



## *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*May 14, 2023*

*10:30 am*

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*The Right Reverend Dr. Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron  
The Reverend Canon Rob Lemon, Rector  
The Reverend Canon Tom Patterson, Deacon  
The Reverend Stephanie Donaldson, Deacon  
The Reverend Allie McDougall, Assistant Curate*

### **The Gathering of the Community**

**Prelude**

*Stephane Potvin*

**Processional Hymn #474**

*Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet*

**Opening Prayers**

*BAS p. 185*

**Act of Praise** *(Please refer to the pew leaflet)*

## **The Collect of the Day**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

**First Reading**                      Acts 17: 22-31                      *Carrie Bockus*

**Psalm 66: 7-18**                      *BAS p. 786*

**Second Reading**                      1 Peter 3: 13-22                      *Louise McColl*

**Gradual Hymn #212**                      *Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er*

**The Gospel**                      John 14: 15-21  
*Deacon:*                      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
   according to John.

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

*At the conclusion of the Gospel:*

*Deacon:*                      The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Sermon**                      *The Rev'd Tim Elliott*

**The Nicene Creed**                      *BAS p. 188*

**Prayers of the People**                      *Jane Whittemore*

*Response:*                      **Lord hear our prayer.**

**Confession and Absolution**                      *BAS p. 191*

**The Peace**                      *BAS p. 192*

**Peal of the Bells**                      *Peter Ryde*

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

### **Offertory Hymn #429**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name.

**Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer #3**      *BAS p. 198*

*Sanctus*      *Music Pamphlet*

**The Lord's Prayer**      *BAS p. 211*

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

**Agnus Dei**      *Music Pamphlet*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

### **The Communion**

*All Christians of any age are welcome to receive communion with this community of God's people. At the time of communion, please come forward. The bread will be placed in your outstretched hands to which you may wish to respond "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available. You are invited to drink from the common cup. If you are uncomfortable drinking from the cup, you may pass by the chalice bearer or stop and touch the cup or bow your head briefly. In the Anglican tradition, it is completely acceptable to receive communion by only the bread or only the wine. If you are not receiving communion but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you.*

## Communion Hymn #472

*Eternal God, Lord of All Space*

## Prayer After Communion

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

**Amen**

## Pilgrimage Blessing

## Doxology

*BAS p. 214*

## The Blessing

## Recessional Hymn #305

*God Is Our Song*

## Dismissal

## Postlude

*Stephane Potvin*

A very special Thank You to  
**The Rev'd Tim Elliott**  
For Preaching & Celebrating for us today

The flowers on the Altar today are given to  
the glory of God in loving memory of:  
~ **Loved Ones** ~  
From Larry & Phyllis Davis & Family

The flowers on the Pedestal today are given to  
the glory of God and in celebration of:  
~ **Bridget Louise Donaldson's Birthday** ~  
With Love, Silly Nana  
(The Rev'd Stephanie Donaldson)

## **NOTICES FOR MAY 14TH**

### **Outreach Lunch Following Today's Service**

You are invited to the Outreach Lunch today right after the 10:30 service. If there are friends and family members you'd like to invite to church plus lunch, bring them along! Free will offerings received at the lunch will go to Optimism Place, Stratford's only women's shelter, providing refuge for women and children experiencing domestic abuse and violence. Selena Jones of Optimism Place will be with us to tell you about their work and answer your questions. Good food, good fellowship and good work for our community - don't miss it!

### **ACW Luncheon**

Our ACW Thank You Luncheon is being held on Thursday May 18, starting with coffee at 10:00. Department Heads be sure to invite any workers that helped you in your department over the length of the Sale - neighbours, friends, relatives, strangers, Bridge Partners - who are not regular Parishioners here at St. James. This "Free Lunch" is to be enjoyed by all who "pitched in" to help us.

Our Guest Speaker is from "Operation Organize" - seems fitting. Please be sure to let Karen know (519-273-5398) who is coming or sign up on the form at the back of the Church on Sunday.

