

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
SUNDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2025



*Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts burn within us while you speak. Luke 24:32*



**ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL**  
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**SUNG EUCHARIST (Book of Alternative Services)**

*Please stand when clergy enter.*

**Prelude** Song Op. 34, No. 9

Reinhold Glière

**Opening Hymn** *Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs*

NATIVITY  
CP 319

Henry Lahee  
1826-1912

1. Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne: Ten  
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thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.

2. "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,  
"To be exalted thus!"  
"Worthy the Lamb!" our lips reply,  
"for he was slain for us."
3. Jesus is worthy to receive  
honour and power divine;  
and blessings, more than we can give,  
be Lord, forever thine!
4. Let all creation join in one  
to bless the sacred name  
of god who sits upon the throne,  
and to adore the Lamb!

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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

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

*Presider* Almighty God,  
*People* **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.**

**Act of Praise**

FESTIVAL CANTICLE  
CP 242

Richard Hillert  
1923

*Choir sings verses.*

**The Collect of the Day**

*Presider* Let us pray. *(silence)*  
 O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
*People* **Amen.**

“Children's Corner” – Children are welcome to join Heather in the Assembly Room.

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

*Today's Readers: Allan Nagata, Tina George*

*(Silence is observed between the readings and the homily for reflection.)*

**A Reading** from the Book of Acts:

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

[The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."] *Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)*

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

**Psalm 30**



**A Reading** from the Revelation to John:

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshipped. *Revelations 5:11-14*

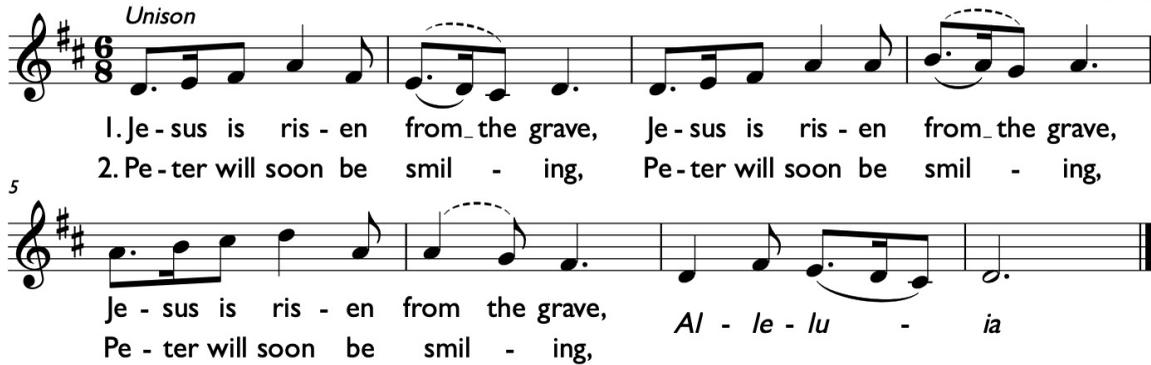
*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn** *Jesus Is Risen from the Grave*

CHILDER  
CP 232

John L. Bell  
(1949.)



**Holy Gospel** *John 21:1-19*

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

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

3. Je - sus is here in bread and wine, Je - sus is here in bread and wine,  
 4. Je - sus will live for - ev - er, Je - sus will live for - ev - er,  
 5 Je - sus is here in bread and wine, Je - sus will live for - ev - er, Al - le - lu - ia

**Homily** The Very Reverend Dr. Kevin George

*Please be seated*

**The Nicene Creed**

*Please stand*

*Presider* 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 Intercession**

Led by Marilyn Papple

*Leader* God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need. I invite you to take a comfortable posture: standing or sitting for the Prayers of the People. *(A brief silence.)*

Your love sustains the church and its ministries. By that love, equip all our church leaders, and all who guide formation in the church to nurture vibrant, living faith among your people. Hear us, O God,

*People* **Your mercy is great.**

*Leader* Your abundance is made known throughout creation. Preserve oceans and rivers, lakes and estuaries so that all creatures living in them might flourish. Make us wise stewards of our local watersheds. Hear us, O God.

*People* **Your mercy is great.**

*Leader* Your wisdom guides all who strive for justice and peace. Strengthen the work of grassroots organizers, especially among communities on the frontlines of justice work. Amplify the voices of those most in need, that their leadership guides the way forward. Hear us, O God.

*People* **Your mercy is great.**

*Leader* Your compassion surrounds all who are in need. We pray for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty. Reassure all who experience hopelessness or need your tender care especially Ann & Ellis, Trudy, Barb, Bonnie, Cristal, Tommy, Betty, Lisa, Jan, Jake, Carla, Nancy, Fabian, Marilyn, Marg, George. Hear us, O God.

