



Order of Service for May 24, 2020  
Ascension Sunday  
Jerusalem Sunday  
10:00 am  
A Service of the Word  
Officiating: The Rev'd Fergus Tyson



**lifting up his hands,  
he blessed them**

**Luke 24:50**

# A Service of the Word

## The Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: Hail the Day (screen)

Greeting and Collect of the Day (screen)

## The Proclamation of the Word

### The First Reading

My Dear Theophilus, In my first book I gave you some account of all that Jesus began to do and teach until the time of his ascension. Before he ascended he gave his instructions, through the Holy Spirit, to the special messengers of his choice. For after his suffering he showed himself alive to them in many convincing ways, and appeared to them repeatedly over a period of forty days talking with them about the affairs of the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating a meal with them, he emphasised that they were not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the Father's promise. "You have already heard me speak about this," he said, "for John used to baptise with water, but before many days are passed you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit." This naturally brought them all together, and they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" To this he replied, "You cannot know times and dates which have been fixed by the Father's sole authority. But you are to be given power when the Holy Spirit has come to you. You will be witnesses to me, not only in Jerusalem, not only throughout Judea, not only in Samaria, but to the very ends of the earth!" When he had said these words he was lifted up before their eyes till a cloud hid him from their sight. While they were still gazing up into the sky as he went, suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them and said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? This very Jesus who has been taken up from you into Heaven will come back in just the same way as you have seen him go."

ACTS 1:1-11 (J.B. Phillips New Testament)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 22a Philippians 2.6-11 (screen)

### The Holy Gospel

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then he said, "Here and now are fulfilled the words that I told you when I was with you: that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must come true." Then he opened their minds so that they could understand the scriptures, and added, "That is how it was written, and that is why it was inevitable that Christ should suffer, and rise from the dead on the third day. So must the

change of heart which leads to the forgiveness of sins be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. "You are eye-witnesses of these things. Now I hand over to you the command of my Father. Stay in the city, then, until you are clothed with power from on high." Then he led them outside as far as Bethany, where he blessed them with uplifted hands. While he was in the act of blessing them he was parted from them and was carried up to Heaven. They worshipped him, and turned back to Jerusalem with great joy, and spent their days in the Temple, praising and blessing God. LUKE 24:44-53 (J.B. Phillips New Testament)

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Homily

Affirmation of Faith (screen)

Confession and Absolution (screen)

The Peace (screen)

Offertory (screen)

Prayer over the Gifts (screen)

## The Prayers of the People

Ascension Sunday Litany (screen)

Prayer for Jerusalem Sunday (screen)

O God, We give thanks that your dear Son has gathered us in the embrace of his redeeming love and sent us to make that love known to the ends of the earth. We pray your continued blessings on the steadfast witness of the Church in Jerusalem and throughout the Middle East. Give your deep joy to those who welcome the pilgrims seeking to know this land and its many peoples. Grace those who proclaim the Gospel. Guide all who teach a new generation of young people. Draw near to those who are sick and bless those who tend them. Sustain the hope in all who long and labour for a just and lasting peace in the land of The Holy One. And may the companions of Jerusalem be many and faithful. We pray in the name of our merciful Saviour, Friend, and Brother, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Written by the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz)

Prayer in Response to COVID-19 (screen)

The Lord's Prayer (screen)

Closing Hymn: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (screen)

The Blessing

Dismissal (screen)

Post-Service Virtual Coffee Time (via Zoom)

# Prayers for This Week

*(bold italics indicate new or special emphasis this week)*

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray **for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world; for the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, and all primates and bishops; for members of the Anglican Consultative Council; for the Secretary General, The Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon; for the staff at the Anglican Communion Office in London and the UN offices in Geneva and New York.**

In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle: In the Anglican Church we pray for **Bishop John Chapman, Assistant Bishop Michael Bird, the people and clergy of the Diocese of Ottawa** and in the Lutheran Church we pray for **the staff of the Saskatchewan Synod.**

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the parish of **Church of the Good Shepherd, Calgary**, and for their clericum incumbent **Derwyn Costinak**. We also pray for **our Missional Coaches.**

**We lift to you our friends**, in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands.

In our Parish Cycle, we **pray for the safety and well-being of all members of our Parish, and pledge to stay connected with one another and face the challenges of COVID-19 together; we remember our clergy, Fergus Tyson, Cyril Haynes, Norman Knowles, Bob Mummery, and their families; and we especially uphold all who are infirm, immune-compromised, or on the front lines in this battle.**

**We pray for our foster child** Desta Keweti.

**Heavenly Father**, giver of life and health, comfort and strengthen those of our parish who are sick, injured or distressed, and those approaching or recovering from surgery, especially we lift up to you **the family of Joy (Abby's sister), the family of Barrin, Antony, Judy, Raymond (uncle of Paul), the family of John, Crystal (niece of Rosemarie), Bill & Pat, for the family of Bob, the family of Carmen, John, the family of Bonnie, Gerald and Louise (Shannon's father and mother), Molly (mother of Sian), the family of Simon, Stephen, Dwight (Dorothy-Ann's cousin), Jo, the family of Brenda (relative of the Collers), the family of Joan (mother of Richard), Tracy, Roxie and the family of Andy, Harry (friend of Ian and Kathleen), Julia, the Herritt family in their bereavement, Gael, Verna and her family, Michael, Barb, Jen, Patrick, the family of Helen, Eleanor, Lena, Dorothy, the family of Mauricia (mother of Ella), Max & Rebecca, Anne, Dozy's & Obie's family, Kathy, Kevin, Richard (friend of Anne), Terry, Jerrod, Lynne (sister of Sheila), Melissa and her family (friends of Jenn), Dennis, Mike, Val, Martin, Sheila, Melissa and her family, Adrianna, Peggy, Bob and Joanne, the family of Douglas, Michelle, Ian, the family of Nina, Pat, Christine, Rick (brother of Sheila), Gwen, Jacqueline, Ellen, Monika (mother of Dennis), Kathy (daughter of Bob & Joanne), Trudy (cousin of Iona), Len, Andrea's and Andrew's family, Margaret, Marlene and the family of James (father of Allison).**

**We pray for containment of the COVID-19 coronavirus worldwide; protection for nurses and all those on the front lines or especially vulnerable to its effects; and full restoration of health for all those who are ill with it.**

**We pray for** all struggling economically, and **all those affected by floods in northern Alberta** and elsewhere, or by fires, storms or other natural disasters. We pray for us all to stand together in hard times.

**We pray for** peace and justice in our own country and for an end to violence throughout the world. In particular, we pray for those whose lives have been torn apart by the violence, **especially the people of Nova Scotia**; safe haven for all who have fled their homes; repentance for the perpetrators of evil; and for protection and guidance for all in law enforcement or our military in danger at home or overseas. **Especially, we remember the families and friends of the members of the Armed Forces who died in a helicopter crash in Greece on April 29; and Capt. Jenn Casey, who died in a Snowbirds' crash in Kamloops on May 17.** May your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to seek just resolutions to all conflicts, that all people may come to know your peace that passes all understanding and war be no more.

**We thank you** for your healing touch which sustains us every day; **for how you share this touch through nurses and all health care workers and caregivers; for the improving health of Harry (friend of Ian and Kathleen) and Louise (mother of Shannon);** and for all the many **other** healings that have taken place in our parish, and for your unending mercy as you hear our prayers.



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Denis and Ansa Broadhurst.