

EASY PRINT – Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 14, 2023

Welcome – Fr. Daniel

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Processional Hymn: #484 - “IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST”

In Christ there is no east or west, in Christ no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find,
whose service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be;
who serves my God in truth and love is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in Christ meet south and north;
all faithful souls are joined in one throughout the whole wide earth.

✠ **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: #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: 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 Acts of the Apostles.

Please be seated

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown God.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Acts 17.22-31

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 66.7-18

Please remain seated

The Cantor sings the refrain, all repeat



Cantor: Bless our God, O you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard;
Who holds our souls in life, and suffers not our feet to slip. *Refrain*

Cantor: For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You
brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
Refrain

Cantor: You let enemies ride over our heads, we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of liberty. I will come into your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows, which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. *Refrain*

Cantor: I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices with the smoke of rams; I will sacrifice oxen and goats. Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for my soul. *Refrain*

Cantor: I called out to him with my mouth and his praise was on my tongue. If I had nursed evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me. *Refrain*

Cantor: But in truth God has heard me; he has heeded the voice of my prayer. Blessed by God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his loving mercy from me. *Refrain*



Be joy - ful in God, all you lands.

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

Please be seated

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 Peter 3.13-19, 22

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Sequence Hymn: #653 - “GRACIOUS SPIRIT, HOLY GHOST”

The first two verses are sung before the Gospel.

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost, taught by thee, we covet most,
of thy gifts at Pentecost, holy, heavenly love.

Love is kind, and suffers long; love is meek, and thinks no wrong;
love than death itself more strong; therefore give us love.

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

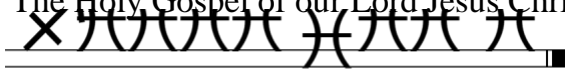
The Gospel

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.

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

John 14.15-21

All:



Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

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

Faith will vanish into sight; hope be emptied in delight;
love in heaven will shine more bright; therefore give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see joining hand in hand agree;
but the greatest of the three, and the best, is love.

Sermon

Please be seated

Anthem - "NEVER ALONE"

Sung by Choir Leads

I've seen the lightning flashing and heard the thunder roll,
I've felt sin's breakers dashing, trying to conquer my soul;
I've heard the voice of Jesus telling me still to fight on:
He promised never to leave me, Never to leave me alone.

The world's fierce winds are blowing temptation's sharp and keen;
I have a peace in knowing my Saviour stands between;
He stands to shield me from danger when all my friends are gone:
He promised never to leave me, never to leave me alone.

*Refrain: No, never alone, No, never alone. He promised never to leave me,
Never to leave me alone, No, never alone, No, never alone;
He promised never to leave ne, never to leave me alone.*

When in affliction's valley I tread the road of care,
My Saviour helps me carry the cross so heavy to bear;
Though all around me is darkness and earthly joys are flown;
He promised never to leave me, never to leave me alone.

He died on Calv'ry's mountain, for me they pierced His side,
for me He opened that fountain, the crimson, cleansing tide;
for me He's waiting in glory up on His heavenly throne,
He promised never to leave me, never to leave me alone. *Refrain*

Leader: O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise. In the Mississauga Deanery cycle of pray we pray for, ... and within the church we pray for Let us pray.

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

Leader: Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family, praying for those parts of our world experiencing strife and need.....Let us pray.

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

Leader: Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right. Let us pray.

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

Leader: Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for healing; and for those who are sick in body or in mind, Let us pray.

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

Leader: Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who have died, ... and your comfort to those who mourn. Let us pray.

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

Leader: We thank you today for mothers, for those women who have nurtured and cared for others and for those fathers and relatives and friends who help and support them. We pray for those who have lost mothers or children, for whom this day is difficult. Give us all your peace and the assurance of your love.

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.**

Please rise in body or spirit

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

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #532 - "WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS"

All sing

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.

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.

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 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.**

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: 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.

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. A large, dense scribble of black ink covers the right half of the first staff and the middle of the second and third staves, obscuring the musical notation and some of the lyrics.

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. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

Priest: All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, 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,
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.

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

Priest: We were buried in your tomb.

People: **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

The Communion

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

Communion Hymn: #489- "FROM THE FALTER OF BREATH"

All sing

From the falter of breath, through the silence of death,
to the wonder that's breaking beyond,
God has woven a way, unapparent by day, for all those of whom heaven is fond.

From frustration and pain, through hope hard to sustain,
to the wholeness here promised, there known, Christ has gone where we fear
and has vowed to be near on the journey we make on our own.

From the dimming of light, through the darkness of night,
to the glory of goodness above, God the Spirit is sent
to ensure heaven's intent is embraced and completed in love.

From today till we die, through all questioning why,
to the place from which time and tide flow, angels tread on our dreams,
and magnificent themes of heaven's promise are echoed below.

Communion Hymn: AAHH #281– “BECAUSE HE LIVES”

All sing

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon an empty grave is there to prove my Saviour
lives.

*Refrain: Because He lives I can face tomorrow; because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He
lives.*

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives; But greater
still the calm assurance. This child can face uncertain day because He lives.

Refrain:

And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain;
and then as death gives way to vict'ry, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He
lives. *Refrain:*

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.**

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: (AAH#377) - "IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL"

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way. When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance
control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin-oh, the bliss of this glorious thought: My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, "Even so," it is well with my soul,
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Dismissal

Priest: Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

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