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**10 am Eucharist**  
**THE 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**28 APRIL 2024**

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Whether you have been a lifelong Anglican or are new to our tradition, we welcome you this morning! If you are not familiar with Anglican worship, simply allow the words, music and symbols to speak to you. Participate as fully as you feel comfortable in doing. We stand to sing and sit to listen. Some people kneel for prayer, some sit and some stand. Please do what is comfortable for you. You are invited to join in the words in **bold type**.

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*Prelude*

*Announcements*

### Gathering Song

‘For the Beauty of the Earth’

*Common Praise 429 (tune England’s Lane)*

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies.

*Refrain Christ our God, to thee we raise,  
This our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour,  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light.

*Refrain*

For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and mind’s delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight.

*Refrain*

For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,

Friends on earth and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild.

*Refrain*

For each perfect gift of thine,  
To our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine,  
Flowers of earth and buds of Heaven.

*Refrain*

### ***Greeting***

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed.**

May God's grace and peace be with you.

**May God fill our hearts with joy.**

### ***Hymn of Praise***

'Glory to God'

*Common Praise 702 (G.B. Senchur)*

*Refrain: **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.**

*Refrain*

**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.**

*Refrain*

**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.**

*Refrain*

### ***Collect of the Day***

Let us pray:

**God of deep soil and luxurious growth,  
you call us from our shallow selves  
to find our depth in you;  
may we abide in him alone  
who can teach us who we are,  
Jesus Christ, the true vine. Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### ***The First Reading: Acts 8:26-40***

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

<sup>26</sup> Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup> 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 <sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' <sup>31</sup> He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup> 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.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

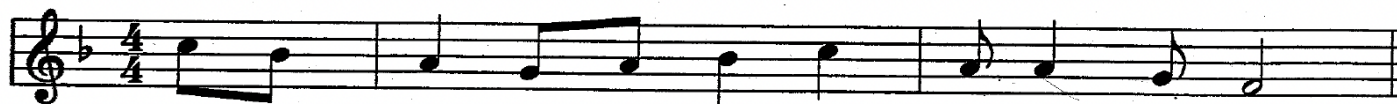
For his life is taken away from the earth.'

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> 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?' <sup>38</sup> He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> 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. <sup>40</sup> 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.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 22***



All the ends of the earth shall turn to the Lord.

My praise is of him in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him:  
The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall  
praise him:

"May your heart live for ever!"

***Refrain***

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations bow before him.

***Refrain***

For kingship belongs to the Lord;  
he rules over the nations.

to him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

***Refrain***

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

**Refrain**

***The Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21***

A reading from the First Letter of John:

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. <sup>15</sup> God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Song**

'Many and Great, O God Are Your Works'  
*Common Praise 407 (tune Lacquiparle)*

Many and great, O God, are your works,  
maker of earth and sky.  
Your hands have set the heavens with stars;  
your fingers spread the mountains and plains.  
Lo, at your Word, the waters were formed;  
deep seas obey your voice.

Grant unto us communion with you,  
O star-abiding one.  
Come unto us and dwell with us;  
with you are found the gifts of life.  
Bless us with life that has no end,  
eternal life in you.

### ***The Gospel: John 15:1-8***

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.**

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. <sup>2</sup> He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> 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 Reverend Stephanie Shepard

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

*You are invited to sit, kneel, or stand as you find helpful for prayer. Please add what is on your hearts silently or aloud in the pauses:*

Let us hold before God:

- the people of God, that we may proclaim the risen Lord;
- God's creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care;
- those in despair and darkness, that they may find the hope and light of Christ;
- those in fear of death, that they may find faith through the resurrection;
- prisoners and captives, and
- our own intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings.

