



**St. Timothy's Anglican Church, Agincourt  
Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 – 10AM**

**Ascension Day**

**Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Andrea Christensen**

**Deacon: The Rev. Dr. Kathy Buligan**

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**Readers:** Anne Baillargeon/ Tim Phoa

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SERVICE SETTING:

Land of Rest

*Richard Proulx*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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♪ OPENING HYMN #380 O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above;  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
his chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,  
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,  
while angels delight to hymn thee above,  
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

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

#### THE GREETING

Leader Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Leader May his grace and peace be with you.

**All 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.**

#### ♪ GLORY TO GOD

**Glory, in the highest glory, Peace to all, in all their days.  
Worship, thanks and praise unceasing to the Source of all we raise:  
Reigning in the sapphire height, hidden from our mortal sight,  
Now receive our adoration, as we make our supplication.**

**Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Lamb of God, for sinners given,  
Word Eternal, born of Mary, Word made Flesh, the Face of Heaven:  
Holy one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day,  
With the Spirit there united, And the Godhead high exalted.**

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD TO US

FIRST READING: Acts 1: 1-11

PSALM 47

Reader Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.

**All For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is the great king over all the earth.**

Reader He subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.

**All He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

Reader God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

**All Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

Reader For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.

**All God reigns over the nations; God sits upon his holy throne.**

Reader The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.

**All The rulers of the earth belong to God, and he is highly exalted.**

Reader Let us pray: Blessed are you, God of all the earth; you have called us out of every people and nation to be a royal priesthood and citizens of your holy city. May our words of praise call the world to turn to the joy of fellowship with you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians: 1: 15-23

♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, praise to God.  
Alleluia, praise to God.  
Praises, high praises,  
We bring you, O God.  
Alleluia, praise to God.**

THE GOSPEL: Luke 24: 44-53

R: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ. /Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**THE NICENE CREED**

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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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.

*Silence is kept.*

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.**

Leader 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.

**All Amen.**

### THE PEACE

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All And also with you.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

♪ OFFERTORY HYMN #247 Hail the Day

Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!  
To his throne above the skies; alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; alleluia!  
lift your heads, eternal gates; alleluia!  
he hath conquered death and sin; alleluia!  
take the King of Glory in. Alleluia!

Highest heaven its Lord receives, alleluia!  
yet he loves the earth he leaves; alleluia!  
though returning to his throne, alleluia!  
still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!

See! He lifts his hands above, alleluia!  
See! He shows the prints of love; alleluia!  
Hark! His gracious lips bestow alleluia!  
blessings on his church below. Alleluia!

Still for us he intercedes; alleluia!  
his prevailing death he pleads, alleluia!  
near himself prepares our place, alleluia!  
he the first-fruits of our race. Alleluia!

Lord, though parted from our sight, alleluia!  
far above the starry height, alleluia!  
grant our hearts may thither rise, alleluia!  
seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia!

#### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

As we offer God our first fruits, not as payment for the service, but as an act of worship, we pray: 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. **Amen.**

#### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER #3

Leader The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore we praise you with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

♪ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**All**      **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. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader    We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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."

**All:**      Therefore Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death,**  
**we proclaim his resurrection,**  
**we await his coming in glory;**

Leader    and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to the city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of salvation.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**All**            **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (said)

Leader        And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All**            **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD #8

Leader        Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All**            **Now we are raised to new life.**

Leader        We were buried in your tomb.

**All**            **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Leader        Live in us, that we may live in you.

#### THE COMMUNION

Leader        The gifts of God for the People of God.

**All**            **Thanks be to God.**

♪ LAMB OF GOD

**Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world, Miserere nobis  
Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world, Miserere nobis  
Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world, Dona nobis pacem  
Dona nobis pacem**

♪ COMMUNION HYMN #60 I Come with Joy

I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one.

#82 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praise

[Refrain:]

Hallelujah! We sing your praises!  
All our hearts are filled with gladness!  
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All our hearts are filled with gladness!

Christ the Lord to us said:  
"I am wine, I am bread,  
I am wine, I am bread.  
Give to all who thirst and hunger."  
Christ the Lord to us said,  
"I am wine, I am bread,  
I am wine, I am bread.  
Give to all who thirst and hunger."  
[Refrain]

Now he sends us all out,  
strong in faith, free of doubt,  
strong in faith, free of doubt.  
Tell to all the joyful gospel.  
Now he sends us all out,  
strong in faith, free of doubt,  
strong in faith, free of doubt.  
Tell to all the joyful gospel.  
[Refrain]

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. **Amen.**

#### DOXOLOGY

Leader      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

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*PRAYER FOR SAFE TRAVEL AND A HOLY SABBATH  
FOR REV. ANDREA, BEN & DAVID*

♪ CLOSING HYMN #482 Come & Journey

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 DISMISSAL

Leader Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.

**All Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE