



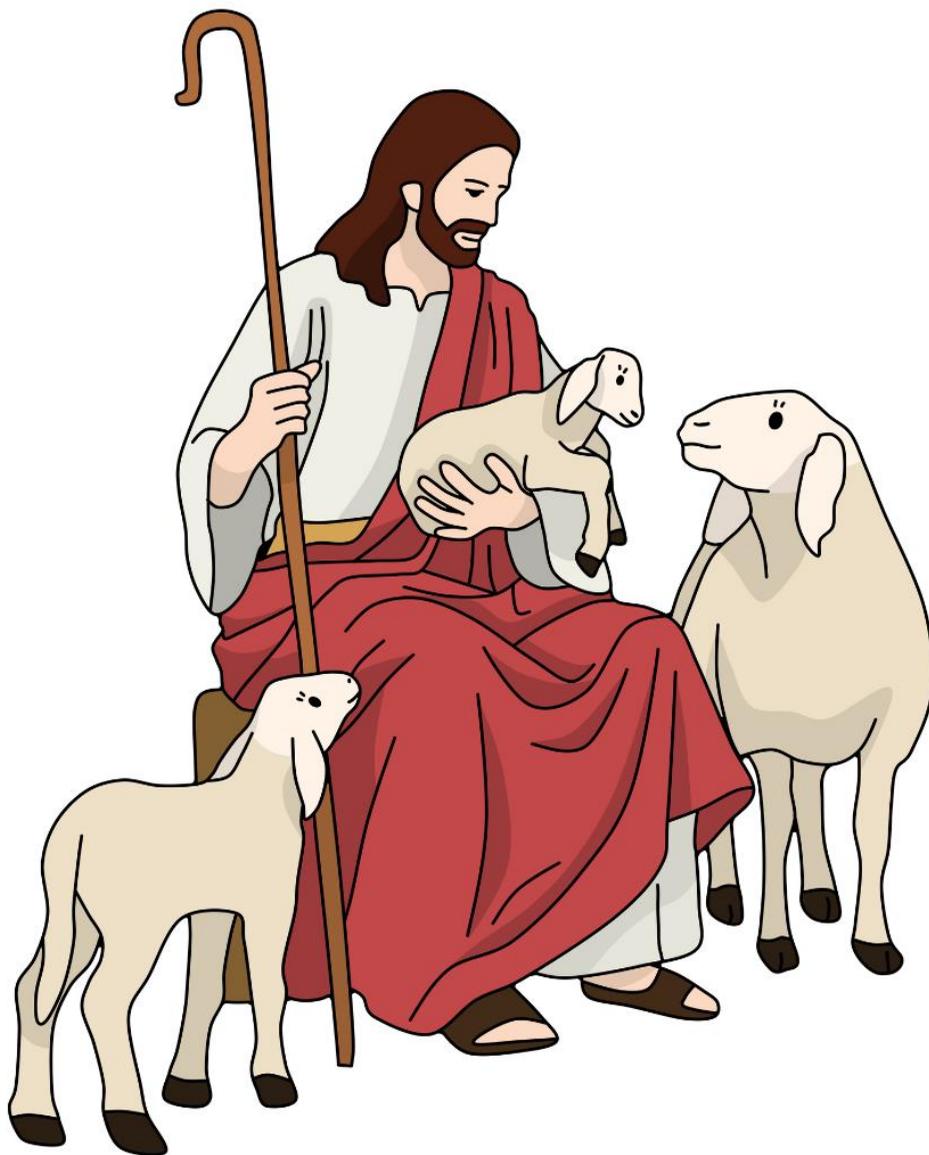
The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Bolton

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

8 am & 10 am Holy Eucharist

Preacher & Celebrant ~ Rev. Don Davidson





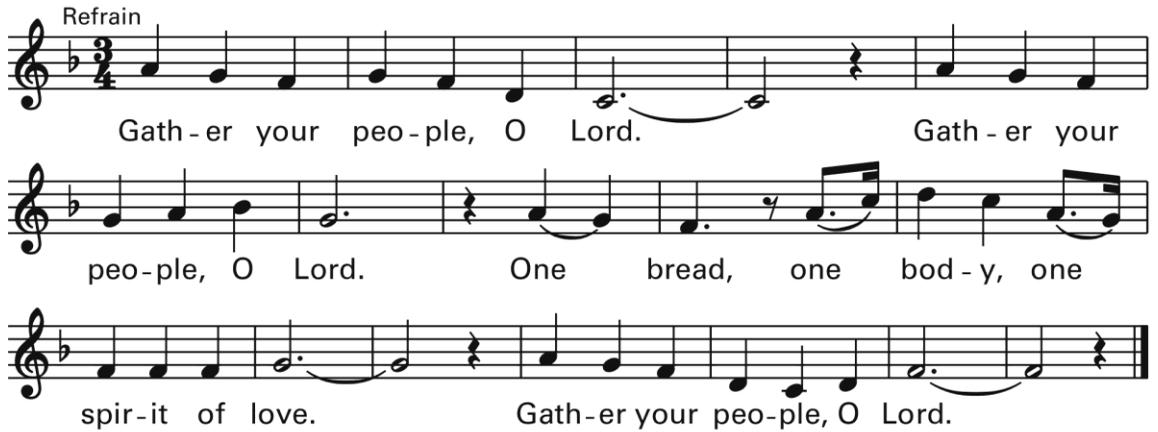
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Processional Hymn