May we live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross: O God, who raises us to life,

**hear our prayer.**

May all people receive the good news of Christ's victory: O God, who raises us to life,

**hear our prayer.**

May those born to new life in the waters of baptism know the power of his resurrection: O God, who raises us to life,

**hear our prayer.**

May those who suffer pain and anguish find healing and peace in the compassion of Christ: O God, who raises us to life,

**hear our prayer.**



May we, in the undying love of Christ, be united with all who have died in the faith of Christ: O God, who raises us to life,  
**hear our prayer.**

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God and in the communion of the Spirit. **Amen.**

### ***The Exchange of the Peace***

May the peace of the risen Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

*You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with your neighbours, respecting their comfort with distance and touch.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### ***Offering Song***

**'How Great Thou Art'**

*Common Praise 423 (tune How Great Thou Art)*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made;  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

***Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art!***

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

***Refrain***

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin;

*Refrain*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
and claim his own, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*

### ***The Prayer over the Gifts***

Let us pray:

**Gracious God, you show us your way  
and give us your divine life.**

**May everything we do to care for creation  
be directed by the knowledge of your truth.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.**

**Amen.**

### ***The Great Thanksgiving***

***Salal and Cedar***

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 right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here where the Fraser River meets the Salish Sea, where city and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, orca and salmon, bear and raven, salal and cedar we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

### **Sanctus**

*Common Praise 735 (Schubert)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full, 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.**

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come. All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

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

In the language closest to your heart, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
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.**

### ***The 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.**

Dear friends in Christ, God bids you welcome to this table. Here we are strengthened for the journey. Here strangers become friends and the seeker finds God's wisdom speaking to them. See who you are and become what you see.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***The Communion***

*You are invited to come forward to receive bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available. You receive the fullness of Christ's love if you prefer to take one kind (just the bread or the wine). If you would prefer to have a blessing, please let the priest know.*

### **During Communion**

**"Love, Divine, All Loves Excelling"**  
*Common Praise 485 (Tune: Bleanwern)*

**Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven to earth come down;  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
All thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation;  
Enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, Almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.**

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Anthem- HTC Choir*

## **THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY**

### ***The Prayers after Communion***

Let us pray:

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.

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, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Sending Song**

**'All Things Bright and Beautiful'**

*Common Praise 415 (Tune All Things Bright)*

***Refrain All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.***

**Each radiant flower that opens,  
each vibrant bird that sings,**

God made their glowing colours,  
God made their lively wings.

*Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruit in the garden,  
God made them every one.

*Refrain*

The rocky mountain splendour,  
the loon's wild, haunting call,  
the great lakes and the prairies,  
the forest in the fall.

*Refrain*

God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is the Creator,  
who has made all things well.

*Refrain*

### **The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### ***Postlude***



### **Liturgical Ministers**

Greeter & worship assistant, 8:00 am:	Brian Dobbin
Greeters, 10 am:	Kate Abel & Geoff Clements
Reader:	Kate Abel
Chalice Administrators:	Lynda Rivers & Jackie Lewis
Presider & Preacher:	The Rev. Stephanie Shepard
Server:	Greg Kennelly
Crucifer:	Linda Gravlin
Music Director	Kyumin Lee

*If you are interested in opportunities to make a joyful sound with our faith community, please contact Music Director Kyumin Lee. New choir members and musicians welcome!*

***The flowers in the church are donated to the glory of God.***

**Next Sunday's Readings for May 5, 2024:** Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17



### **This Week at HTC**



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#### **Wednesday 1 May 2024**

9:30 am Holy Eucharist  
*followed with coffee and conversation (Lounge)*  
10:30-11:30 am Bible Study (Lounge)

#### **Thursday 2 May 2024**

5.30 pm Vespers (Zoom)  
7:30 pm Choir Practice (Lounge)

#### **Saturday 4 May 2024**

11.00 am HTC Brunch Club  
(Parish Hall)

#### **Sunday 5 May 2024**

8.00 am BCP Eucharist (Cathedral & Facebook Live)  
10 am Choral Eucharist (Cathedral & Facebook Live)

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