

**Sunday May 3 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter  
10:00 am Order of Service**

**Worship Leaders**

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**Prelude** Rejoice We All This Eastertide! (E.Pepping)

**Call to Worship**

*Celebrant* Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:

*People* **I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

*Celebrant* In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:

*People* **I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

*Celebrant* In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:

*People* **I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

*Celebrant* In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:

*People* **I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

*Celebrant* Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way, our truth, and our life.

*People* **Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Prayer of Acknowledgement**

Holy Creator, you made all people of every land in your image and entrusted them with the care of the earth that you graciously gave to all peoples. Make us mindful of those peoples who first occupied the land we are on: the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, the Anishinabek Nation, the Mississaugas of Scugog, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations, and the Métis Nation. Give us patient hearts, that we may recall the destructiveness of western settlement on these peoples. Give us attentiveness so that we may hear and give thanks for indigenous voices in our Anglican Church of Canada. Give us sincere and open hearts so that we may embrace the work of reconciliation to which you call your Church. We pray these things in your name: our Creator, your Son the Peacemaker, and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

**Opening Sentence**

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, but by me. John 14.6

**Processional** CP 300 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation v 1,2,4,5

1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the church in one,  
holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

2 All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody,  
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain,  
what they gain from thee, forever with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

5 Laud and honour to the Father, laud and honour to the Son,  
laud and honour to the Spirit, ever three, and ever one,  
one in might, and one in glory, while unending ages run.

#### GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

#### Greeting

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* May his grace and peace be with you.

*People* **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*All* **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.**

#### Glory to God

CP 702

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

*Celebrant* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**First Reading** Acts 7:55-60

Thumeka

*Reader* A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles:

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

*Reader* The word of the Lord; **All Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** 31:1-5,15-16

*J.Foster*

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,

for you are my crag and my stronghold;

for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,

for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit,

for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

"My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant,

and in your loving kindness save me."

**Second Reading** I Peter 2:2-10

Gloria

*Reader* A reading from the first letter of Peter:

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

*Reader* The word of the Lord; **All Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Halle halle hallelujah; halle halle hallelujah  
Halle halle hallelujah; hallelujah, hallelujah!

**Gospel Reading** John 14:1-14

Dianne

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:

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

*Reader* Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ;

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

## Sermon

*After the sermon, silence is kept.*

## Nicene Creed

*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*All* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.  
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father.  
 With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.  
 He has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

Malcolm

*Leader* God of grace and light,  
 found within and out with the structures of humanity,  
 you cannot be contained,  
 but on occasion choose to dwell in hearts and homes.  
 Glance lightly upon the hearts and homes dear to us,  
 the people and places where we seek blessing.  
 Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Build up our homes:  
 where the happy may find peace;  
 the sad may find comfort;  
 the hungry may find food;  
 the weary may find rest. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Build up the places where we work:  
 where the honest may find reward;  
 the dedicated may find delight;  
 the imaginative may find new horizons. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Build up our community:  
 where the isolated may find friendship;  
 the marginalised may find welcome;  
 the unloved may find acceptance.  
 We lift to you those who are suffering in body, mind, or soul:  
 Lillian, Jean, Irva, Ray, A.J., Debbie, Lucas, Sheila, Evelyn,  
 Shahhin, Léandra, Avil, Kristie, Dan, Jason, K.T.,  
 Nichola, John, Aileen, Julie, Lynette and Mona. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Build up our nation, loving Lord,

and bless those entrusted with the care of our society's fabric.  
May they use their skills, their calling, their hard graft  
to fashion communities of grace and understanding,  
where generosity of heart and mind and soul  
may be not only the gilding of our daily life  
but its very core. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Build up the Church, redeeming Lord,  
so that all your children may find their place,  
unique and special,  
chosen and essential to the living edifice of grace,  
where by your grace  
each one might know their value in your economy,  
and their significance in your eyes. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Help us all, this day, to be living stones, and not dead weights,  
dreaming dreams, and living gloriously the joy and kindness  
of a faith that edifies everything that life should be.  
And at life's end, welcome us home,  
with Aldith and all your faithful servants.  
In the name of our Saviour, our cornerstone, we pray.

*All* **Amen.**

### **Confession & Absolution**

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*People exchange words and gestures of peace.*

*Celebrant* Let us prepare to bring God's tithe and our offerings.

## **Offertory Hymn** CP 620 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.

2 It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest.

3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,  
my never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace.

4 Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend, my prophet, priest, and king,  
my Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.

5 Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer 3**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
we give you thanks and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who on this first day of the week  
overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
opened to us the way of everlasting life.

In our unending joy  
we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven  
as we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

*All*        **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant*    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, Father, according to his command,

*All*        **we remember his death,**

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

*Celebrant* 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 sons and daughters;  
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 Father,  
now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

*All* **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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Lord, we died with you on the cross.



1 All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.

3 Crown him, you martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;  
praise him whose burning path you trod, and crown him Lord of all;  
praise him whose burning path you trod, and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let every tongue and every tribe, delivered from the fall,  
to Christ all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.  
To Christ all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Oh that, with heaven's sacred throng, we at his feet may fall,  
lift high the universal song, and crown him Lord of all;  
lift high the universal song, and crown him Lord of all!

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** The Glorious Day Has Come (E.Pepping)