GATHER YOUR PEOPLE

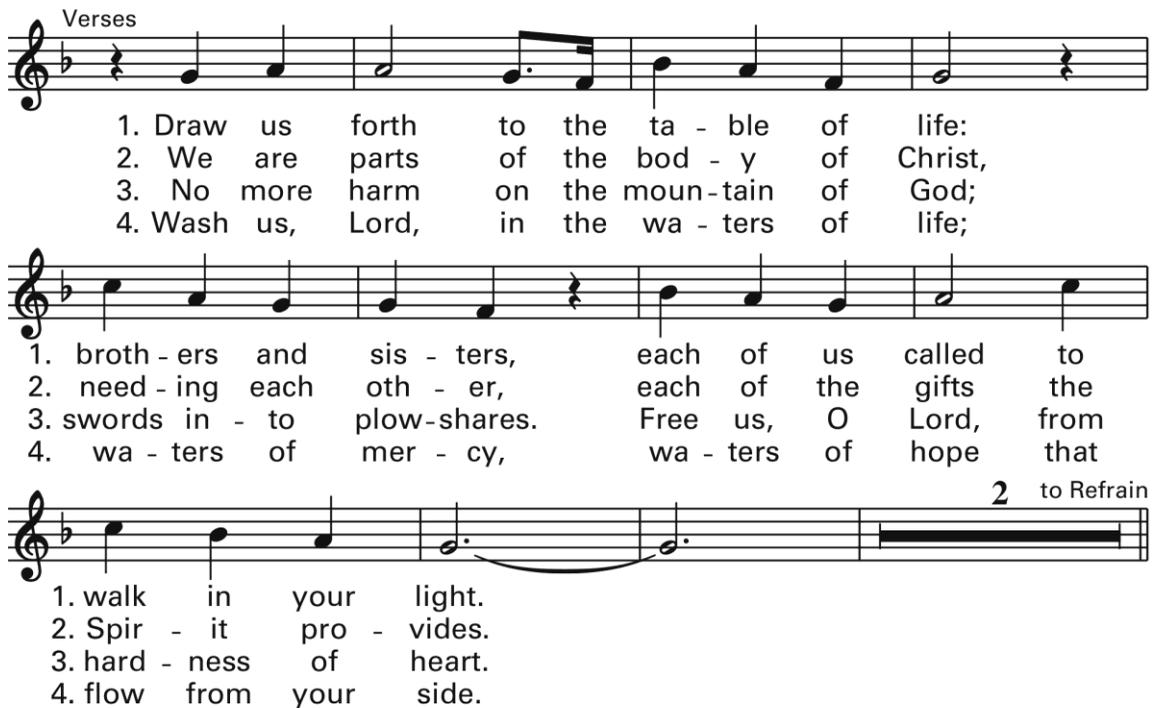
Bob Hurd

Refrain



Gath-er your peo-ple, O Lord. Gath-er your
peo-ple, O Lord. One bread, one bod-y, one
spir-it of love. Gath-er your peo-ple, O Lord.

Verses



1. Draw us forth to the ta-ble of life;
2. We are parts of the bod-y of Christ,
3. No more harm on the moun-tain of God;
4. Wash us, Lord, in the wa-ters of life;

1. broth-ers and sis-ters, each of us called to
2. need-ing each oth-er, each of the gifts the
3. swords in-to plow-shares. Free us, O Lord, from
4. wa-ters of mer-cy, wa-ters of hope that

2 to Refrain

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✘ **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, faithful shepherd of the flock: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, so that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God, the Shepherd of Israel. Amen

✘ **The Liturgy of the Word**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

ACTS 9:36-43

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

✘ **Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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Halle, Halle, Halle

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

Hal-le

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

Hal-le-lu-jah!

Hal-le

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

Chords: G, D, G, D, Em, C, G/B, Am7, Am, D, G, D, G, D, Em, Am, G/D, D, G

✘ **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.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."
JOHN 10:22-30

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

✘ **Guest Speaker: Kerry Ploughman**
Executive Director, Samaritan House Barrie

✘ **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

Gather – 492, Here I am, Lord



✘ The Prayer over the Gifts

God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd.

✘ 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.

