

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST



### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**MAY 3, 2026**

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# **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Prelude:** Voluntaries ~ J. Stanley, J. Worgan, *et al.*

## **Welcome**

### **Land Acknowledgement**

Dear friends, we gather on traditional Anishinaabe Algonquin territory.

**May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

May we always seek to respect the histories, spiritualities and cultures of First Nations, Metis and Inuit.

**May we walk together the path of reconciliation and right relations.**

### **Opening Hymn: 10 We, the Lord's People**

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1 We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting,  
praise him who called us out of sin and darkness  
into his own light, that he might anoint us  
a royal priesthood.

2 This is the Lord's house, home of all his people,  
school for the faithful, refuge for the sinner,  
rest for the pilgrim, haven for the weary;  
all find a welcome.

3 This is the Lord's day, day of God's own making,  
day of creation, day of resurrection,  
day of the Spirit, sign of heaven's banquet,  
day for rejoicing.

4 In the Lord's service bread and wine are offered,  
that Christ may take them, bless them, break and give them

to all his people, his own life imparting,  
food everlasting.

### **Easter Greeting**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

May his grace and peace be with you.

**May he fill our hearts with joy!**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are born from above as members of a new creation.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, Creator, for the water of baptism.  
In it we are buried with Christ in his death.  
By it we share in his resurrection.  
Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.  
We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may  
continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
To Christ, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be all honour and glory, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### **Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

Generous God,  
whose life is freely given  
in Jesus Christ our Lord:  
as you have opened for us  
your house of many rooms,  
so may we make a place  
for the rejected and unloved,  
and share in the work of peace;  
through Jesus Christ the cornerstone. **Amen.**

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Acts 7:55-60 (Josiah Davies)

A reading from the Book of Acts

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** 31:1-5, 15-16

*Setting: Gordon Johnston*



1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me. **R**

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me. **R**

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth. **R**

15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me." **R**

**Epistle:** 1 Peter 2:2-10 (Els Salisbury)

A reading from the First Letter of Peter

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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**Gospel Acclamation:** SNC 54

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Alleluia (x5)

**The Holy Gospel:** John 14:1-14

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Sermon**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism,  
as we say,

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People (Jim Doherty)**

**Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

**The Peace**

**The peace of the Lord be always with you. Alleluia!**

**And also with you. Alleluia!**

# THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

## The Preparation of the Gifts

### Hymn: 237 Now the Green Blade Rises

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1 Now the green blade rises, from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

2 In the grave they laid Him, Love by hatred slain,  
thinking that he would never wake again,  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
your touch can call us back to life again,  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

## The Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God,  
you show us your way  
and give us your divine life.  
May everything we do  
be directed by the knowledge of your truth.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer 1)**

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

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

It is indeed right that we should praise you,  
gracious God,

for you created all things.

You formed us in your own image.

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.

**(Hymn 732) 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.**

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

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 for ever.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

Rejoicing in God’s new creation  
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,  
**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**

Lord, we died with you on the cross.  
**Now we are raised to new life.**  
We were buried in your tomb.  
**Now we share in your resurrection.**  
Live in us, that we may live in you.

### **Invitation to Communion**

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

### **Fraction Anthem: We Will Take What You Offer**

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We will take what you offer, we will live by your word;  
We will love one another and be fed by you Lord.  
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We will love one another and be fed by you Lord.

## Holy Communion

*For gluten-free wafer, simply indicate to the priest when you come forward.*

*If you prefer a blessing, just fold your arms across your chest.*

### Communion Hymn: 228 Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters (vs 1-4, 9)

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Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

1 O sons and daughters let us sing!  
The King of heaven the glorious King,  
O'er death today rose triumphing.  
Alleluia!

2 That Easter morn at break of day,  
the faithful women went their way  
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay.  
Alleluia!

3 An angel clad in white they see,  
who sat and spoke unto the three,  
"Your Lord goes on to Galilee."  
Alleluia!

4 That night the apostles met in fear  
amidst them came their Lord most dear,  
and said, "My peace be on all here."  
Alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days,  
To God your hearts and voices raise  
In laud and jubilee and praise.  
Alleluia!

**Anthem:** O Come Ye Servants - Christopher Tye

### **Prayer after Communion**

God of love,  
in this eucharist we have heard your truth  
and shared in your life.  
May we always walk in your way,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE SENDING OF THE COMMUNITY**

### **Announcements**

### **Doxology**

Glory to God,  
**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.**

### **Blessing**

### **Closing Hymn: 374 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus**

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1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation,

hath redeemed us by his blood.

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
alleluia! he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,  
thou on earth our food, our stay:  
alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own:  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest:  
thou on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion

thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

**Dismissal**

Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude:** Variation on *Lancashire and Trumpet Tune* ~ J. Stanley/M.  
Burkhardt

## 8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

**Presider/Preacher:** Rev Tim Kehoe

**Greeter:** Andrea Teekasingh

**Reader/Intercessor:** Babs Dunstan

## 10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST (BOOK OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICES)

**Presider:** Rev Maria Nightingale

**Preacher:** Rev Tim Kehoe

**Duty Warden:** Bill Danson

**Server:** Kirk Michaelis

**Sidespersons:** Eunice Clarke, Howard Foster

**Readers:** Josiah Davies, Els Salisbury

**Intercessor:** Jim Doherty

**Lay Administrators:** Karen Scott, Ryan Benjamin

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