

ASCENSION OF THE LORD
SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST, 2025



Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of the age. Matthew 28:19, 20



ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL
LONDON, ONTARIO | ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF HURON

SUNG EUCHARIST (Book of Alternative Services)

Please stand when clergy enter.

Opening Hymn *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

LLANFAIR
CP 247 (t. 206)

Robert Williams
1781? - 1821

1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
To his throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners given, Al - le - lu - ia!
En - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!

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| 2 | There for him high triumph waits; alleluia! Lift your heads, eternal gates; alleluia! He hath conquered death and sin; alleluia! Take the King of glory in. Alleluia! | 4 | See! He lift his hands above, alleluia! See! He shows the prints of love; alleluia! Hark! His gracious lips bestow alleluia! Blessings on his church below. Alleluia! |
| 3 | Highest heaven its Lord receives, alleluia! Yet he loves the earth he leaves; alleluia! Though returning to his throne, alleluia! Still he calls the world his own. Alleluia! | 5 | Still for us he intercedes; alleluia! His prevailing death he pleads, alleluia! Near himself prepares our place, alleluia! He the first-fruits of our race. Alleluia! |
| | | 6 | Lord, though parted from our sight, alleluia! Far above the starry height, alleluia! Grant our hearts may thither rise, alleluia! Seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia! |

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

- 1 Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;
Of Heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin..
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Re-ceive our prayer, grant us your peace within.
- 3 Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray. (silence)

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, 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: Marian Haggerty, Brody Weekes
(Silence is observed between the readings and the homily for reflection.)

A Reading from the Book of Acts:
In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Acts 1:1-11

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

Psalm 97

Piano



Re - joice in the Lord you right-eous.

A Reading from the Book of Ephesians:

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. *Ephesians 1:15-23*

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

Sequence Hymn Alleluia No. 1

ALLELUIA NO. 1
CP 405

Donald Fishel
1950 -

I. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ri-sen Lord. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to his name.

CHOIR:

Go and make disciples says the Lord: Remember, I am with the end of the age.

Holy Gospel Luke 24:44-53

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.**

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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Homily The Venerable Sam Thomas *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 Susan Patterson

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.)* Welcoming God, you invite all people to come and encounter your love. Give your church open hearts and minds to embrace all who seek your presence. Increase the capacity for cooperation between denominations and congregations. Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Leader Creating God, your might is seen in storms and in silence. Where drought threatens, bring rain. Where waters flood, ease them back. Where fire, earthquake, hurricane, or tornado destroy, shelter your people and restore your land. Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Leader Discerning God, fill the hearts of leaders with your passion for justice and mercy. Call the nations of this world to tables of peace and collaboration. Encourage governments to seek avenues of collective benefit and joy. Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Leader Abiding God, all people are held in your care. Accompany survivors of abuse, trauma, and exploitation. Strengthen our resolve to listen and advocate on behalf of all who are unnoticed. Hear our prayers for those close to our heart especially Ann & Ellis, Betty, Lisa, Jan, Jake, Carla, Nancy, Fabian, Marilyn, Marg, George, Trudy, Arleigh, Alice, Lucas, Heather, Helen. Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Leader Rejoicing God, be with this congregation as summer begins in the northern hemisphere. Keep travelers safe. Keep the vulnerable cool. Invigorate summer ministry efforts in our community, and support the well-being of children and young people. Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Leader Loving God, the beginning and the end, you are with us throughout our lives. In gratitude for the saints who have died, we look toward your coming again among us. Hear us, O God.

People **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.

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.

Presider *Silence is kept.*
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.

Offertory Hymn Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

IN BABILONE
CP 246

Trad. Dutch

The musical score is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four lines of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The first line ends with a double bar line. The second line starts with a '5' above the first note. The third line starts with a '9' above the first note. The fourth line starts with a '13' above the first note and ends with a double bar line.

I. Hail, thou once des - pi - sed Je - sus! Hail, thou Ga - li - le - an King!

Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; thou didst free sal - va - tion bring.

Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal Sa - viour! Thou hast borne our sin and shame;

by thy me - rits we find fa - vour; life is gi - ven through thy name.

(continued)

- 2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
all our sins on thee were laid;
by almighty love anointed,
thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven
through the virtue of thy blood;
opened is the gate of heaven;
peace is made 'twixt us and God.
- 3 Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory,
there forever to abide,
all the heavenly host adore thee,
seated at thy Father's side.
Worship, honour, power, and blessing
thou art worthy to receive;
loudest praises, without ceasing,
meet it is for us to give.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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:

DEUTSCHE MESSE
CP 735

Franz Schubert
1797-1828

Piano: All Sing:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.
Hea - ven and earth are full, Full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho san - na in the high - est.

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 siblings 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

A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.

Lord’s Prayer

Presider: 

Priest: As our Sa-viour taught us, let us pray:

All 

Our Fa - ther in heaven, hal-lowed be your name, your king - dom come,



your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread.



For-give us our sins As we for-give those who sin a - gainst__ us.



Save us from the time of trial, and de - li - ver us from e - vil.



For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

The choir will sing the **Agnus Dei**
from *Communion Service in C* by J Ireland

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 Give Laud Unto the Lord

arr. By E Bullock

Communion Hymn I Come with Joy

LAND OF REST
CP 60

Trad. American



I. I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and free, the
life of Je - sus to re - call, in love laid down for me.

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| 2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ’s communion bread. | 4 The spirit of the risen Christ, unseen but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here. |
| 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends. | 5 Together met, together bound, by all that God has done, we’ll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one. |

Prayer after Communion (silence is kept)

Please stand

Presider Let us pray.
Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the
world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help
us to live the good news we proclaim; through 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 Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA
CP 378

George Elvey
1816 - 1893

1. Crown him with ma - ny crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;

5 hark, how the heaven-ly an -them_drowns all mu - sic but its own!

10 A - wake my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,

15 and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.

- 2 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

(continued)

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the congregation in these or similar words:

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

Postlude Fantasia in G Major BWV 572

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Fantasia in G Major BWV 572 by JS Bach
Believed to have been written during his tenure at Weimar (1708-1717), no original manuscript exists for this wonderful organ work. Written in the bright key of G Major, the piece begins with a flurry of sixteenth notes passed back and forth between the hands in the upper range of the instrument that has been described as ‘dynamic and cheerful’, which leads into a grand middle section, full of rich chords that are more a hallmark of Bach’s organ style. Wonderful to hear on the organ, but when played right, the grand character of this piece can be captured beautifully on the piano. Fun fact: this piece was used as the wedding procession for Princess Eugenie and Jack Brooksbank at St George’s Chapel in Windsor Castle in 2018.

Coffee Hour
After the service please come for coffee in Cronyn Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer – Today we pray for the Parishes of St. James the Apostle, Port Lambton; St. James the Apostle, Wallaceburg; Christ Church, Forest; and St. John-in-the-Wilderness, Bright's Grove.

Please join us...

Bible Study has ended for the season and will resume in September.

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

Today's Liturgical Leaders

Presider – **The Very Reverend Dr. Kevin George**
Preacher – **The Venerable Sam Thomas**
Gospeller – **The Reverend Pat Henderson**
Guest Pianist – **Dr. Matthew Pope**
Associate Organist – **Olakunle Aoko**
Bell Ringer – **Murray Hunter**
Servers – **Pat Binnington, Victor Onebunne, Raphael Samuel**
Lay Administrants – **Doug Campbell, Peter Hockin**
Greeter – **John Lacon, Sylvia Lacon**
Children's Ministry – **Heather Clark**
Warden – **Jim Ferguson**

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

Laurence Williams

Organist & Director of Music

Gord Rolleston

Church Warden

Jim Ferguson

Church Warden

Doreen Kyomugisha

Deputy Church Warden

Heather Clark

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