



The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Bolton

6th Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

8 am & 10 am Holy Eucharist

Preacher & Celebrant ~ Rev. Don Davidson



Processional Hymn

Common Praise – 384, Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



✕ 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

Gracious God, through a vision you sent forth Paul to preach the gospel and called the woman to a place of prayer on the sabbath. Like Paul and Lydia, may our hearts respond to your word and be open to go where you lead us. Amen.

✠ The Liturgy of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

ACTS 16:9-15

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

✕ Psalm 67

May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

768 Halle, Halle, Halle

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

6 *Hal-le*
- 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!
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 answered, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe." JOHN 14:23-29

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 – 498, Now We Remain



✕ The Prayer over the Gifts

God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name.

✕ 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.

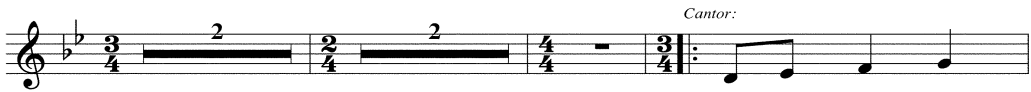
Live in us, that we may live in you.

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.



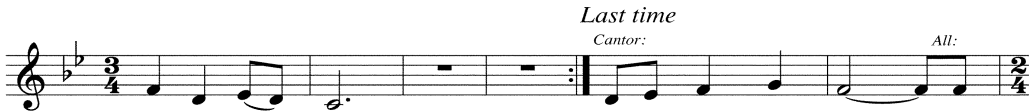
Cantor:

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



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.

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

Communion Hymn

Common Praise – 61, As We Gather at Your Table



Postlude

Common Praise, 41, Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



✠ Prayer after Communion

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, 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

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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