Ascension of the Lord

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

10:00AM

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

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SUNG EUCHARIST (Book of Alternative Services)

Please stand when clergy and choir enter.

Prelude *Prelude on 'Furness'* Barry Ferguson

Opening Hymn *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* **Blue Book 247**

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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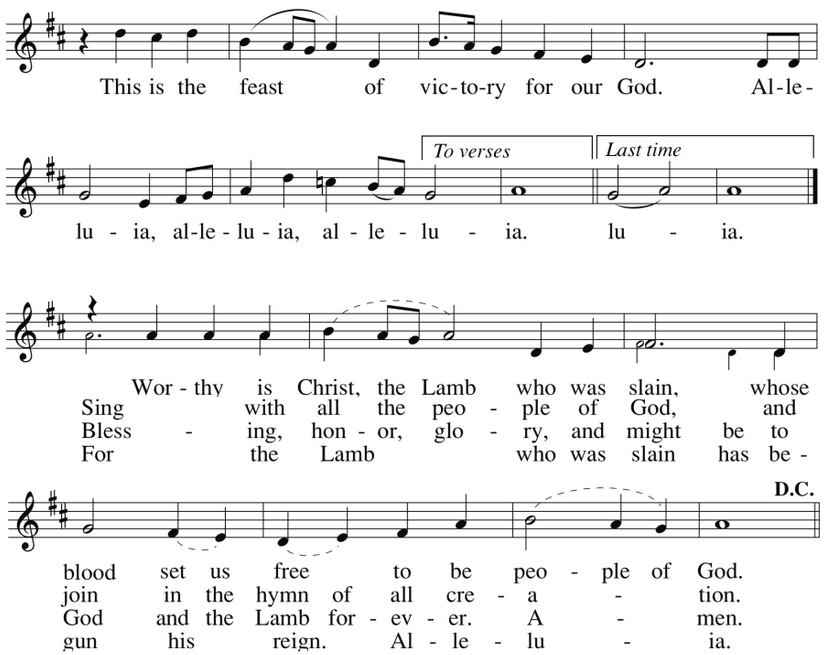

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.
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.**

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Today's Readers: Godwin Donkok, Trudy Warren

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

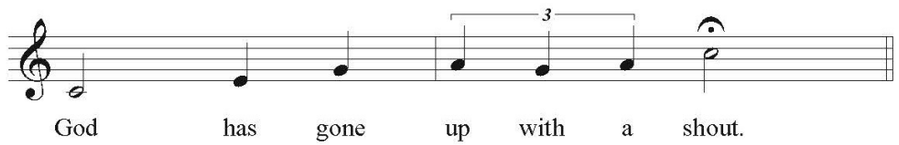
In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, 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." *Acts 1:1-11*

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

Psalm *47* **Green Book p. 836**

(Please join in singing the Refrain.)

Refrain



A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians:

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. *Ephesians 1:15-23*

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

Sequence Hymn *God of All Time, All Seasons of Our Living* **Blue Book 67**

Holy Gospel *Luke 24:44-53*

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.

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

Homily *Please be seated*

Anthem *God Is Gone Up* G. Finzi

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 *O Lord Most High, Eternal King* **Blue Book 245**

