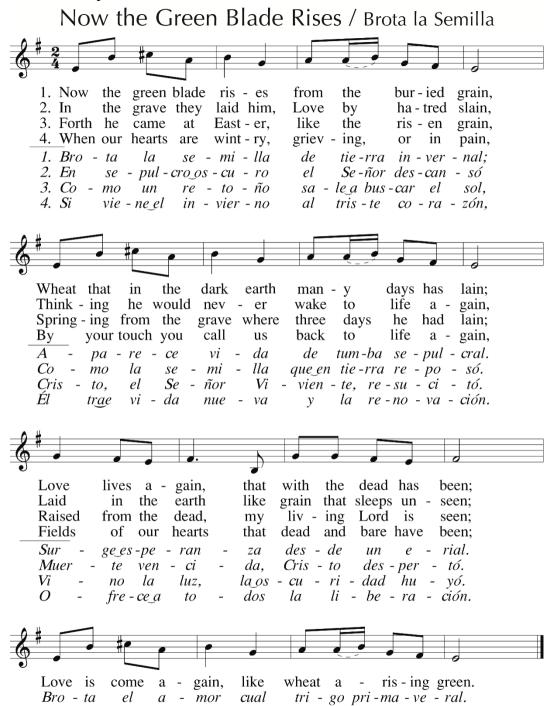


The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Bolton 6th Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024 - 10 am Holy Eucharist Preacher & Celebrant ~ Rev. Don Davidson



Processional Hymn



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✤ The Gathering of the Community

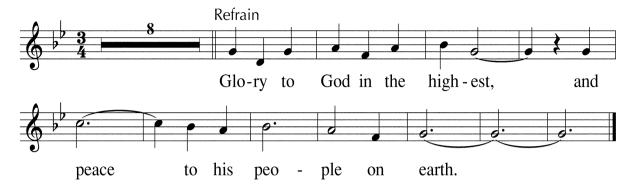
Acknowledgement of Territory

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.

GLORIA



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!

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Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

✤ The Liturgy of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. ACTS 10:44-48

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

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

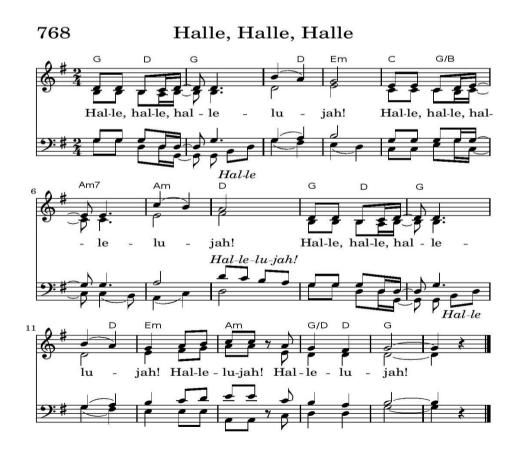
Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.



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, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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 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



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HOLY SPIRIT



✤ 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.

✤ A Rogationtide Blessing on the Community Garden

As we stand here in our empty garden, we must be aware that it is honestly not empty. So much is happening in God's creation preparing for the plants that will soon flourish in this soil. And so, we give thanks for this fertile patch of earth, and for all the fields currently being prepared for planting. We offer our thanksgiving for the labour of those who will tend this garden, and for the gifts it will provide for those in need.

Eggs

Almighty and gracious God, we ask for your blessings upon these eggs, which remind us of your ever-renewing love and of the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. May they serve as a symbol of the nourishment and growth we find in our faith community.

Chickens

We ask your blessings upon these chickens, whose clucks and chirps bring life to our garden. May they thrive in health and happiness, finding sustenance in the soil they scratch and the food we share. May they continue to be a source of inspiration, teaching us about simplicity, cooperation, and the rhythm of life.

Bees

We thank you for the bees, whose delicate wings carry life from flower to flower, allowing us to enjoy the fruits of your creation. In their busy hum, we hear the song of your intricate design and the harmonious dance of nature. Bless these industrious creatures, O Lord. May they continue to thrive and prosper in our garden, finding sustenance and shelter among the vibrant blooms. May their presence remind us of the interconnectedness of all living things and the delicate balance of your creation.

Produce of the Garden

Though the garden is currently bare, it holds the promise of your divine provision. May it provide sustenance, comfort, and hope to those who come in need. May it provide joy to those who come to till it. May it be a symbol of our shared commitment to love our neighbors as ourselves.

