

EASY PRINT – The Ascension of the Lord – May 20, 2023

Welcome – Fr. Daniel

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Processional Hymn: #246 – “HAIL, THOU ONCE DESPISED JESUS”

Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou universal Saviour! Thou hast borne our sin and shame;
by thy merits we find favour; life is given through thy name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid;
by almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood;
opened is the gate of heaven; peace is made 'twixt us and God.

Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory, there forever to abide,
all the heavenly host adore thee, seated at thy Father's side.
Worship, honour, power, and blessing thou art worthy to receive;
loudest praises, without ceasing, meet it is for us to give.

✠ **The Easter Greeting**

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Priest: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Priest: 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 Collect of the Day

Please kneel or be seated

Priest: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, 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.

Please be seated

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Acts 1.1-11

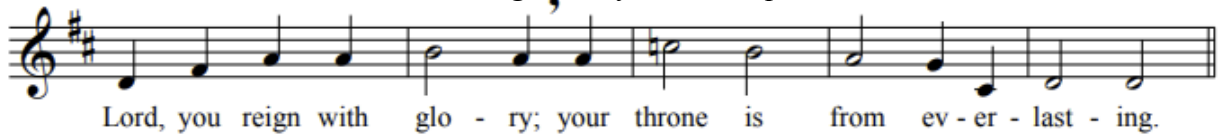
People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 93

Please remain seated

The Cantor sings the refrain, all repeat



Cantor: The Lord is King and has put on glorious apparel; the Lord has put on his glory and girded himself with strength. He has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved. *Refrain*

Cantor: Your throne has been established from of old; you are from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their pounding waves. *Refrain*

Cantor: Mightier than the thunder of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, the Lord on high is mightier. Your testimonies are very sure; holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever. *Refrain*

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians. *Please be seated*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Ephesians 1.15-23

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Please rise in body or spirit

Sequence Hymn: (Tune #363) #245 – “O LORD MOST HIGH, ETERNAL KING”

The first two verses are sung before the Gospel.

O Lord most high, eternal king, by thee redeemed thy praise we sing.
The bonds of death are burst by thee, and grace has won the victory.

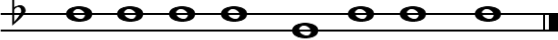
Ascending to the sapphire throne, thou claim'st the kingdom as thine own;
and angels wonder when they see how changed is our humanity.

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

The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you. People: **And also with you.**

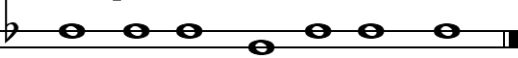
Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said to the disciples, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Priest: The Gospel of Christ. Luke 24.44-53

All: 
Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

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

Be thou our joy, O mighty Lord, as thou wilt be our great reward;
let all our glory be in thee both now and through eternity.

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to thee let earth accord,
who art, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit, one.

Sermon

Please be seated

Choir Anthem – “PROCLAIM THE STORY”

text: Nick Fawcett, Music: Marc-Antoine Charpentier, arr. Noel Rawsthorne

*Proclaim, proclaim the story, the news of him who came that he might die!
Make known to all his glory, lift up his name on high!*

*He comes to reign for evermore, come kneel, adore, bow down in awe,
lift up your hearts and worship Christ, whom God has crowded as Lord!*

*Sing out, sing out hosanna! Rejoice and greet the King of kings!
Lift high his royal banner, lift up your voice and sing.*

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

Priest: 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.**

All: **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.**

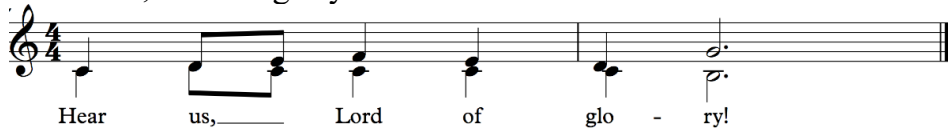
The Prayers of the People

Please kneel or be seated

The Leader offers prayers for the church, the world, the sick and the suffering, and those who have died.

Priest: In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, singing,

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!



Priest: 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!**

Priest: That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel. In the Mississauga Deanery of Prayer, we pray for the Mission and Outreach of Mississauga churches, and in our parish of prayer, for King Garden Residence congregation. Let us pray to the Lord.

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

Priest: 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!**

Priest: For our bishops, Andrew and Kevin, for Charles our King, for Justin our Prime Minister, for Doug our Premier, for Bonnie our Mayor and all in authority..... let us pray to the Lord.

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

Priest: That he may reveal the light of his presence to the poor, the hungry, the weak and the sick,...that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Priest: That his resurrection might give hope to those who mourn, and shed light on those who have died....let us pray to the Lord.

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

Priest: 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!**

Priest: 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

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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.**

Offertory Hymn: #247 – “HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE”

All sing

Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia! to his throne above the skies; alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, alleluia! enters now the highest heaven!
Alleluia!

Highest heaven its Lord receives, alleluia! yet he loves the earth he leaves;
alleluia!
though returning to his throne, alleluia! still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!

See! He lifts his hands above, alleluia! See! He shows the prints of love; alleluia!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow alleluia! blessings on his church below. Alleluia!

