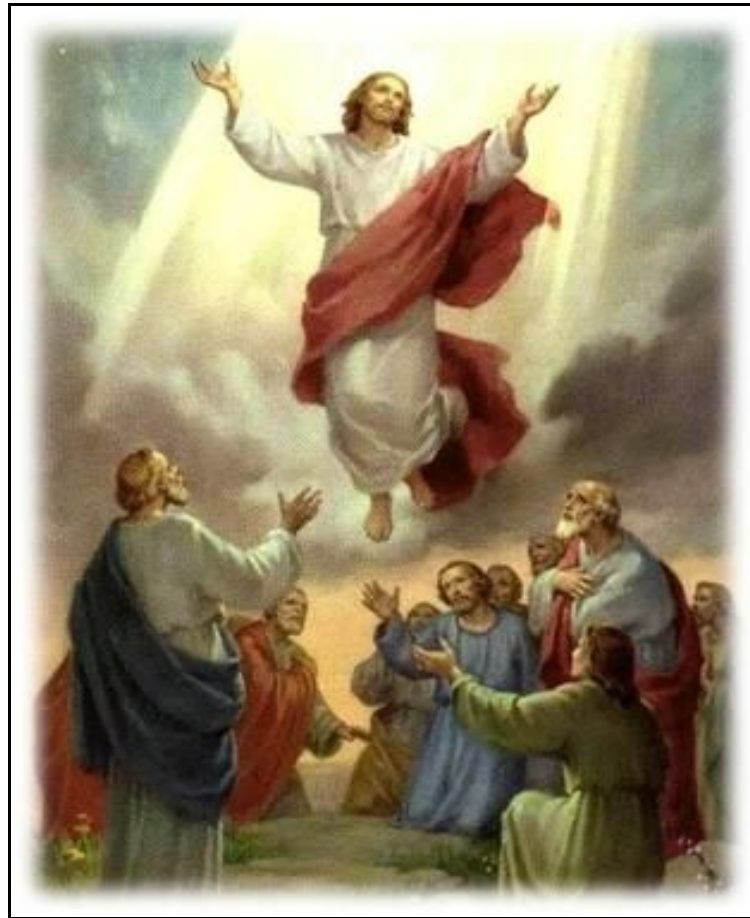


# Ascension of the Lord

THURSDAY, MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> 2022



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## HOLY EUCHARIST (Book of Alternative Services)

*Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of the age. Matthew 28:19, 20*

**Prelude** *Intermezzo (from 'Symphony No. 6')* C.M. Widor

**Opening Hymn** *Hail the Day That See Him Rise* **Blue Book 247 vv. 1, 6**

**GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY** **Green Book p. 185**

**Greeting**

**Collect for Purity**

**Glory to God** **Blue Book 686**

**Collect of the Day**

*Presider* Let us pray.  
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.

*People* **Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**First Reading** *Acts 1:1-11* **Pew Bible, New Testament p. 90**

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."

**Psalm 47**

Chant: Gerald Knight  
**Green Book 764**

**Second Reading** *Ephesians 1:15-23*

**Pew Bible, New Testament p. 148**

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.

**Holy Gospel** *Luke 24:44-53*

**Pew Bible, New Testament p. 69**

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said to them, "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.

*At the conclusion:*

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Homily**

*Please be seated*

**Nicene Creed**

**p. 188**

*Please stand*

**Prayers of the People**

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

**Confession and Absolution**

**p. 191**

**Peace**

**p. 192**

**Offertory Hymn** *At the Name of Jesus*

**Blue Book 375 vv. 1, 5**

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Prayer over the Gifts**

*Presider* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer 3**

**p. 198**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

**Blue Book 735**

**Lord's Prayer** p. 211

**Breaking of the Bread 8** p. 213

**Communion** *Please remember to leave your mask on until you receive wine from the chalice and resume wearing it immediately after.* p. 213

**Jesus, Lamb of God** **Blue Book 747**

*Please move to the communion station closest to you.*

**Communion Motet** *God Is Ascended Up On High* German 16<sup>th</sup> C. Carol

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Presider* Let us pray.  
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.

