

May 15, 2022

at 9am

Worship Booklet

Fifth Sunday of Easter

A Liturgy of the Word

*Please
join us
on **Zoom***



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Opening: He Came Down

He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
Hallelujah for evermore.

He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace;
Hallelujah for evermore.

He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
Hallelujah for evermore.

Gathering

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ has risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Risen Christ stands among his disciples and says, "Peace be with you."

Let us share Christ's peace with one another, placing our hands on our hearts.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

Acknowledgement

Although we have come together in digital space, we each stand in place on solid ground that is the ancestral territory of Indigenous peoples. I live on the unceded territory of the *Algonquin Anishnaabeg people*. On whose territory do you live?

Silence

Let us pray,

Loving God,

help us to live respectfully on these lands, seeking justice and peace. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

In this joyful Easter season, let us give thanks for the gift of new life.

Blessed are you, God of all, to you be glory and praise for ever. You are our light and our salvation. From the deep waters of death you have raised your Son to life in triumph. Grant that we may daily be renewed in your image, walk by the light of faith, and serve you in newness of life; through your Son, Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit we lift our voices to sing.

Gloria

*Gloria! Gloria! Glory to God in the highest
And on earth peace to people of good will.*

Repeat

Collect of the Day

Risen Christ, your wounds declare God's love for the world and the wonder of your risen life gives us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

The First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of

Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us

how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches
Thanks be to God

Psalm 148

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.

**Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him,
all his host.**

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you
shining stars.

**Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you
waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the Name of the Lord; for he
commanded, and they were created.

**He made them stand fast for ever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass
away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-
monsters and all deeps;

**Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous
wind, doing his will;**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens, old and young together.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord, for his Name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven. R

He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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The Gospel: John 13:31-35

Alleluia! Christ is Risen

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that

you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

Hymn: Creating God Your Fingers Trace

Creating God, your fingers trace
the bold designs of farthest space;
let sun and moon and stars and light
and what lies hidden praise your might.

Sustaining God, your hands uphold
earth’s mysteries know or yet untold;
let water’s fragile blend with air,
enabling life, proclaim your care.

Redeeming God, your arms embrace
all now despised for creed or race;
let peace, descending like a dove,
make known on earth your healing love.

Indwelling God, your gospel claims
one family with a billion names;
let every life be touched by grace
until we praise you face to face.

Affirmation of Faith

Together, let us declare our faith in the
resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,

**and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

**Our Mother, 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.**

Closing

This is the day that God has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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. Amen.

Blessing

May the joy of the resurrection be revealed in your life. May the peace of the risen Lord live deep inside you. May you be a sign of God's love to a world in need of hope and rebirth. And the blessing of God, the Holy Trinity, who creates, redeems, and sustains us, be upon you this day and for evermore.

Closing Hymn: We Are Marching

We are marching in the light of God

We are marching in the light of God

We are marching in the light of God

We are marching in the light of God

We are marching, marching,

we are marching, Oh,

We are marching in the light of God.

Nous chantons avec les saints de Dieu ...

We are growing in the love of God ...

Dismissal

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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