As we gather here to celebrate the Eucharist, the offering of thanksgiving, we remember your abundant provision, which flows from this garden to the hearts and homes of those who hunger. May the produce it produces be a symbol of your grace and the shared blessings that unite us as one community.

May we, in gratitude for your abundant gifts, continue to cultivate this garden with care and share the fruits of our labor with love and compassion.

sit, kneel or stand for the prayer

May 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.

Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light.

Your Spirit is fire in us, Your breath is power. To purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:



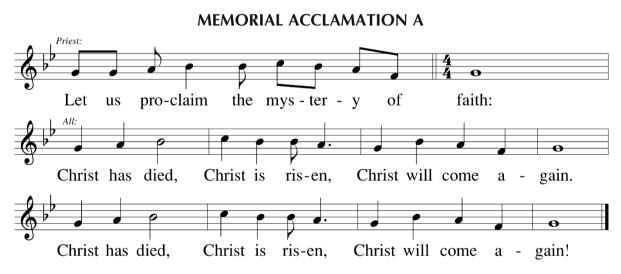
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Praise and Thanksgiving be to you, Creator if all, For by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, Jesus renewed the promise of divine presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters.

Before Christ was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, at supper with the disciples Jesus took bread and offered you thanks and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. this is my body: it is broken for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup, offered you thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink this all of you. This is the blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."



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We now obey Christ's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, glorious resurrection and ascension; And we look for the coming of Christ's Kingdom. Made one with Christ, we offer you these gifts and with them, we offer ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Hear us O merciful God, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by the life-giving power of Jesus they may be his Body and Blood, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your kingdom.

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets, and all of our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, God of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

★ The Lord's Prayer

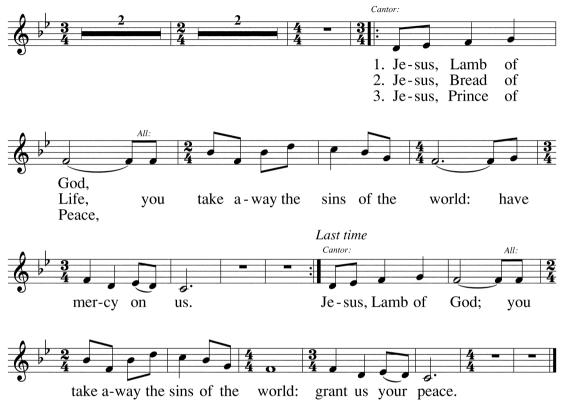
As our Saviour taught us, let us pray, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the 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.

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.



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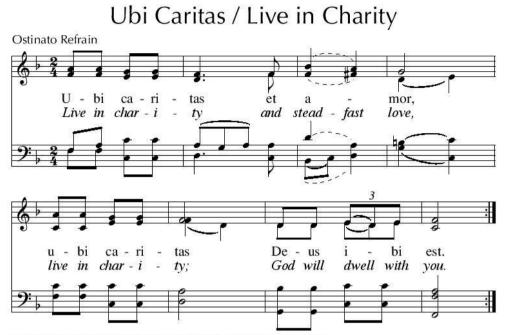
The gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Communion Hymn



Seed, Scattered and Sown

Text: Didache 9, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, Mark 4:3-6; Dan Feiten Tune: Dan Feiten; keyboard arr. by Eric Gunnison, R.J. Miller © 1987, Ekklesia Music, Inc.



Text: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8; Where charity and love are found, God is there; Taizé Community, 1978 Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994 © 1978, 1980, 1981, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

✤ 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



Dismissal

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





CHRIST CHURCH BOLTON PRAYER LIST

Praying for our church family, friends, and neighbours: take a few minutes each day to say a few names and ask God to care for them.

Laura	Pat	Margaret
Jean & Terry	Vera & Family	James, Pat & Family
Marg & Gary	Carol Ohlers	Sina & Family
Bill & Dorothy	Mary Stone	Havard
Mike Bewcyk	Gerri Hill	Joyce
Susan	Carole & Don Whitehead	Brianna
Lisa & Family	Brian	Heather Broadbent
Virginia & Imants	Christina	Janice & Family
Helen	Yvonne & David	Sam Fry

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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Spiritual direction available at our church. For details contact Wilma Clarke at (647) 518-1770 or <u>wclarke1205@gmail.com</u>

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