



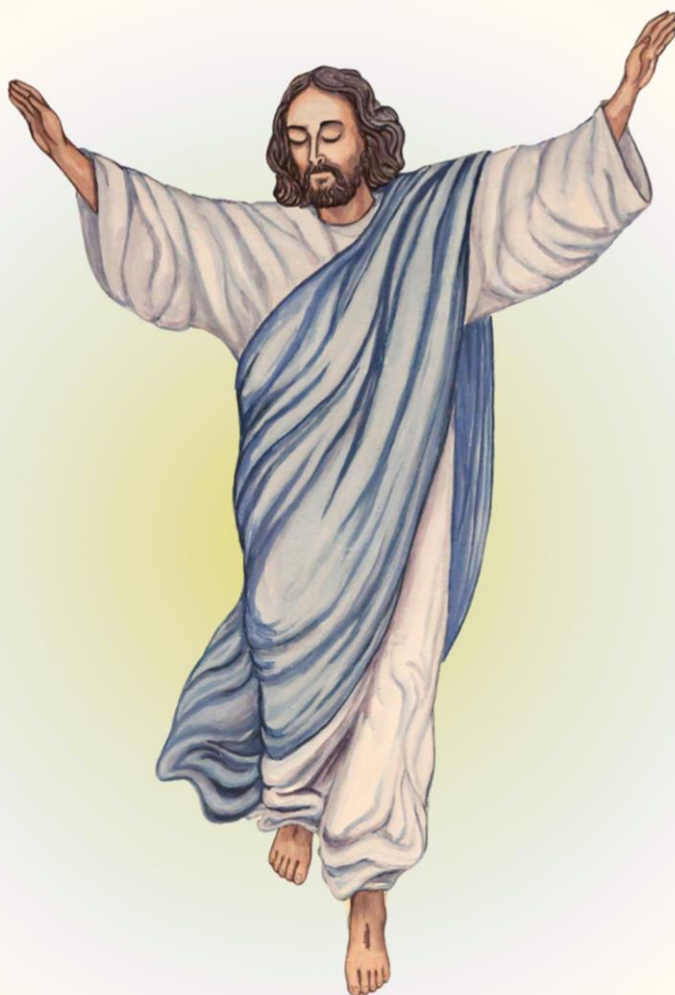
The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Bolton

Ascension Sunday

June 1, 2025

8 am & 10 am Holy Eucharist

Preacher & Celebrant ~ Rev. Don Davidson



Processional Hymn

Common Praise – 247, Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise



✕ 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.

GLORIA

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Verses

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
2. 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.
3. 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! Amen!

✠ The Collect of the Day

Risen and ascended Christ, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your church on earth with compassion, so that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the Glory of God and in the unity of the Spirit. Amen.

✠ The Liturgy of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the

prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God. ACTS 16:16-34

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

✕ Psalm 97

The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

Clouds and darkness are round about him, righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

A fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side.

His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees it and is afraid.

The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before him, all you gods.

Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements, O Lord.

For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name.

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Halle, Halle, Halle

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal-le

- le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le -

Hal-le-lu-jah!

Hal-le

lu - jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal-le - lu - jah!

✠ 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.

Jesus said, "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

JOHN 17:20-26

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

✠ 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.**

✕ 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

Common Praise – 375, At the Name of Jesus



✕ The Prayer over the Gifts

Source of all joy, receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Keep us in the love of Christ and bring us to the vision of his glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

✕ Eucharistic Prayer

sit, kneel or stand for the prayer

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks to God our creator.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer, your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit Jesus took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature; lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and sustainer of all.

In fulfilment of your will Jesus stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so won for you a holy people.

Jesus chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, to shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By this resurrection Jesus brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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 who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way Jesus took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

Amen.



✠ 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.

✠ The Breaking of the Bread & the Communion

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

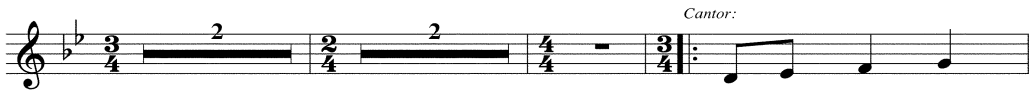
Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

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

AGNUS DEI

Then the eucharistic bread is solemnly broken and the consecrated bread and wine are prepared for holy communion. The litany "Lamb of God" is sung during the breaking of the bread.



Cantor:

1. Je-sus, Lamb of
2. Je-sus, Bread of
3. Je-sus, Prince of



All:

God,
Life, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
Peace,



Last time

Cantor:

All:

mer-cy on us.

Je-sus, Lamb of God; you



take a-way the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

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Communion Hymn

Gather – 592, Behold the Lamb



Postlude

Gather – 509, Unless a Grain of Wheat



✠ **Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God, may we who share Christ's banquet be one with him as he is one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended 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

Common Praise – 433, Lord, You Give the Great Commission



✠ **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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