It is right to praise you, God of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in Jesus.

You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live through Christ, and Christ in us. Jesus opened the arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Jesus put an end to death, revealed the resurrection, and in the power of the Holy Spirit made us your own people.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with friends he took bread and gave you thanks; broke it and gave it to them, saying; "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; Do this in memory of me."

We do this in remembrance of Jesus: the body of Christ is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, Jesus gave you thanks, and said: "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

We do this in remembrance of Jesus: the blood of Christ is shed for all.

On the day that Jesus rose from the tomb Christ walked and talked with disciples on the road to Emmaus, but they were kept from recognizing Jesus; and as Jesus shared supper with them in their home, Jesus again took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and Jesus was revealed to them in the breaking of the bread, and they recognized their saviour.

We do this in remembrance of Jesus: the risen one revealed in the breaking of the bread.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again. Alleluia!

As we proclaim Christ's death and celebrate Jesus rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts, send your Spirit upon us, and make us one in Christ, our risen God. Alleluia!

With your whole church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join in the eternal song of heaven:

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 God. Hosanna in the highest. 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



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.

Music: *Mass of Creation*, Marty Haugen, © 1984, GIA Publications, Inc.

Communion Hymn

Gather – 598, Shepherd of Our Hearts



✘ Prayer after Communion

God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of 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

Sending Forth

God Sends Us Forth

Tony Alonso



1. God sends us forth to love and serve,
2. Nour-ished by Christ with word and bread,
3. Called to the ones the world ig-nores—
4. So, with the cross to lead the way,



make known God's name, and live God's word,
burn-ing with love and Spir-it-led,
hun-gry and thirst-y, weak and poor—
let us go forth in peace to-day



mir-ror God's love, re-flect God's grace till
sent to em-brace a world in need, to
let us bear Christ, who heals all pain and
till ev-'ry end of earth has known the

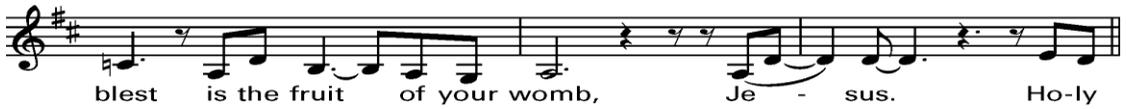
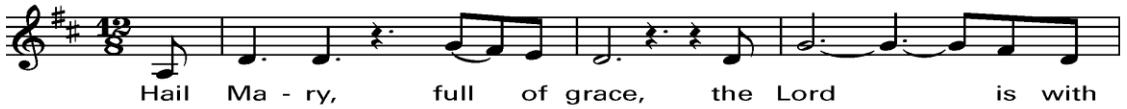


all have seen the Sav-ior's face.
make God known in word and deed.
com-forts those with guilt or shame.
sav-ing love of God a-lone.

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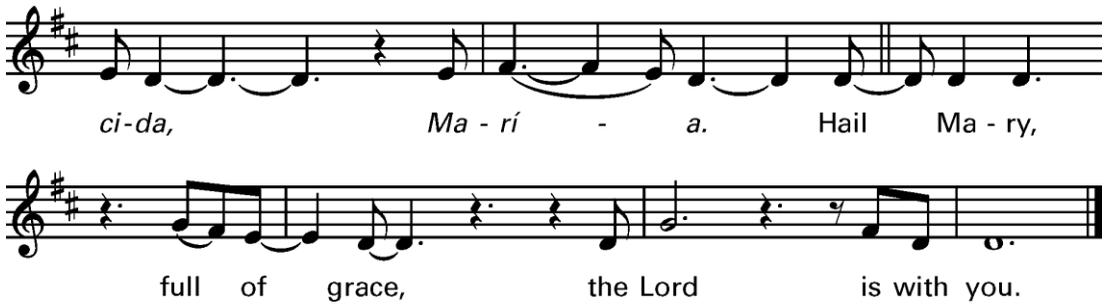
HAIL MARY: GENTLE WOMAN

Carey Landry
Arranged by Sarah Hart



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HAIL MARY: GENTLE WOMAN (CONT 2)



The image shows a musical score for the second part of the Hail Mary prayer. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics: "ci-da, Ma - ri - a. Hail Ma - ry,". The second staff contains the lyrics: "full of grace, the Lord is with you." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

ci-da, Ma - ri - a. Hail Ma - ry,

full of grace, the Lord is with you.

✘ 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

Jean & Terry

Marg & Gary

Bill & Dorothy

Mike Bewcyk

Susan

Lisa & Family

Virginia & Imants

Helen

Pat

Vera & Family

Carol Ohlers

Mary Stone

Gerri Hill

Brian

Christina

Yvonne & David

Margaret

Havard

Joyce & Ross

Brianna

Darlene

Ann

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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Heather Munich

Coffee

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