

## EASY PRINT – Fifth Sunday of Easter – April 28, 2024

**Welcome** – *Fr. Daniel*

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

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:*

### ✠ **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: 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.**

## Dedication of the Processional Torches

Priest: Almighty God, who went before your chosen people, leading them through  
the desert as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, we thank  
you that you still lead us, your people, through our worship, our daily joys  
and trials and, when this life is ended, you lead us into your loving presence.

Priest: Bless, we pray, these processional torches that their light may shine in our midst, as your servant, John Taylor, shone the light of compassion, generosity and care on so many in his lifetime. As they accompany the cross down the aisle, so may you accompany us in our journeys; as they shine upon the Gospel as it is read, so may we bear witness to the Gospel in our lives. May we, with John, and all your beloved, know the grace of your light and the fire of your love, in this world and in eternity. All this we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

*Please be seated*

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Acts 8.26-40


People: **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

Psalm # 22.24-30

*Please remain seated*

REFRAIN *The Choir sings the refrain, all repeat* Surinder S. Mundra  
May 5, 2009



The poor shall eat\_\_\_ and be sa-tis-fied; those who seek God\_\_\_ will be ful-filled.

Cantor: For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; / he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him. // From you comes my praise in the great congregation; / my vows I will pay before those who fear him. //

**REFRAIN**

Cantor: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. / May your hearts live for ever! // All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; / and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. // **REFRAIN**

Cantor: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. / To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; // before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. / Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. // **REFRAIN**

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of John.

*Please be seated*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 John 4.7-21

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

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 for evermore.

*(Cantor: Why did he come?) (repeat stanza)*

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 for evermore.

*(Cantor: Why did he come?) (repeat stanza)*

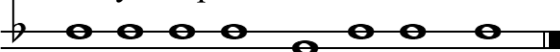
*The last verse will be sung; after the Gospel.*

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: 

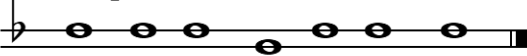
Glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will

be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

John 15.1-8

All: 

Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

*The last verse will be 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 for evermore.

*(Cantor: Why did he come?) (repeat stanza)*

## Sermon

*Please be seated*

## The Nicene Creed

*Please stand*

Leader: Let us confess our faith as we say,

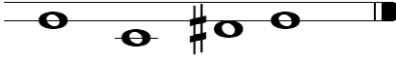
All: **We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with 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. 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.*

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

All:   
Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: That our risen Saviour may fill the world with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Priest: That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel. In the Mississauga Deanery we pray for ..., and in our own parish we pray for the ..., let us pray to the Lord.

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

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

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

Priest: That those who have died may be with God in eternity,... let us pray to the Lord.

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

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*

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: (AAHH# 419) - "HIGHER GROUND"

*All sing*

I'm pressing on the upward way, new heights I'm gaining ev'ry day;  
Still praying as I'm onward bound, "Lord, plant my feet on higher ground"

*Refrain: Lord, lift me up, and let me stand by faith, on heaven's tableland;  
A higher plain than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

My heart has no desire to stay where doubts arise and fears dismay;  
Thought some may swell where these abound, my prayer, my aim, is higher ground. *Refrain*

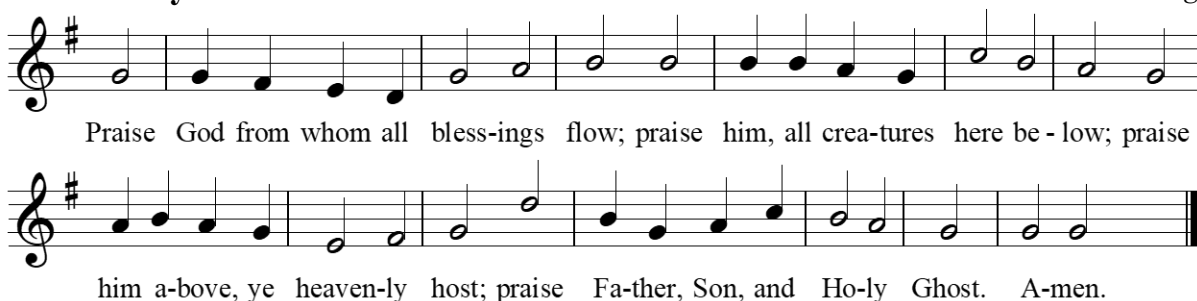


I want to live above the world, though Satan's darts at me are hurled;  
For faith has caught a joyful sound, The Song of saints on higher ground. *Refrain:*

