

EASY PRINT – Second Sunday of Easter – April 16, 2023

Please rise in body or spirit and sing

Processional Hymn: #205 – “THE DAY OF RESURRECTION”

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness, the passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth her song begin;
the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

Leader: Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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.**

Leader: Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, may you confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Versicles

Leader: Oh, Lord, open thou our lips;

All: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Leader: O God, make speed to save us;

All: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

All: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.**

The Jubilate (Psalm 100) - *sung by choir leads*

Remain standing

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Please be seated

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Acts 2.14a, 22-32

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm # 16

Please remain seated & sing

The Cantor sings the refrain, all repeat



I have said to the Most High, "You are my God." —

Cantor: Protect me, O God, for I taken refuge in you; I have said to the Lord,"
You are my Lord, my good above all other." All my delight is upon the
godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.
Refrain

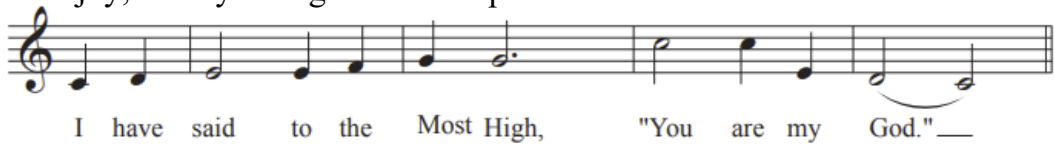
Cantor: But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.
Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods
upon my lips. *Refrain*

Cantor: O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
Refrain

Cantor: I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night
after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my
right hand I shall not fall. *Refrain*

Cantor: My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall
rest in hope. For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy
one see the Pit. *Refrain*

Cantor: You will show me the path of life; in your presence that is fullness of joy, an in your right hand are pleasure for evermore.



Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Please be seated

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 Peter 1.3-9

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

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Sequence Hymn: #224 – “AWAKE, ARISE, LIFT UP YOUR VOICE”

The first three verses are sung before the Gospel.

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.

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

The Gospel

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the twentieth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John, beginning at the nineteenth verse.

All: **Glory be to thee, O Lord**

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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

John 20.19 -31

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

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

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!

Reflection – Eleanor Ty

Please be seated

The Apostle's Creed

Please rise in body or spirit

Leader: I believe in God,

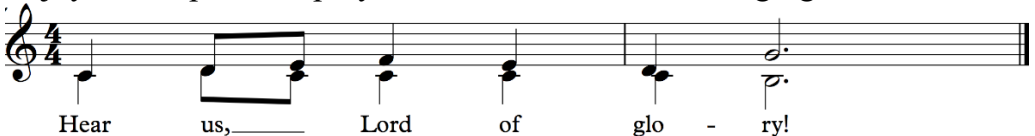
All: **the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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: In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, singing,

All: 

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: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

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 parish, we pray for Let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

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

All: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader: That he may reveal the light of his presence to the poor, the hungry, the weak and the sick... and any others you wish to pray for, aloud or in silence... that they may be comforted and strengthened. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

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 today, Let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

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: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

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.**

The Collect of the Day

Leader: 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.**

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.*

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

Please rise in body or spirit

Offertory Hymn: #539 – “COME, O THOU TRAVELLER UNKNOWN”

Come, O thou Traveller unknown, whom still I hold, but cannot see!
My company before is gone, and I am left alone with thee.
With thee all night I mean to stay and wrestle till the break of day.

I need not tell thee who I am; my misery and sin declare.
Thyself hast called me by my name; look on thy hands and read it there.
But who, I ask thee, who art thou? Tell me thy name, and tell me now.

Yield to me now, for I am weak, but confident in self-despair!
Speak to my heart, in blessing speak; be conquered by my instant prayer.
Speak, or thou never hence shalt move, and tell me if thy name is Love.

'Tis Love! 'Tis Love! Thou diedst for me, I hear thy whisper in my heart.
The morning breaks, the shadows flee, pure, universal Love thou art.
To me, to all, thy mercies move; thy nature and thy name is Love.

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 Prayer Over the Gifts

Leader: 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.**

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

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

Please rise in body or spirit

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

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Closing Hymn: #237 – “NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES”

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Dismissal

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

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

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