



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL OTTAWA

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*A diverse and vibrant community that glorifies God and welcomes all people*

## WELCOME

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

10.30 am Choral Eucharist (BAS)

*The Kilcreggan Mass – Peter Nardone*

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

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**Prelude**

*Laudate Dominum – Victor Togni*

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

**Hymn 491**

*The head that once was crowned with thorns*

**Greeting**

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 name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Gloria**

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 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. 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.

## **Collect of the Day**

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **Reading**

Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the book of Acts.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 23**

setting by Gordon Jacob

*The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want, he makes me down to lie in pastures green. He leadeth me the quiet waters by. My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of blessedness, e'en for his own name's sake. Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale, yet will I fe no ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still. My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head with oil thou dost anoint, and my cup overflows. Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me; and in my father's heart always my dwelling place shall be.*

### **Second Reading**

1 Peter 2:19-25

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten;

but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual**

*Loving Shepherd – Bob Chilcott*

*Loving Shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb, in safety keep; nothing can thy power withstand, none can pluck me from thy hand. I would bless thee every day, gladly all thy will obey, like thy blessed ones above, happy in thy precious love. Loving Shepherd, ever near, teach thy lamb thy voice to hear; suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way. Where thou leadest I would go, walking in thy steps below, till before my Father's throne I shall know as I am known.*

## **Holy Gospel**

*John 10:1-10*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn 521**

*Dear Shepherd of your people, hear*

## **Apostles' Creed**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, 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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Let us pray.

God of power and possibility, you broke open the tomb that held our Lord. Now break open your church. Bless and inspire Bishop Shane, clergy and lay people of our diocese, as we seek to be people of reconciliation and vision. Guide us with your wise and creative Spirit.

Resurrect, renew and revive your church.

**Hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection and new life, you broke into the hearts of Jesus' fearful friends. Now break into our relationships with one another. Where they are vibrant and life-giving, nurture them. Where they are strained by misunderstanding or neglect, reconcile them. Heal us with your merciful and engaging Spirit.

Resurrect, renew and revive our life together.

**Hear our prayer.**

God of might and mercy, you broke open the schemes of those who stood in the way of your love. Now break open the governance of your world. Stir the minds and hearts of leaders to work for justice, equitable sharing and peace. Where laws are corrupt, where deceptions masquerades as truth, where people suffer under the schemes of those who lust for power, and where war rages, confront people with your Spirit of truth and compassion.

Resurrect, renew and revive the community of nations.

**Hear our prayer.**

God of healing and hope, you broke the bonds of death which tried to shackle new life. Now break into situations of illness, pain, grief, and loss. Wherever people are sick in body, mind, or spirit, and wherever people mourn the loss of a loved one or a cherished future, embrace each one with your Spirit of comfort and courage.

*Silence.*

Resurrect, renew and revive our lives.

**Hear our prayer.**

God of Easter renewal and resurrection, you have broken into our lives again this day. Break into all our moments of celebration and joy, as well as the circumstances we name in silence before you.

*Silence.*

By your Spirit, give us gratitude, generosity and the grace to understand each other.

Resurrect, renew and revive our souls and spirits.

**Hear our prayer. Amen.**

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Offertory Hymn 223**

*Christ is risen*



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## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **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. **Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life.

Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Creator, according to his command,

**we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father,

**who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

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**

## **Communion**

*All are welcome to come to the altar rail. If you wish prayers for healing before receiving Communion, please carry an Order of Service with you; to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest; for a gluten-free wafer, hold out one hand; for a regular wafer, hold out two hands. Please do not dip the bread in the wine.*

## **Motet**

*Maker and mover – John Bell*

*Maker and mover, light and life, God of eternity, you, with enchantment, crafted the world and intended me. Sun in its shining, wind in chase, sea in its restless wave witness your beauty, wonder and skill none can slight or save. Born of this beauty, Jesus came, sent for the world to see purpose and person, God in the raw, true humanity. Not all were happy, hallowed, healed; not all he called agreed; yet, in the mystery, people like me found he knew my need. To what you call me, though unknown, Lord, let my life say Yes, finding how those who don't know it all are the folk you bless. Then, in my following, in my faith, in what I fail or prove, let me be true to you and to me and to all I love.*

## **THE SENDING OF THE COMMUNITY**

## **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.**

## **Pledge of Transformation**

For love, which heals wounds,  
**we will stand.**

For generosity, which opens space for hope,  
**we will stand.**

For nurturing, which builds a culture of peace,  
**we will stand.**

For compassion, which seeks the best for all,  
**we will stand.**

For respect, which enables us to love with difference,  
**we will stand.**

For humility, which allows healthy relationships with others,  
**we will stand.**

Together for hope,  
**we will stand.**

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

May the grace of Jesus Christ our risen Lord, the love of God who raised him from the dead, and the power of the Holy Spirit who fills the world with new life, bless and keep you, this day and always. **Amen.**

Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### **Hymn 310**

*Sing praise to God who reigns above*

### **Postlude**

*"Alleluia" - Victor Togni*

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*Please join us for refreshments in the Great Hall following the service.*

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Duty Warden*

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## **READINGS NEXT SUNDAY**

### **May 7<sup>th</sup> – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

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