Sixth Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

10:00AM

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you. John 14:23

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SUNG EUCHARIST (Book of Alternative Services)

Please stand when clergy and choir enter.

Prelude *Aria* Gerald Bales

Opening Hymn *Angel-Voices, Ever Singing* **Blue Book 325**

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

Presider May his grace and peace be with you.
People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Presider Almighty God,
People **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.**

Act of Praise
(Please join in singing.)

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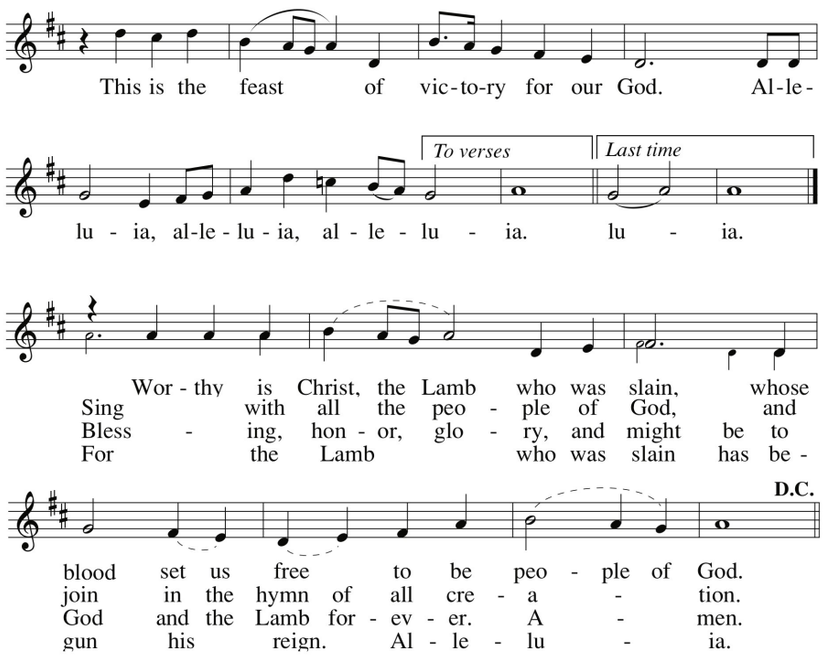

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.
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.
People **Amen.**

"Children's Corner" – Children are welcome to join Heather at the back of the Cathedral.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD *Today's Reader: Allan Nagata*

A Reading from the Book of Acts: *(Silence between the readings for reflection.)*

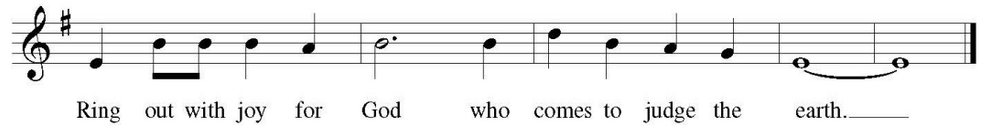
While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. Acts 10:44-48

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *98* **Green Book p. 836**

(Please join in singing the Refrain.)

Refrain



A Reading from the First Letter of John:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. *1 John 5:1-6*

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* **Blue Book 397**

Holy Gospel *John 15:9-17*

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

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Reader The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily *Please be seated*

The Nicene Creed *Please stand*

Presider 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.

The Prayers of the People

Leader Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

Presider 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.

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.
People **Amen.**

The Peace *Please stand*

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

Offertory Hymn *The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy* **Blue Book 631**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider 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.
People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

