



St. Thomas Anglican Church

Loving God, loving each other, loving our neighbours



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May 15, 2022 - 9:00 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Holy Eucharist

The Book of Alternative Services

Celebrant: Fr. Allen Doerksen

Musicians: Jennifer McGregor and Co.

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional, ancestral and unceded lands of the Stó:lō peoples. May the living Christ lead us all on pathways of reconciliation and peace.

The Gathering of the Community

Announcements

Greeting

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Officiant May his grace and peace be with you.

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

Opening Hymn: *Great Things*

Verse 1

Come, let us worship our King

Come, let us bow at His feet. He has done great things

See what our Savior has done

See how His love overcomes

He has done great things. He has done great things

Chorus

O Hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave

You free every captive and break every chain

O God, You have done great things

We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive

O Jesus our Savior, Your name lifted high

O God, You have done great things

Verse 2

You've been faithful through every storm

You'll be faithful forevermore. You have done great things

And I know You will do it again

For Your promise is yes and amen

You will do great things. God, You do great things

Chorus

O Hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave

You free every captive and break every chain

O God, You have done great things

We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive

O Jesus our Savior, Your name lifted high

O God, You have done great things

Bridge

Hallelujah, God above it all!
Hallelujah, God unshakable!
Hallelujah, You have done great things! Hallelujah,
God above it all!
Hallelujah, God unshakable!
Hallelujah, You have done great things!
You've done great things

Chorus

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You free every captive and break every chain
O God, You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive
O Jesus our Savior, Your name lifted high
O God, You have done great things

Ending

You have done great things
O, God You do great things

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Collect for Purity

Almighty God,
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.

Song of Praise: *Because of Your Love*

Verse

As we come into Your presence
We remember ev'ry blessing
That You've poured out so freely from above
Lifting gratitude and praises
For compassion so amazing
Lord we've come to give You thanks
For all You've done

Chorus

Because of Your love, we're forgiven
Because of Your love, our hearts are clean
We lift You up with songs of freedom
Forever we're changed because of Your love

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The Collect

God of glory,
**whose Beloved took the shadowed road of death
and found life in the darkness:
may his love be our law, so that, undimmed by fear,
we may witness to the power of new birth,
through Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading: Acts 11: 1 – 18

Deb Edwards

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you



go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed

animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.

The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us today. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148 *Laudate Dominum*

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; *

praise God in the heights.

2 Praise the Lord all you angels; *

sing praises, all you heavenly host.

3 Praise the Lord, sun and moon; *

sing praises, all you shining stars.

4 Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, *

sing praises, you waters above the heavens.

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Easter 5

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord; *
who gave the command and they were created,
6 who made them stand fast for ever and ever, *
who gave them a law which shall not pass away.
7 Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
8 fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;
9 mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
10 wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and wingèd birds;
11 sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
12 young men and young women, *
old and young together.
13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, *
whose name only is exalted,
whose splendour is over earth and heaven.
14 The Lord has raised up strength for this people *
and praise for all loyal servants,
the children of Israel, *
a people who are near to the Lord. Hallelujah!

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, Amen.

The Second Reading: Revelation 21: 1 – 6

Deb Edwards

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha

and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us today. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: *We Cannot Measure How You Heal*, v. 1,2 CP 292

Gospel Reading: John 13: 31 – 35 Norma Watson

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’



The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Gradual: *We Cannot Measure How You Heal*, v. 3 CP 292

Sermon: Fr. Allen

Time of Reflection

Affirmation of Faith – Apostles Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.**

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People – David Westcott

During pauses please add any names you have in mind silently or aloud.

Let us say a prayer for all those who need to be remembered today. For the citizens of Ukraine, for everyone we know who have lost loved ones, for those who are sick Donna, Gordon, Eric, R.J., Jim and Norma Karin, Vera J.D., Laura, David, Cheryl, Bob, Wayne, and Emma.

Let us pray to the Lord. (*Pause*) **Lord have mercy.**

Let us pray for those who have made news headlines today, because of what they have done or said.

Let us pray to the Lord. (*Pause*) **Lord have mercy.**

For those who have been brought to our attention today, through a meeting or a conversation.

(*Pause*) **Lord have mercy.**

For those who are in a hospital, in care or in a place strange to them.

(*Pause*) **Lord have mercy.**

For those in whose family, marriage, or close relationship there is stress or breakup.

(*Pause*) **Lord have mercy.**

For those who are waiting for a birth, or a word that someone else must say.

(*Pause*) **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who need to forget the god they do not believe in and meet the God who believes in them.

(*Pause*) **Lord, have mercy.**

For those whose love or need we should not forget to share with God tonight. Lord, we believe that you hear our prayer, and will be faithful

to your promise to answer us. When our eyes open tomorrow, may they do so, not to end our devotions but to expect your kingdom.

For Jesus' sake. Amen

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory: *Come, People of the Living God*, vs.1,2

CP 554

Ubi Caritas et Amor (Taize) - sing 3X

CP 553

Prayer Over the Gifts

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer

♫The Lord be with you. **And also 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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life.

Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

♫**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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 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."

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.

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

Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

♪As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion: *Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me*

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

Verse 2

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour, he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, his power is displayed

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

Verse 3

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

Ending

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

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Prayer after Communion

All your works praise you, O Lord.
And your faithful servants bless you.

**Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body, live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Closing Song: *O Praise Ye the Lord*

CP 330

Dismissal

Alleluia, Risen Christ, you call us to a life of Love.

We will live in charity and steadfast love. Alleluia.

Announcements

Retirement announcement

The Rev. Jennifer Burgoyne has decided to retire as of May 31st this year; she has requested that we not hold a special service or event for her retirement. As a parish we are very grateful for her ministry on behalf of the St. Thomas community over many years both before her ordination and after. Her ministry touched almost every area of our common life and her gifts and talents impacted the St. Thomas community deeply!

Please pray for Rev. Jennifer as she enters a new phase of her life.

Pastoral Care Need

With the retirement of Rev. Jennifer, we need to figure out how to manage pastoral care across our parish.

Here are some ideas, consider each one prayerfully as you are able:

1. A Phone coordinator who will be able to receive calls detailing when people are ill or in hospital; the phone coordinator could then call Fr. Allen if he is needed.
2. Please email or call Gail at the office (or leave a voicemail) to let us know which names needed to the prayer list and which names need to come off (for Prayers of the People)
3. Sending out get well cards to people who are ill.

A book has been placed in the narthex in which people can add prayer requests.

If you can help with one or more of these areas, please connect with the Wardens and Fr. Allen.

Communion is back . . .

We are now able to receive communion of both kinds.

More than ever, we need volunteers to make our service complete: readers, intercessors, greeters, servers, Altar Guild.

Please talk to Fr. Allen or the wardens if you can help.



There is a **sign-up sheet** in the Narthex for both **Altar flowers** and **Sunday Coffee** for the rest of the year.

May Coffee Socials for 2022



It's an important time to reflect, meet and enjoy fellowship with your fellow parishioners. **For this month it will be May 15th (TODAY) and 29th right after church service.** They will be hosted by Irene Tisdale and her sidekicks Ted T. and Bob J. Hope to see you there. /Wayne A.

Care and Share

St. Thomas will be a recipient of Care and Share funding that comes through the gifts of parishioners throughout the diocese.

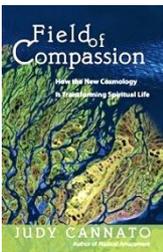
Please pick up a brochure when you come to the church and read about the focus for 2022-23. Our funding will be tied to the work of **Swallowtail Society** which aids people on the street through food ministry and then clinical counselling. Swallowtail is the work of Jolene and Jay Holland, participants in our congregation. They often can't make the service because they're busy collecting and sorting food.



2022 Offering envelopes are now available.

Contact Wayne or Jan for a set or email the church office.

Spiritual formation during **EASTER**



Book Study (Zoom) with Fr. Allen - Next session is on May 4 covering Chapter 7:

Field of Compassion: How the New Cosmology is Transforming Spiritual Life. Wednesdays at 7 pm.

The book is available as a paperback or for your Kindle or Kobo e-reader. Each participant is responsible for purchasing their own book.

Please read the chapters assigned before the group session since the discussion will be on the reading.

The link to join and reading list are on the Events Section of the website.

No expertise needed, come with your questions, your wonder, and your willing hearts!



Men's Breakfast at Jimmy Jay's Restaurant. **The next one is May 28, 2022 at 8 AM.** If you have a topic to be discussed let me know as it is a good place to bring them up. No one seems to go away without at least offering an interesting point and/or comment or two! It's just an easy-going session while enjoying time spent in fellowship with

God's atmospheric presence if I may put it that way.

Contact me at 604-845-7234 or email at w_adams@shaw.ca if you are interested in attending. I know it's early but they don't take reservations on the weekend and the only way I can get enough seating is to be there at 0730. As well I usually attempt to remind everyone interested in attending the week of the breakfast. Hope to see some new blood there bringing more ideas to our group. Wayne Adams

Memorial Garden

We will be putting a fence around the Memorial Garden to help with the vandalism; this development is unfortunate but necessary.

Retreat at Sorrento Centre

If you might be interested in going to Sorrento Centre located at Sorrento by Little Shuswap Lake Sept 6-9 please drop me or Dick Martin (frogeyescarlet1275@gmail.com) a line. Presently we're exploring the feasibility of a retreat of interested parishioners during that Tues-Fri period.

****NEXT SERVICE** May 22, 6th Sunday of Easter**

The First Reading: Acts 16:9 – 15, Barb Westcott

Psalm: 67

The Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5

Gospel Reading: **John 14:23 – 29**

or John 5:1 – 9, Fr. Allen

Prayers of the People: Norma Watson

Lay Administrator: Donna Kingdon, David Westcott

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Please make yourself known to our Clergy and the greeters
And ***join us for coffee following the service.***

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