Lord, though parted from our sight, alleluia! far above the starry height, alleluia!
grant our hearts may thither rise, alleluia! seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia!

Offertory Sentence

All sing



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise




him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

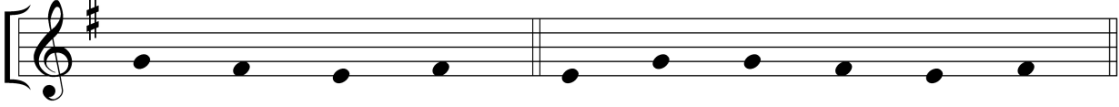
Priest: Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore we praise you with angels and archangels who for ever sing this hymn 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: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to be in your presence. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

Priest: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: **we remember his death; we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Priest: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider:

People:

All sing unaccompanied



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,



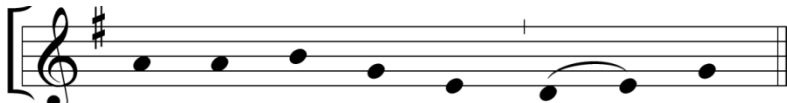
For-give us our sins, as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



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.*

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.**

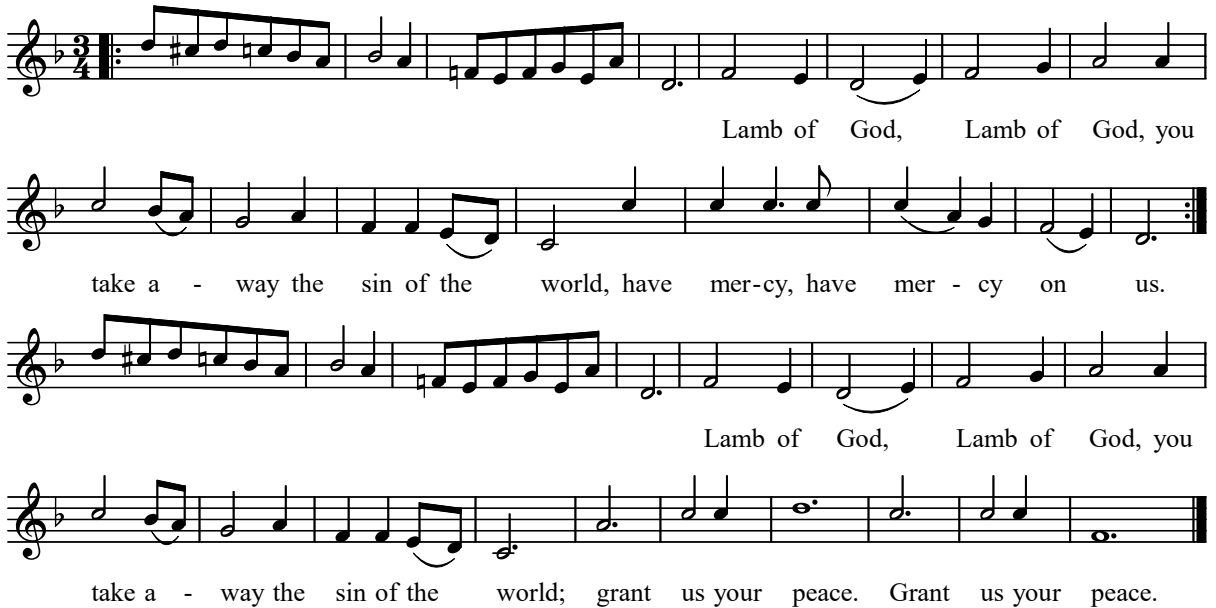
Priest: Live in us that we may live in you.

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
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

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 instinct the wafer for you.

Communion Hymn: #586 – “RISE UP, O SAINTS OF GOD, RISE UP, ...” *All sing*

Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.

Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace the word of hope proclaim.

Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.

Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.

Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod,
And, quick-ended by the Spirit's power, rise up, O saints of God.

Communion Hymn: #482 – “COME AND JOURNEY WITH A SAVIOUR”

All sing

Come and journey with a Saviour who has called us from our birth,
who has washed us in the waters, and who loved us on the earth.

Refrain:

*Come and journey, come and journey with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and daughters; in the Spirit we are one.*

Come and journey, journey inward, come and seek him deep within,
where he meets us in our living, in our striving and our sin. *Refrain:*

Come and journey, journey outward, telling others of his name,
telling others of his glory, of his cross and of the shame. *Refrain:*

Come and journey, journey outward, where that cross calls us to care,
where injustice and where hunger and the poor call us to share. *Refrain:*

Come and journey, journey upward. Sing his praises, offer prayer.
In the storm and in the stillness find his presence everywhere. *Refrain:*

Come and journey, journey onward; all our gifts we now shall bring
to the building of a city that is holy, Christ its King. *Refrain:*

Prayer after Communion

Priest: Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all
the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: Glory to God

Please stand

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 stand & sing

Recessional Hymn: #524 – “O CHRIST, THE GREAT FOUNDATION”

O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand
to preach your true salvation in every age and land:
pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,
to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.

Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,
we bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth.
One holy people gathered in love beyond our own;
by grace we were invited, by grace we make you known.

This is the moment glorious when he, who once was dead,
shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head.
The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings:
the final consummation, the glory of all things.

Dismissal

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

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

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