### **Joint Ascension Service**

Please join us on Thursday May 18 at 5pm for a special joint service celebrating the Ascension of Our Lord at St. Paul's Anglican Church. Following the service we are planning to go to over to Bru Garden (156 Waterloo St.) for food and fellowship.

### **Upcoming Men's Breakfast**

The next Men's Breakfast is Saturday May 20 at 8:30 am. Coffee, Tea, and Juice will be standing by at 8:15 am. We extend an extra welcome to any male members of the congregation who may not yet have attended a Men's Breakfast to join us. Free-will offerings are accepted.

### **Summer's A Coming**

Music and Stories for Life's Journey – Featuring Tim Elliott (piano) and Judy Maddren (Readings). Concert takes place on Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church. Free-will offering to support St. Paul's Foodbank. Non-perishable donations welcome.

## **Jazz Vespers**

The next Jazz Vespers will be on Sunday June 4 at 4 p.m. featuring the Paul Shilton Quartet: Paul Shilton, piano; Larry Larson, trumpet; Mike McClennan, bass; Dave Campion, drums. Please invite your friends to this informal evening worship service.

## **Food Bank Needs**

Thanks everyone for your donations in April! The “Treat” and school lunch tables are looking great, and there’s a pretty good supply on the shelves. But now our personal care table is looking very bare. What we need most right now are:

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| - Deodorant (men’s and women’s) | -Kleenex (pocket packs) |
| - Shampoo                       | -Adult Toothbrushes     |
| - Bar soap and body wash        | -Dish Detergent         |

## **City Wide Youth Event**

EVENT: ONE Night, presented by the Stratford and Area Youth Ministry Network

WHO: Any and all youth/youth groups in Stratford and area

WHEN: Wednesday June 7, 7-9 pm.

WHERE: Memorial Baptist Church, 113 Bruce Street Stratford (outside weather permitting, inside if it's raining)

WHAT: Fun, games, refreshments, connecting with other youth, worship, speaker (representative from [preparedtoanswer.org](http://preparedtoanswer.org) will be sharing)

Participants are asked to bring lawn chairs/blankets to sit on if the event will be outdoors.

## **Upcoming Readings - Sunday May 21**

Acts 1: 6-14

Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35

Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11

John 17: 1-11

Chancel Team #1

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 14- Outreach Lunch following today's Service.  
May 17 - Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. BCP Service  
Christian Meditation at 4:30 p.m.  
May 18 - Celtic Prayer Service on ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.  
ACW Luncheon Meeting starting at 10:00 a.m.  
Joint Ascension Service – 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's  
May 19 - Bible Study on ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.  
Coventry Litany of Reconciliation – Cancelled this week.  
May 20- Men's Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the Lower Hall  
Christian Meditation at 10:30 a.m.  
May 21 - Holy Communion BCP Service at 8:30 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

### **St. Paul's Breakfast Program Pilot Project – Volunteer Job Description**

St. Paul's Anglican Church is excited to test out a new outreach initiative in the Stratford community in the form of a free community breakfast. With the partnership of Langlois Law, we hope to offer a continental-style breakfast twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30-9:30 am.

This is an opportunity to both meet a need in the wider community and to build relationships with our neighbours. Volunteer support from both our congregation and fellow churches in the Stratford community are needed to make this pilot program a success. Volunteers will be required to assist with the following tasks:

- Setting up tables and chairs
- Putting out food and drink for breakfast guests and replenishing supplies when needed
- Monitoring the use of toasters and other relevant equipment
- Visiting with breakfast guests (you are welcome to eat, too!)
- Washing dishes
- Tearing down tables and chairs, and clean-up

We are seeking to staff 5 volunteers per shift, which will last from 7 to 10 am. If any of these tasks are within your capability and you are interested in participating in this pilot project, please reach out to:

**Mtr. Allie McDougall, at [alliemcdougall@diohuron.org](mailto:alliemcdougall@diohuron.org) to discuss your availability and be added to the schedule. Our first day will be **Tuesday, June 6th.****

