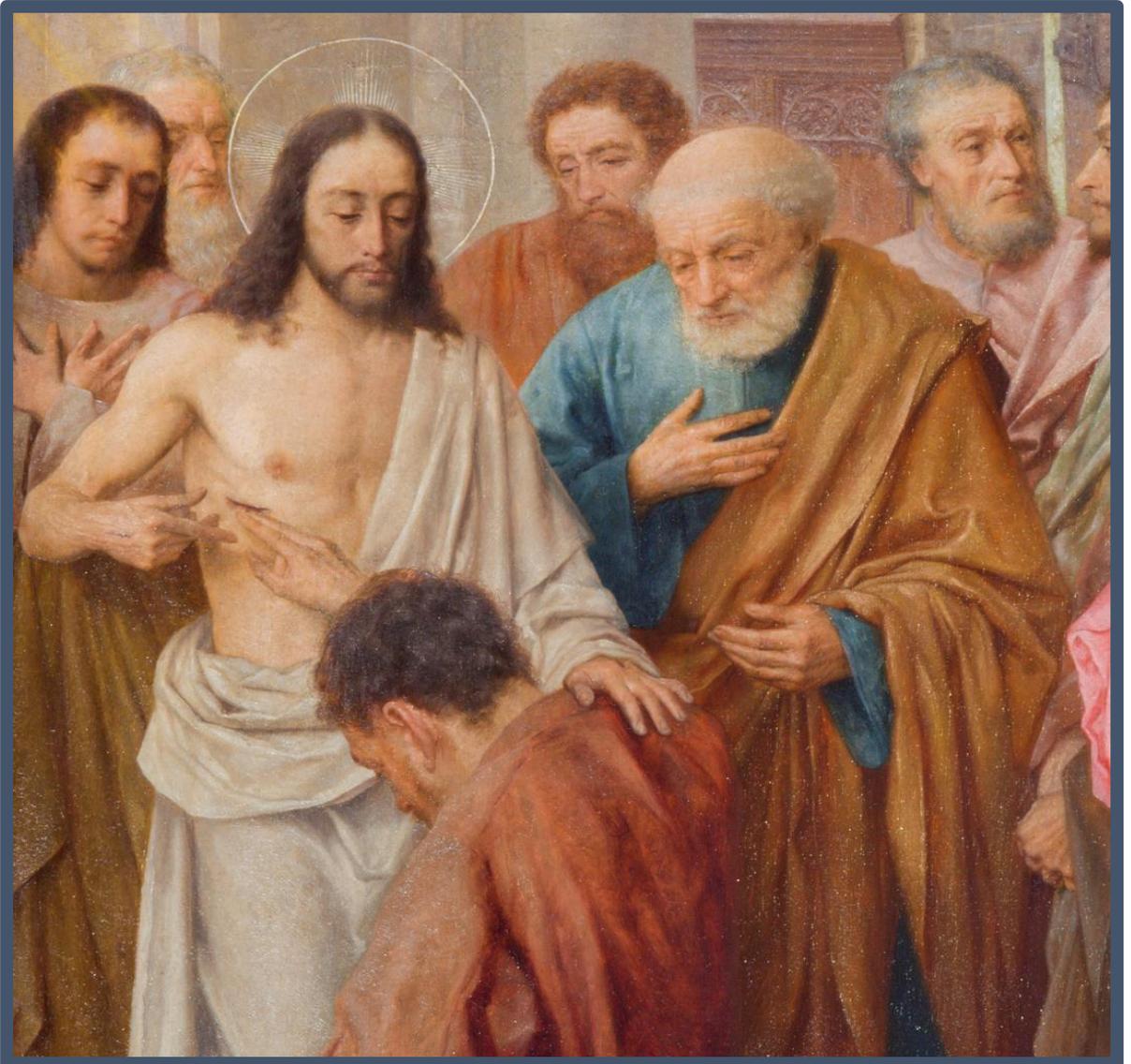




The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Bolton
Second Sunday after Easter
April 27, 2025
8 am & 10 am Holy Eucharist
Preacher & Celebrant ~ Rev. Don Davidson



SECOND SUNDAY OF
Easter

Processional Hymn

Gather – 311, Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!



✘ The Gathering of the Community

Acknowledgement of Territory

We acknowledge that we are in the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, the Anishinaabe peoples, on whose land and by whose waters we gather to worship, listen, learn, share and heal together in the name of our creator, the Holy One of Blessing.

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.**

Almighty God, 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.

