

EASY PRINT – Second Sunday of Easter – April 7, 2024

Welcome – *Fr. Daniel*

Processional Hymn: #211 – “GOOD CHRISTIANS, ALL, REJOICE AND SING”

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is risen today! Sing songs of praise along his way;
let all the earth rejoice and say: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

✠ **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

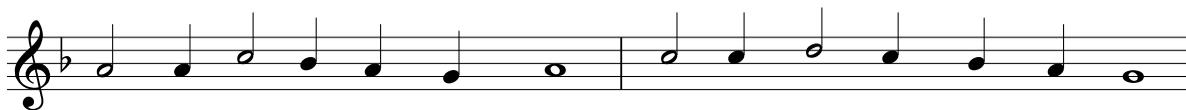
Please remain standing & sing



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 Acts of the Apostles.

Please be seated

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Acts 4.32-35

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm #133

Please remain seated

The Choir sings the refrain, all repeat

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The image shows a musical score for a piano accompaniment of Psalm 133. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 8/8. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with chords and single notes. The piece is divided into six measures by vertical bar lines. The first measure has a treble staff with a chord of F#4, A4, and C5, and a bass staff with a chord of F#2, A2, and C3. The second measure has a treble staff with a chord of F#4, A4, and C5, and a bass staff with a chord of F#2, A2, and C3. The third measure has a treble staff with a chord of F#4, A4, and C5, and a bass staff with a chord of F#2, A2, and C3. The fourth measure has a treble staff with a chord of F#4, A4, and C5, and a bass staff with a chord of F#2, A2, and C3. The fifth measure has a treble staff with a chord of F#4, A4, and C5, and a bass staff with a chord of F#2, A2, and C3. The sixth measure has a treble staff with a chord of F#4, A4, and C5, and a bass staff with a chord of F#2, A2, and C3. The piece ends with a double bar line.

1 How good and pleas'ant it' is

*when God's people live toge'ther in' unity!

2 It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down 'on the' beard,

*running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar 'of his' robe.

3 It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling 'on Mount' Zion.

*For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life for'ever'more.

4 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the 'Holy' Spirit,

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without 'end.

A'men

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of John.

Please be seated

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us - we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 John 1.1-2.2

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Sequence Hymn: #558 – “GOD, WHEN I STAND, NO PATH BEFORE ME CLEAR,”

The first two verses are sung before the Gospel.

God, when I stand, no path before me clear, when every prayer seems prisoner of my pain,
come with a gentleness which calms my fear; Lord of my helplessness, my victory gain.

When all my prayers no answer seem to bring, and there is silence in my deepest soul;
when in the wilderness I find no spring, Lord of the desert places, keep me whole.

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: A musical staff with a treble clef, a single note on the second line, and a bar line at the end.

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

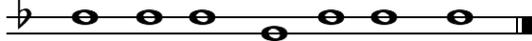
When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when 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 two verses will be sung; after the Gospel.

When the dark Lord of loneliness prevails, and, all defeated, joy and friendship die,
come, be my joy; such love that never fails, pierce the self-pity of my shadowed sky.

When, as did Thomas, I presume thee dead, feeling and faith itself within me cold,
freshen my lips with wine, my soul with bread; banish my poverty with heaven's gold.

Sermon

Please be seated

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

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.**

All: **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: In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, “Hear us, Lord of glory!

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

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 of Prayer, we pray for the Chaplaincy of the Mississauga Trillium Health Partners, in our own parish, we pray for Kathy Gilbert and the St. John’s Online Coffee Hour Group, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Leader: That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Leader: That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, 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 sick and the weak, Lorriane Piotrowski, Jamie Alto, Brian McCormack, Shawn and Dorothy Williams, Ron O'Connor, Jo Shanks, Michael Ainslie, Ron Forden, Julie Smith, Collette Vassell, Barb Vassell, Jennifer Stuart, and Hazel Griffith. Let us pray for those who have died, Calea Grespan and we pray for those who mourn, that they may be comforted and strengthened, 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.**

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.*

Offertory Hymn: #228 – “ALLELUIA! O SONS AND DAUGHTERS”

All sing

Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the glorious King,
o'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia! *Refrain*

When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia! *Refrain*

"My pierced side, O Thomas, see; behold my hands, my feet," said he;
"not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia! *Refrain*

No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia! *Refrain*

How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia! *Refrain*

On this most holy day of days, to God your hearts and voices raise
in laud and jubilee and praise. Alleluia! *Refrain*

Offertory Sentence

All sing



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures 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: 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.**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



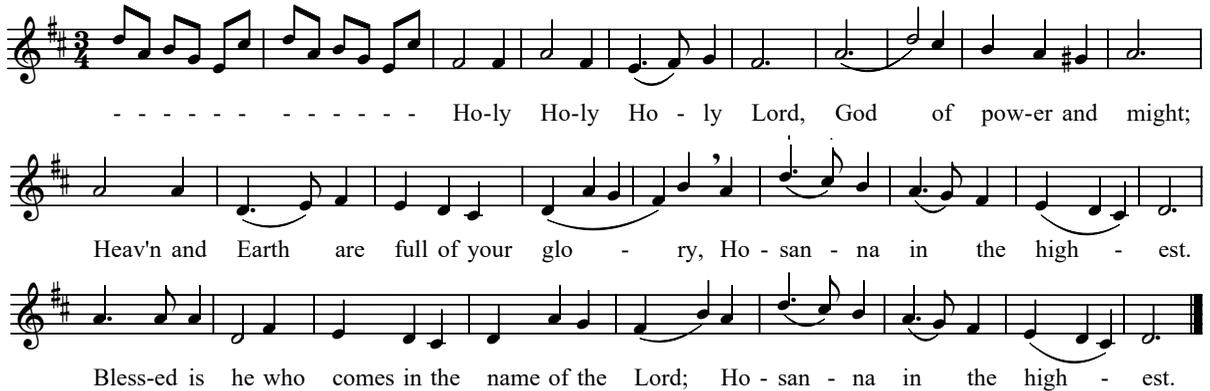
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest: It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever.

Priest: Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing.

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 praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost. Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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 which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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 intinct the wafer for you.*

Communion Hymn: AAHH #291 – “O HOW I LOVE JESUS”

All sing

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth.
It sounds like music in my ear. The sweetest name on earth.
O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me!

It tells me of a Saviour’s love, who died to set me free
It tells me of His precious blood, the sinner’s perfect pleas
O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me!

It tells me what my Father has in store for every day,
And though I tread a gloomy path, Yields sunshine all the way.
O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me!

It tells of One whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe,
Who in each sorrow bears a part, that none can bear below.
O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me!

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 stand

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”

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 in faith to love and serve the Risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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