*People* **Your mercy is great.**

*Leader* You invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated. Show us how to better welcome visitors and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. Hear us, O God.

*People* **Your mercy is great.**

*Leader* We praise you for the witness of your saints of all times and places. May their lives of faith guide us in our own journeys with you, today and every day. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Leader* We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

## Offertory Hymn At the Lamb's High Feast

SALZBURG  
CP 207

Jakob Hintze/Bach  
1622-1702

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
5 Who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pier - ced side;  
9 Praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred blood for wine,  
13 gives his bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.

### Confession and Absolution

*Presider* 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 is kept.*

*Presider* Most merciful God,

*All* **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.**

*Presider* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

**The Peace**

*Please stand*

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

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

2. Where the paschal blood is poured,  
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
paschal victim, paschal bread;  
with sincerity and love,  
eat we manna from above.
3. Mighty victim from on high,  
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;  
death is broken in the fight, thou hast  
brought us life and light.  
Now no more can death appal,  
now no more the grave enthral!  
Thou hast opened paradise,  
and in thee thy saints shall rise.
4. This, our gift of Easter joy,  
sin alone can now destroy;  
from sin's power do thou set free  
souls newborn, O Lord, in thee.  
Hymns of glory and of praise,  
Father, unto thee we raise;  
risen Lord, all praise to thee,  
with the Spirit, ever be.

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### Prayer over the Gifts

*Presider* Creator of all, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*Presider* Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light.

Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

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## SANCTUS—DEUTSCHE MESSE

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow'r and might. Heav - en and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797-1828; adapt. by Richard Proulx, © 1985, 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves a single, holy living sacrifice. Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

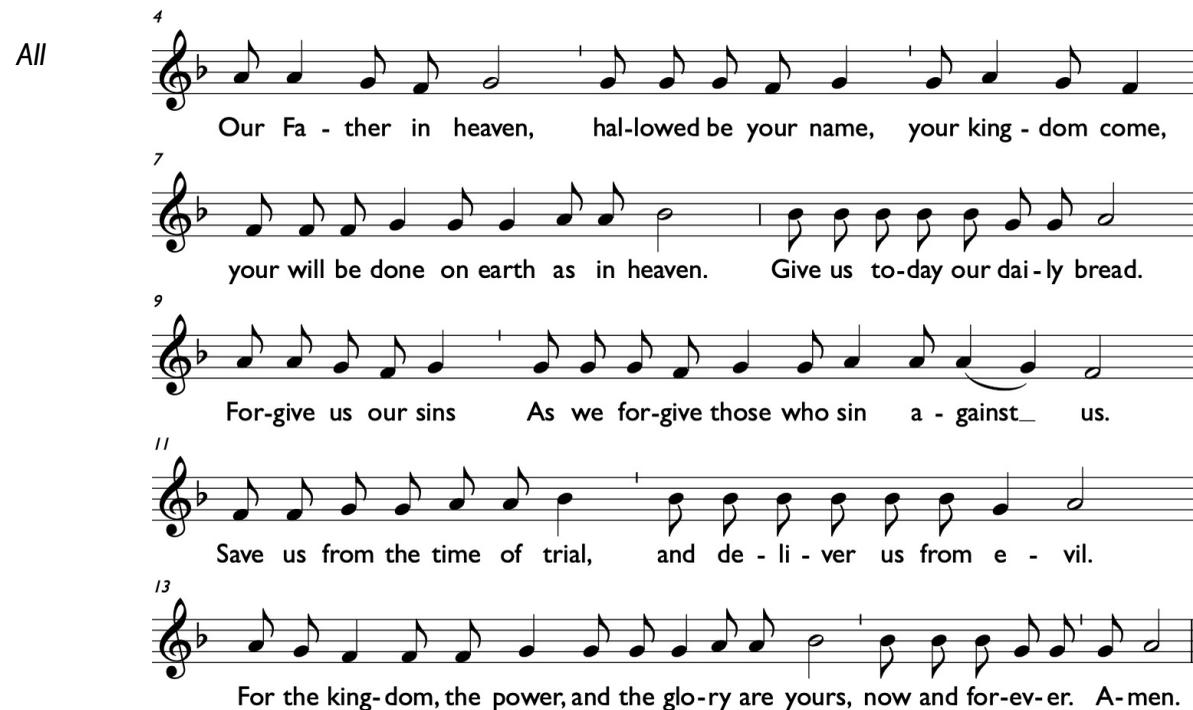
Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

People



### Lord's Prayer



The choir will sing the **Agnus Dei** from the 'Missa Brevis' (*short mass*) setting by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525/6 – 1594)

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: Miserere nobis / Dona nobis pacem.*  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us / Grant us peace.