THE 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.**

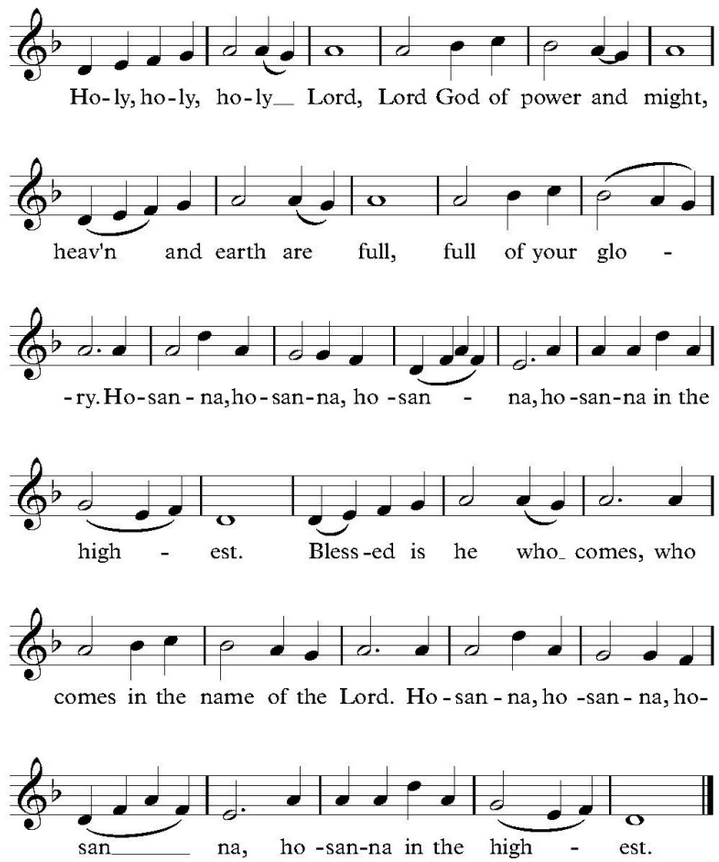
The Great Thanksgiving

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.

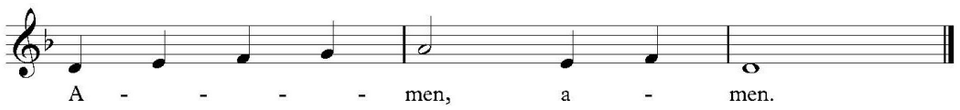
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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.

All



(Congregation to join in singing the Lord's Prayer.)

Lord's Prayer

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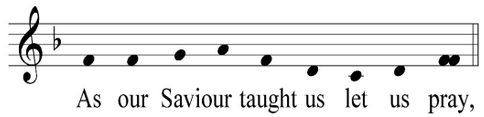

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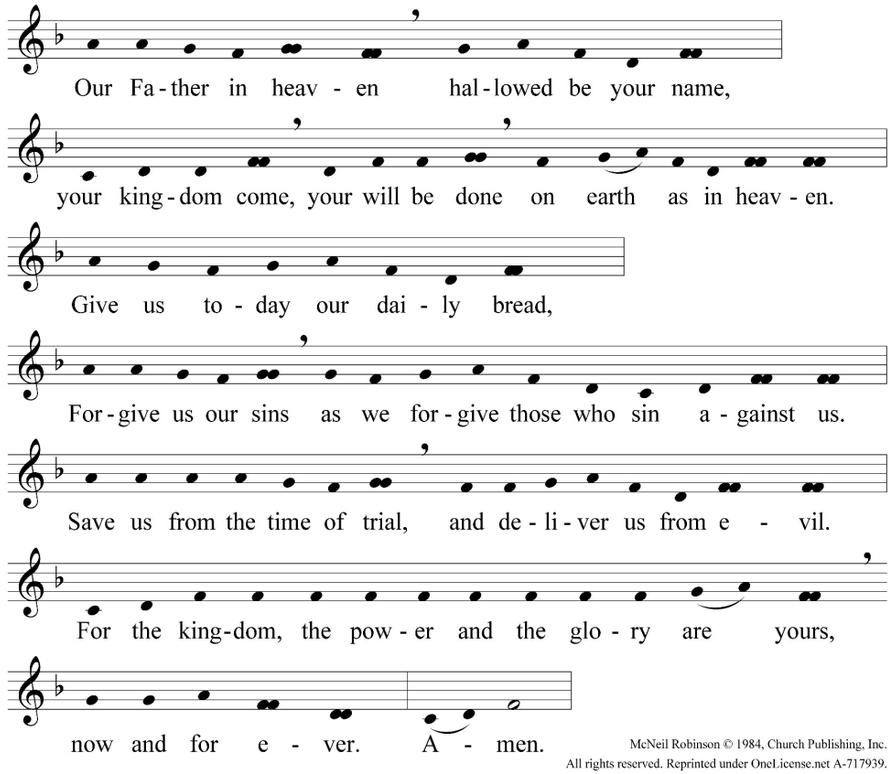

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The Breaking of the Bread

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 *God is Ascended - German 16th* C. Carol

Prayer after Communion *Please stand*

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

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 Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* **Blue Book 383**

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.**

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Postlude *Trumpet Tune in D* David Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour – Please join us for coffee and cold drinks in Cronyn Hall.