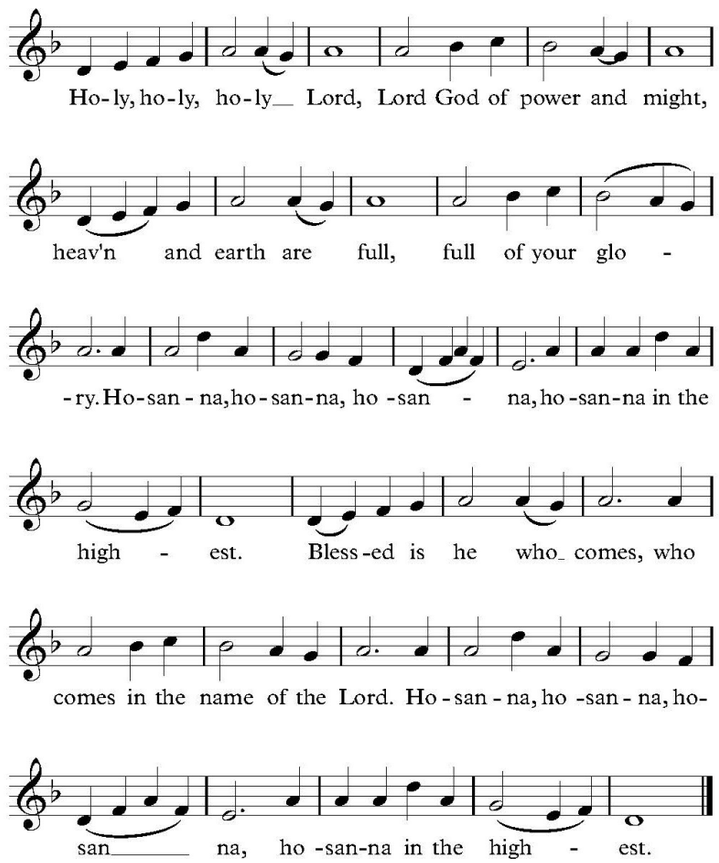
Presider The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: wonderfully you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

(Congregation to join in singing.)

Presider Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Presider Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

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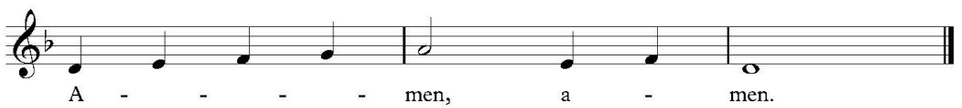
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Lord's Prayer

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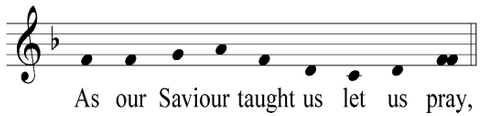
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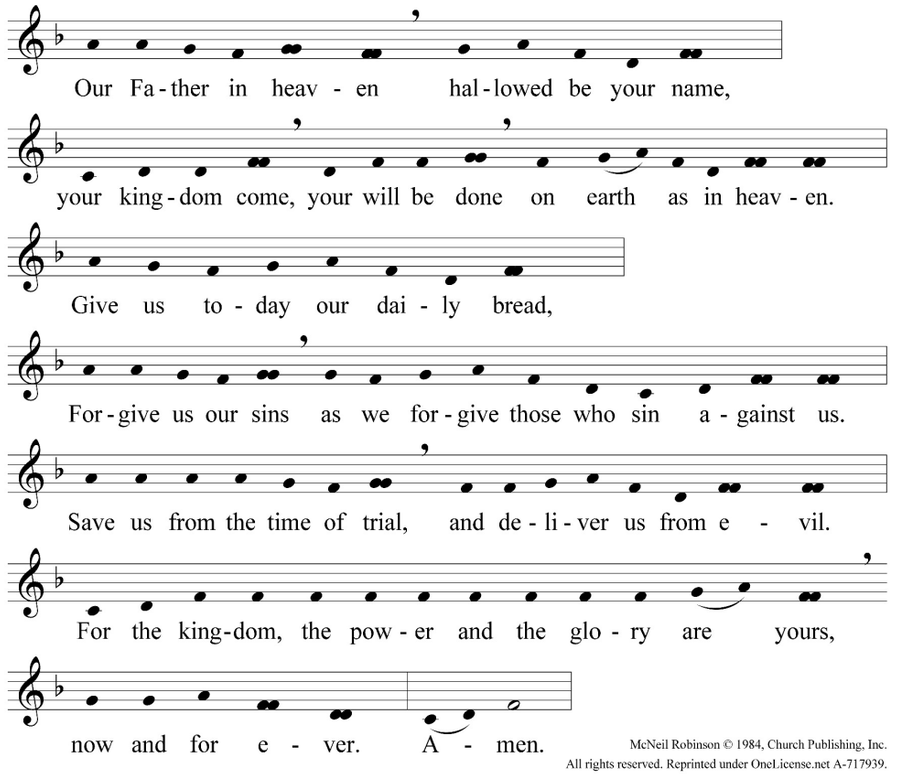
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The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Lord, we died with you on the cross.
All **Now we are raised to new life.**

Presider We were buried in your tomb.
All **Now we share in your resurrection.**

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

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Gluten-free communion wafers *are available. Please indicate your wish to the administrant at Communion.*

Communion Motet *Ave Verum (Word of God Incarnate)* C. Mawby

Prayer after Communion *Please stand*

Presider Let us pray.
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.
People **Amen.**

Doxology

Presider 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.**

Post Communion Hymn *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness* **Blue Book 629**

Blessing and Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the congregation in these or similar words:

Deacon Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Please remain seated for Special Vestry Meeting immediately following Postlude.