✘ The Collect of the Day

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, so that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God, the source of all life. Amen.

✘ The Liturgy of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." ACTS 5:27-32

Listen for the leading of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

✘ Psalm 118:14-29

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! Lord, send us now success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

"You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you." Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

Halle, Halle, Halle

G D G D Em C G/B
 Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal-

6 Am7 Am D G D G
 - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le -
Hal-le-lu-jah!
Hal-le

11 D Em Am G/D D G
 lu - jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal-le - lu - jah!
Hal-le

✘ **The Gospel**

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Jesus Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he

said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. JOHN 20:19-31

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise be to you, O Jesus Christ.**

✘ **Sermon**

✘ **Profession of Faith ~ the Apostles' Creed**



Let us confess our faith, 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

✘ Litany for Healing

Litanist: God the creator, your will for all people is health and salvation;

People: **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Litanist: God our redeemer, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

People: **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Litanist: God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

People: **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Litanist: Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

People: **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Litanist: Ever-loving God, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

People: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Litanist: Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

People: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Litanist: Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

People: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Litanist: Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

People: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Litanist: Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

People: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Litanist: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

People: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Litanist: You are the Lord who does wonders;

People: **You have declared your power among the peoples.**

Litanist: With you, O Lord, is the well of life;

People: **And in your light we see light.**

Litanist: Hear us, O Lord of life;

People: **Heal us, and make us whole.**

God of mercy, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen

✘ **Confession and Absolution**

Dear friends in Christ,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Most merciful God,

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.

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. **Amen.**

✘ **Laying on of Hands**

Celebrant: *(Name)* I lay my hand upon you, and anoint you with this oil in the name of God, your creator, redeemer and sustainer, beseeching our Saviour Jesus Christ to uphold you by his power, drive from you all sickness of body and spirit, and give you that victory of life and peace that will enable you to serve God now and for ever. Amen.

✘ The Peace

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

The members of the community may greet one another in the name of Christ

✘ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn

Gather – 414, We Walk by Faith



✘ The Prayer over the Gifts

God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

✘ Eucharistic Prayer

sit, kneel or stand for the prayer

Is our Creator with us?
God is!

Is Christ among us?
Jesus is!

Is the Spirit here?
The Spirit is!

This is our God.
Creator, redeemer and sustainer.

We are God's people!
We are redeemed!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks to our life-giving God

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise, merciful and living God, supreme over all the world, Creator, Provider, Saviour and Giver. From a wandering nomad you created your family; for a burdened people you raised up a leader; for a confused nation you chose a king; for a rebellious crowd you sent your prophets. In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image, bringing your kingdom revealing your will, dying, raising, reigning, remaking your people for yourself. Through Jesus you have poured out your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

Therefore with angels and archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name forever praising you and singing.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might Heaven and earth are full of your glory Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is the one that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank you for giving us your only Son to die on the Cross for us who owe you everything. Pour your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember Jesus in the way commanded, through these gifts of your creation.

On the same night that he was betrayed Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke it and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

Amen! Christ's body was broken for us.

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup and gave you thanks; Jesus gave it to them, saying, "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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

We are made sisters and brothers through Christ’s blood

We have died together,

We will rise together,

We will live together.

Therefore, loving God, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our brother Jesus Christ. Jesus died in our place, making full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all.

You accepted Christ’s offering by raising Jesus from death, and granting him great honour at your right hand on high.

Amen! Jesus is our refuge and our strength!

This is the feast of Victory for our God!

The Lamb that was slain has begun to reign. Hallelujah!

✠ **The Lord’s Prayer**



As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Gather – 601, Seed, Scattered and Sown



Postlude

Gather – 314, Surrexit Christus



✘ Prayer after Communion

Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

✘ Announcements

✘ Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Gather – 313, Sing to the Mountains



✘ Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHRIST CHURCH BOLTON

PRAYER LIST



Prayer is a powerful way to connect with God and offer support to those in need. We would like to invite you to take just a few minutes each day to pray for our church family, friends, and neighbors listed in our prayer list.

Laura

Helen

Yvonne & David

Jean & Terry

Pat

Margaret

Marg & Gary

Vera & Family

Havard

Bill & Dorothy

Carol Ohlers

Joyce & Ross

Mike Bewcyk

Mary Stone

Brianna

Susan

Gerri Hill

Darlene

Lisa & Family

Brian

Ann

Virginia & Imants

Christina

Sylvia Rose

If you wish to have a name added to the prayer list, please go to <https://christchurchbolton.ca/prayer-requests/> or call/email the church office.



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