

**THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF VAUDREUIL
St James' Church and Live-Steam
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 28th, 2024**

Come and Journey with a Saviour (1,2,5)

CP 482

**Come and journey with a Saviour who has called us from our birth,
who has washed us in the waters, and who loved us on the earth.**

Refrain

**Come and journey, come and journey with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and daughters; in the Spirit we are one.**

**Come and journey, journey inward, come and seek him deep within,
where he meets us in our living, in our striving and our sin.**

Refrain

**Come and journey, journey upward. Sing his praises, offer prayer.
In the storm and in the stillness find his presence everywhere.**

Refrain

Easter 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.

The Gloria

Glory to God on High – CP365

Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.

We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.

We give you praise, almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

**Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
the sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin, have mercy Lord.
Beside the Father's hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.**

You only are the Lord. You only are most high.

You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.

And now you reign with Father and with Spirit one in glorious light.

The Collect of the Day (BAS 340)

**Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to
love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Nigel Holehouse

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:24-30

²⁴ My praise is of him in the great assembly; *** I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.** ²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *** "May your heart live for ever!"** ²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *** and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.** ²⁷ For kingship belongs to the Lord; *** he rules over the nations.** ²⁸ To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *** all who go down to the dust fall before him.** ²⁹ My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *** they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.** ³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *** the saving deeds that he has done.**

Father, **your tortured Son felt abandoned, and cried out in anguish from the cross, yet you delivered him. He overcame the bonds of death and rose in triumph from the grave. Do not hide your face from those who cry out to you: feed the hungry, strengthen the weak, and break the chains of the oppressed, that your people may rejoice in your saving deeds. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Laurie Tomita

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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Gradual Hymn: O Thou Who Camest from Above (1,2,3)

CP 624

O thou who camest from above, the pure celestial fire to impart, kindle a flame of sacred love on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn with inextinguishable blaze, and trembling to its source return in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire to work and speak and think for thee; still let me guard the holy fire, and still stir up thy gift in me.

Gospel

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.

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Ven. Sophie Rolland

Affirmation of Faith

New Zealand Prayer Book (p.481)

You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God. You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God. You, O God are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your Gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; You overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.

Prayers of the People

Mary Vipond

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he 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 with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: God of the Sparrow (1,2,4,5)

CP 414

God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars How does the creature say Awe? How does the creature say Praise?

God of the earthquake God of the storm God of the trumpet blast How does the creature cry Woe? How does the creature cry Save?

God of the hungry God of the sick God of the prodigal How does the creature say Care? How does the creature say Life?

God of the neighbour God of the foe God of the pruning hook How does the creature say Love? How does the creature say Peace?

Prayer Over The Gifts

Gracious God, **you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. 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.

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might;

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in your name.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

Nous te rendons grâce, Seigneur Dieu, pour la bonté et l'amour que tu nous as manifestés dans la création, dans la vocation d'Israël, ton peuple, dans ta parole proclamée par les prophètes, et par-dessus tout, dans le Verbe fait chair, Jésus-Christ, ton Fils unique, notre Seigneur.

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."

De même, à la fin du repas, il prit la coupe. Après t'avoir rendu grâce, il la leur donna en disant : « Prenez et buvez-en tous, car ceci est la coupe de mon sang, le sang de l'Alliance nouvelle et éternelle qui sera versé pour vous et pour la multitude pour le pardon des péchés. Chaque fois que vous en boirez, faites-le en mémoire de moi. »

Therefore, Father, 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.

Dans la plénitude des temps, réconcilie et renouvelle toutes choses dans le Christ et conduis-nous à la cité de lumière, là où tu habites avec tous tes enfants, par Jésus-Christ notre Seigneur, le premier-né de toute création, la tête de l'Église et l'auteur de notre salut;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread Sentence

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.

Holy Communion

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

LAMB OF GOD

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us. [Repeat: x2]**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Hymn During Communion

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love CP 504

Prayer After Communion

**God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we
always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Doxology

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

**The Peace of God, which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the
knowledge and Love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of
God Almighty, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you
always. Amen.**

Announcements

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee CP 425

**Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like
flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and
sadness, drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with
the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays; stars
and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale
and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing
fountain call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of
living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, and our Mother, all who live
in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

Dismissal

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Upcoming Meetings & Events

Memorial Service for Betsy Aird: 11am, Monday, April 29th at St Mary's Church.

Shop at the Bunker for St James': the Bunker has generously offered the proceeds from sales made Saturday, May 11th to St James' Church. The Bunker is open 9am-noon on Saturdays and is located at 60 Elm. Join us in thanking them for their support and do some shopping!

A Flower chart is hanging in the entrance to St. Mary's church. Please fill in your name and contact information on the date you wish to have flowers or green plants on the Altar.

Please note there will be no tax receipts issued as this is not a donation.