***

Communion Hymn: # 82 – “HALLELUJAH, WE SING YOUR PRAISES” *All sing*

Refrain:

Hallelujah! We sing your praises! All our hearts are filled with gladness!

Hallelujah! We sing your praises! All our hearts are filled with gladness!

Christ the Lord to us said, "I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread. Give to all who thirst and hunger." *Refrain:*

Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel. *Refrain:*

Communion Hymn: # 97 – “JESUS CAME, THE HEAVENS ADORING” *All sing*

Jesus came, the heavens adoring, came with peace from realms on high.
Jesus came for our redemption, lowly came on earth to die:
alleluia, alleluia! came in deep humility.

Jesus comes again in mercy, when our hearts are bowed with care.
Jesus comes again in answer to our earnest heart–felt prayer,
alleluia, alleluia! comes to save us from despair.

Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing, bringing news of sins forgiven.
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness, leading souls redeemed to heaven.
Alleluia, alleluia! Now the gate of death is riven.

Jesus comes on clouds triumphant, when the heavens shall pass away.
Jesus comes again in glory: let us then our homage pay,
alleluia, alleluia! till the dawn of endless day.

Prayer after Communion

Deacon: God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Deacon: 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

Deacon: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace.

All: **Amen.**

Announcements

Please rise in body and spirit & sing

Closing Hymn: # 388 – “GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN”

Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken formed you for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, you may smile at all your foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply your sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever will their thirst to assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading light by night and shade by day,
daily on the manna feeding, which God gives them when they pray.

Saviour, since of Zion's city I thro' grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in your name.
Fading are the world's vain pleasures, all their boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures none but Zion's children know.

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace, to love the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

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