The Flowers at the High Altar are to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our mother Cecilia Foltz, and in remembrance of our mother Vivian George given by Kevin & Catherinanne George.

Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer – Today we pray for the Parishes of Christ Church, Markdale; Christ Church, Meaford; St. George's, Owen Sound; Parish of the Bruce Peninsula, Wiarton – St. Margaret's Chapel, Cape Chin; St. Andrew's, Howdenvale; and St. Edmund, Tobermory.

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

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 performers this week are Charmaine Iormetti, soprano; Marianna Chibotar-Rutkevich, accompanist. We hope you'll stop in!

Memorial Flowers – This is a wonderful way to beautify our Church, while remembering our loved ones. 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.

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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Wireless Hearing Assistance Devices are available at the back of the Cathedral.

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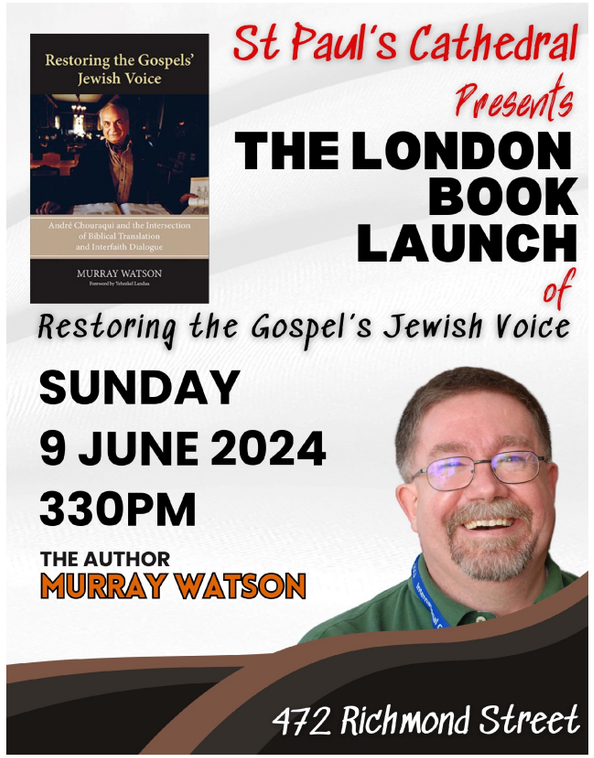
Today's Liturgical Leaders

Presider and Preacher – **The Very Reverend Dr. Kevin George**
Gospeller and Intercessor – **The Reverend Pat Henderson**
Server – **Pat Binnington**
Lay Administrants – **Peter Hockin, Gord Rolleston**
Readers – **Godwin Donkok, Trudy Warren**
Greeters – **Sharon McCormick, Ozioma Chukwunenye**
Children's Ministry – **Heather Clark**
Wardens – **Greg Childs, Marilyn Papple**
Live Stream – **Jade Vajna**
Sound Technician – **Daniel Aldcroft**
Bell Ringer – **Murray Hunter**

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.

St. Paul's Cathedral has Twenty Clerics
who are members of
The Cathedral Chapter of Canons.
The Cathedral Chapter is headed by the Dean.
Canons are appointed by the Bishop.
Quite often Canons can be found to be offering
leadership in the Diocese.
The Chapter of Canons can, and should
be involved in the life of the Cathedral.
While this has not always been the case at St. Paul's,
we hope to bring the Canons of of the Cathedral
Chapter closer to the work and mission
of our Huron's Cathedral.

Please Come Out and Meet the St. Paul's Chapter of Canons



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

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Church Warden

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