I want to scale the utmost height, and catch a gleam of glory bright;  
But still I'll pray for heaven I've found. "Lord, lead me on to higher ground."  
*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: 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.**

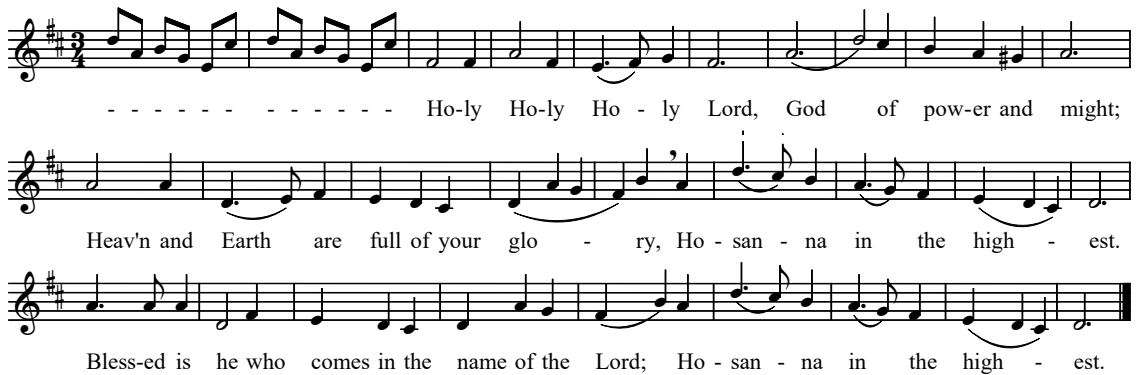


*Presider:* The Lord be with you. *People:* And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## 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: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honour your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

Priest: On the night before he died for us, our Saviour Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Priest: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our saviour Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honour, glory and praise, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*All sing*

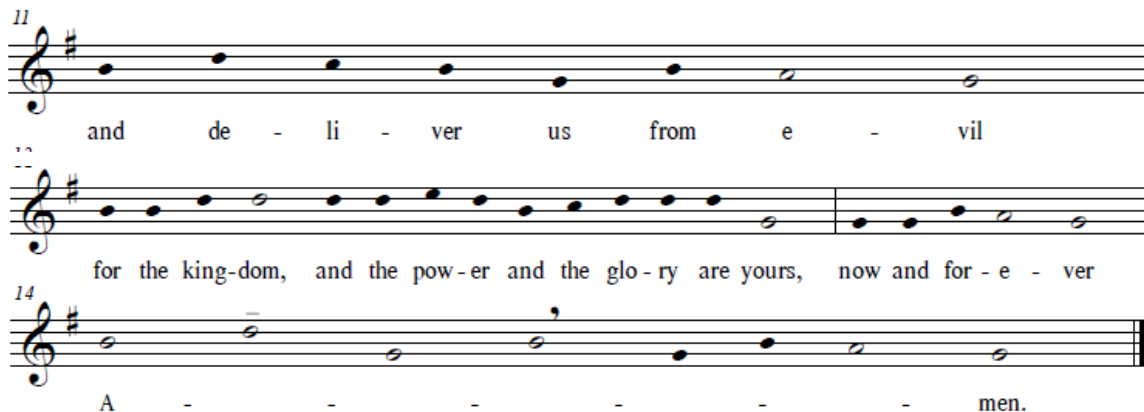
Presider: People: Surinder S. Mundra

As our Sa - viour taught us let us pray. 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.



Priest: “I am the bread which has come down from heaven,” says the Lord.

All: **Give us this bread for ever.**

Priest: “I am the vine, you are the branches.”

All: **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Priest: 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 Priest and those worshipping with us online.*

Online: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, and for all the pain that you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

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 intinct the wafer for you.*

### Communion Hymn: #450 – “YOU CALL US, LORD TO BE”

*All sing*

You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart, to feel with thoughtful mind  
and think with tender heart. Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask  
for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbour too, to take the risk, and dare  
to show what love can do. Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask  
for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task

You call us, Lord, to be good stewards of the earth; to tend it as a place  
of blessedness and worth. Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask  
for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live, to know we best receive  
when joyfully we give. Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask  
for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

## Prayer after Communion

Priest: 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.**

*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: – “IN CHRIST ALONE” (*Hymn Request*)

In Christ alone, my hope is found  
he is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
the wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
here in the death of Christ I live, I live

There in the ground His body lay  
light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
this is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand

## Dismissal

Priest: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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