## The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.  
All **Thanks be to God.**

**Gluten-free communion wafers** are available. Please indicate your wish to the administrant at Communion.

## Communion Anthem I Got Me Flowers (From 5 Mystical Songs)

Words by George Herbert Composer: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)

*I got me flowers to strew thy way;  
I got me boughs off many a tree:  
But thou wast up by break of day,  
And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.*

*The Sunne arising in the East.  
Though he give light, and th'East perfume;  
If they should offer to contest  
With thy arising, they presume.*

*Can there be any day but this,  
Though many sunnes to shine endeavour?  
We count three hundred, but we misse:  
There is but one, and that one ever.*

## Communion Hymn Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE  
CP 430

Trad. Scottish

1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
9 Will you go where you don't know and ne - ver be the same?  
17 Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
25 Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

(continued)

2. Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should you life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

**Prayer after Communion** (*silence is kept*)

*Please stand*

*Presider* Let us pray.  
Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord.  
Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

**Doxology**

*Presider* Glory to God,  
*All* **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.**

**Closing Announcements and Blessing**

**Post Communion Hymn** *Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now*

ST. ALBINUS  
CP 239

*Henry Gauntlett*  
1805 - 1876

I. Je - sus lives! Thy ter - rors now can no more, O death, ap - pal us.

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Je - sus lives! By this we know thou, O grave, canst not en - thral us. Al - le - lu - ia!

<p>2. Jesus lives! Henceforth is death but the gate of life immortal; this shall calm our trembling breath when we pass its gloomy portal. Alleluia!</p>	<p>3. Jesus lives! For us he died; then, alone to Jesus living, pure in heart may we abide. Glory to our Saviour giving. Alleluia!</p>
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4. Jesus lives! Our hearts know well  
nought from us his love shall sever;  
life, nor death, nor powers of hell  
tear us from his keeping ever.  
Alleluia!

**Dismissal**

*The Deacon dismisses the congregation in these or similar words:*

*Deacon* Go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** The Little Shepherd (No. 5 from *Children's Corner Suite*)

Claude Debussy

*Note from Director of Music: With apologies for the interruption to the series of Bach Preludes and Fugues. Illness has prevented me getting near the piano this week!*

## Coffee Hour

After the service please come for coffee in Cronyn Hall.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer** – Today we pray for the Parishes of St. John’s-by-the-Lake, Grand Bend; St. Anne’s Worshipping Community, Port Franks; St. Paul’s, Palmerston; Regional Ministry of Hope; Trinity, Blyth; St. Paul’s-Trinity, Wingham; and Parish of the Holy Spirit, Seaforth.

*Please join us...*

**Bible Study** - Wednesdays @ 11:00am

**Mid-Week Holy Eucharist** – Wednesdays @ 12:15pm in St. Aidan's Chapel

**Soup & Bun** – Wednesdays @ 1:00pm

**May 10 Rummage Sale** – 9am–12:00pm Bargains galore!

### Today’s Liturgical Leaders

*Presider* – **The Venerable Sam Thomas**

*Preacher* – **The Very Reverend Dr. Kevin George**

*Gospeller* – **The Reverend Pat Henderson**

*Organist & Director of Music* – **Laurence Williams**

*Associate Organist* – **Olakunle Aoko**

*Bell Ringer* – **Murray Hunter**

*Servers* – **Pat Binnington, Doug Campbell, Raphael Samuel**

*Lay Administrants* – **Peter Hockin, Florence Perkes**

*Greeter* – **Jean Willadsen**

*Children’s Ministry* – **Heather Clark**

*Warden* – **Gord Rolleston**

**The Right Reverend Todd Townshend**

*Bishop of Huron*

**The Very Reverend Dr. Kevin George**

*Dean of Huron & Rector of St. Paul’s Cathedral*

**The Venerable Sam Thomas**

*Senior Associate Priest/Director of Pastoral Care*

**The Rev’d Dr. Dawn Davis**

*Director of Faith Formation*

**The Reverend Pat Henderson**

*Deacon*

**The Reverend Canon Marian Haggerty**

*Honorary Assistant Emeritus*

**The Most Reverend Linda Nicholls**

*Honorary Assistant*

**The Reverend Dr. Joshua Samuel**

*Resident Theologian*

**The Reverend Amirthaseeli Jeyaseelan**

*Intern*

**Laurence Williams**

*Organist & Director of Music*

**Gord Rolleston**

*Church Warden*

**Jim Ferguson**

*Church Warden*

**Doreen Kyomugisha**

*Deputy Church Warden*

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