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Postlude *Finale (from 'Petite Suite')* Gerald Bales

Special Vestry – Immediately following Service. Please remain in your pews. Meeting should not take longer than 15-20 minutes...and will commence after the postlude.

The purpose of this meeting is to approve funding for the Heating Controls Contract which is in excess of $200,000.00, along with the continuing stained glass window repairs which will be in the $100,000.00 range depending on the extent of wood rot that may be found. As well as replacement of our digital sign, and various other maintenance projects. Please plan to attend. Currently the building heating is not under any thermostatic control, resulting in over heating in some areas and under heating in others. With a control system in place the building heat and energy use will be more efficient and each zone will be controlled independently. The necessity of the window repairs has been noted in previous vestry reports. These repairs have been on going for two years and will continue for two or three more years.

Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer – Today we pray for the Parishes of Trinity, Durham; St. James', Fairmount; Church of the Ascension, Kinlough; and Christ Church, Lion's Head.

Intercessions – Ann & Ellis, Marg, Jessie, Kathy, George, Bob, Maggie, Colin, Shirley, Robert, Debbie, Gerry, Kaari Marie, Gary, Harvey, Linda, Tom, Sara, Ann, Clifford.

Memorial Flowers – This is a wonderful way to beautify our Church, while remembering our loved ones especially at this time of the year. There are available Sundays for all Altars, especially during the summer months. For more information please contact Carrie Fieldhouse at 519-434-3225, ext. 201 st.pauls@stpaulscathedral.on.ca.

Our Spring Recital Series continues Thursday @ 12:15pm. These delightful and free, half-hour concerts will feature music for Organ, Piano, Cello, and Voice. Our guest performer this week is William Lupton, Organist, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London. We hope you'll stop in!

Vicars' Crossing Podcast – Did you know our Dean is cohost of a popular podcast? The Vicars' Crossing is available on Apple Podcasts, YouTube, Spotify or wherever you get your podcasts. Kevin's co-host is Rob Henderson, Rector of Holy Trinity St Stephen's Memorial Church. The Vicars' Crossing focuses on the intersection between faith and the public Square. Kevin and Rob have interviewed best-selling authors, TV Personalities, politicians, bishops, Imams and Rabbis. Past guests have included Philip Yancey, Diana Butler Bass, Michael Coren, Fr James Martin, General Romeo Daillaire, Kirsten Powers, Nadia Bolz-Weber and many more. You can listen to (or watch on Youtube) their previous nine seasons on your favourite platform.
Season 10 of the Vicars' Crossing has begun, with new episodes being released every Monday between now and Easter.
See Cathedral website for a list of other upcoming guests. We hope you'll listen in!

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Today's Liturgical Leaders

Presider and Preacher – **The Very Reverend Dr. Kevin George**
Gospeller and Intercessor – **The Reverend Pat Henderson**
Server – **Doug Campbell**
Lay Administrants – **Hazil Malone, Mary Mitches**
Reader – **Allan Nagata**
Greeters – **Gord Rolleston, Joan Rolleston**
Children's Ministry – **Heather Clark**
Warden – **Gord Rolleston**
Live Stream – **Jade Vajna**
Sound Technician – **Daniel Aldcroft**

OUR HISTORY

London, along with all of North America, in the late 1850s experienced the effects of a major depression. Three quarters of London's businesses failed, real estate values and rents dropped severely, mortgage rates were as high as 24 per cent, thousands were unemployed. The city of London established a soup kitchen; the larger churches, including St. Paul's Cathedral, followed suit.

The Right Reverend Todd Townshend

Bishop of Huron

The Very Reverend Kevin George

Dean of Huron & Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral

The Reverend Pat Henderson

Deacon

Ian Sadler

Organist & Director of Music

Gregory Childs

Church Warden

Gord Rolleston

Church Warden

Heather Clark

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