*People* **Amen.**

**Doxology** p. 214

**Post Communion Hymn** *O Lord Most High, Eternal King* **Blue Book 245 vv. 1, 4**

### **Blessing & Dismissal**

*The Deacon dismisses the congregation in these or similar words:*

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Trumpet Tune in F* David Johnson

*This service is being live-streamed and recorded.*

*Presider* – **The Very Rev'd Paul Millward**

*Preacher* – **The Rev'd Michael DeKay**

*Deacon and Intercessor* – **The Reverend Pat Henderson**

*Organist* – **Ian Sadler**

*Choristers*– **Stacey Clark and Catharine Sadler, soprano; Kelsey Lenti, alto;**

**James Smith, tenor; Jaime Barrow, bass**

*Server* – **Doug Campbell**

*Reader* – **John Fooks**

*Live Stream* – **Kyle Gascho**

*Sound Technician* – **Daniel Aldcroft**

*Warden* – **John Fooks**

## Notice to St. Paul's Patrons – Traffic Disruptions

The City has started construction for phase 2 of the "Downtown Loop" project. This construction may affect your traffic route especially if you travel west along Queen's Ave. from St. Paul's.

### Traffic changes

The following traffic restrictions will be in place:

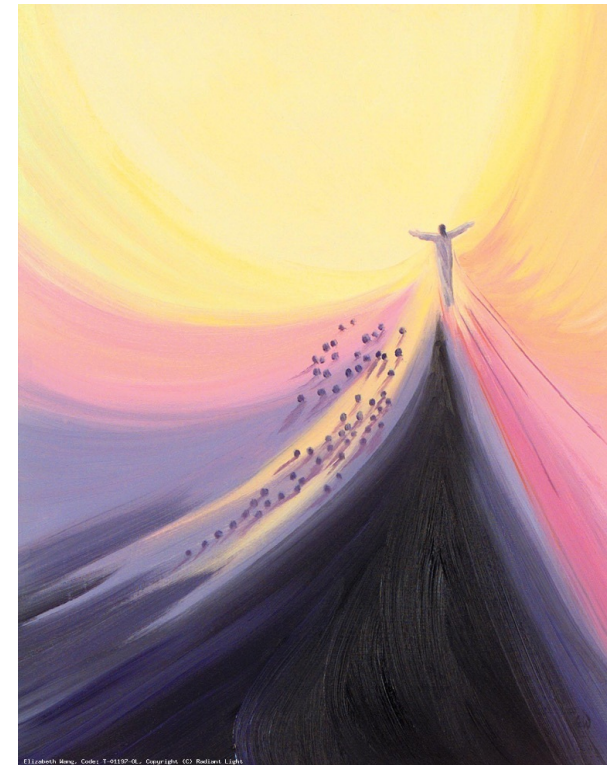
1. Ridout Street North between Fullarton Street and Queens Avenue will be closed to all road users;
2. both Queens Avenue from Talbot Street to Ridout Street, and Ridout Street North between Queens Avenue and King Street will experience temporary lane restrictions; and
3. temporary traffic diversions will be implemented for Dundas Place.

These road closures and restrictions are expected to be in place for around four months. The areas of Queens Avenue undergoing construction will shift as work progresses easterly this year, which will require closures and restrictions in the months ahead.



**Above:** A map graphic showing the location of upcoming construction work for Phase 2 of the Downtown Loop on Queens Avenue and Ridout Street North. Vehicle traffic will be detoured to Dufferin Avenue and York Street during these closures and restrictions.

**SUGGESTION ...** if Queens Ave. is clogged, travel north to Oxford Street or south to York Street then west.



### Thy Kingdom Come

We encourage all parishioners to pray daily between Ascension and Pentecost as part of the world-wide movement called "Thy Kingdom Come."

Since its start in 2016, when the Archbishops of Canterbury and York first invited the Church of England to mark this time in prayer, the movement has spread to more than 170 countries, as Christians pray, "Come, Holy Spirit" so that friends, neighbours, and colleagues might deepen their faith in Christ. You can learn more about this movement and find resources to explore [here](https://www.thykingdomcome.global). (https://www.thykingdomcome.global)

We hope that you find your own prayer life deepened during these upcoming eleven days.

Art by Elizabeth Wang, entitled "Christ comes from the heart of the Father and draws us back into the Divine embrace"