

Sunday, 28 April 2024 – 11.00 am Solemn Mass (livestreamed) The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Fugue on a Bird's Song, Rachel Laurin

The Gathering of the Community

Please stand when the bell is rung.





Celebrant: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us. Alleluia!

People: And grant us thy salvation. Alleluia!

Celebrant: O Lord hear <u>my</u> prayer.

People: And let my cry come un-to thee.

Celebrant: Pardon and forgive us our sins and offen-<u>ces</u>. **People: Confirm and strengthen us in all good-<u>ness</u>.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with <u>you</u>. **People:** And with thy Spi-<u>rit</u>.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Please remain standing.

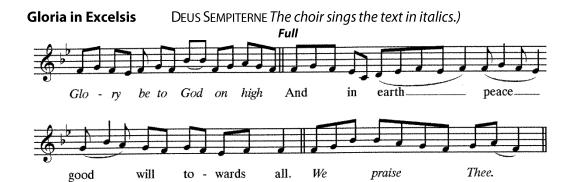
May almighty God cleanse you from all your sins, forgive and redeem you, and through the celebration of this Holy Eucharist make you worthy to share at the table of his Kingdom.

People: Amen.

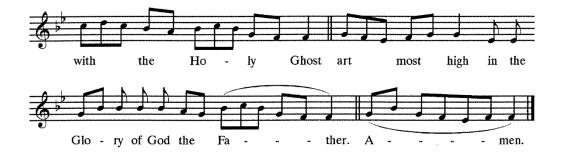
Introit

O sing unto the Lord a new song, alleluia! For the Lord hath done marvellous things, alleluia! In the sight of the nations hath he showed his righteous judgements, alleluia, alleluia!

Kyrie eleison *Missa brevis,* Margaret Drynan *Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.*







Celebrant: Let us pray.

Please remain standing.

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through thy same Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Acts 8:26-40

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.) 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 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. 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. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. 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?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. 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. 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.

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

Alleluia

Alleluia. The right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass; the right hand of the Lord hath exalted me. Alleluia.

Second Reading 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 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. 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. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 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. 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. 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. We love because he first loved us. 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. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

Alleluia

Alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead now dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. Alleluia.

Please stand.

Sequence Hymn 102 NUN LASST UNS GOTT (Green New English Hymnal)

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PERCY DEARMER 1867-1936

A BRIGHTER dawn is breaking, And earth with praise is waking; For thou, O King most highest, The power of death defiest;

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And thou hast come victorious, With risen Body glorious, Who now for ever livest, And life abundant givest.

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O free the world from blindness, And fill the world with kindness, Give sinners resurrection, Bring striving to perfection;

4

In sickness give us healing, In doubt thy clear revealing, That praise to thee be given In earth as in thy heaven.

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Gospel Reading John 15:1-8

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 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. 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. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Homily

After the homily, we sit in silent reflection. Please stand when those in the sanctuary stand.

The Nicene Creed AUTHENTIC TONE





Prayers of the People



The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. Alleluia!

People: And with thy spirit. Alleluia!

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 122 MACH'S MIT MIR GOTT (*Green New English Hymnal*)



THOU hallowed chosen morn of praise,
That best and greatest shinest:
Lady and queen and day of days,
Of things divine, divinest!
On thee our praises Christ adore
For ever and for evermore.

- Come, let us taste the Vine's new fruit,
 For heavenly joy preparing;
 To-day the branches with the Root
 In Resurrection sharing:
 Whom as true God our hymns adore
 For ever and for evermore.
- Rise, Sion, rise! and looking forth,
 Behold thy children round thee!
 From east and west, from south and north,
 Thy scattered sons have found thee;
 And in thy bosom Christ adore
 For ever and for evermore
- O Father, O co-equal Son,
 O co-eternal Spirit,
 In persons Three, in Godhead One,
 And One in power and merit;
 In thee baptized, we thee adore
 For ever and for evermore. Amen.

Greek, St John of Damascus c 750 Tr J. M. Neale 1818–66

Please be seated.

Offertory Sentence

O be joyful in God, all ye lands; sing praises unto him and tell the honour of his holy name. O come hither and hearken, all ye that fear God, and I will tell you what the Lord hath done for my soul, alleluia!

Motet Upon your heart, Eleanor Daley

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love. Love one another as I have loved you.

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Celebrant: Pray, my brothers and sisters, that this, my sacrifice and yours, may be acceptable to

God the almighty Father.

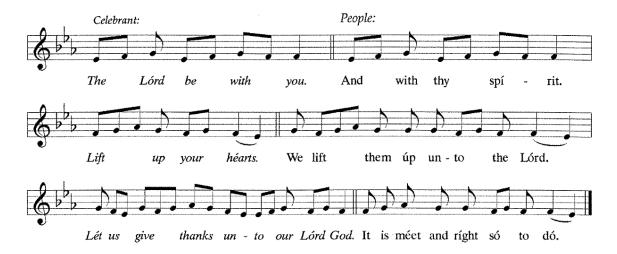
People: The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his holy

name, to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who by the resurrection of thy Son hast made us partakers of his union with thee: Grant that, as we have known thy truth, so we may follow the same in works of holiness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.



Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things; but chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

At the sound of the bells, please kneel or remain standing.

Sanctus *Missa brevis*, Margaret Drynan

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake

it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, for the remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

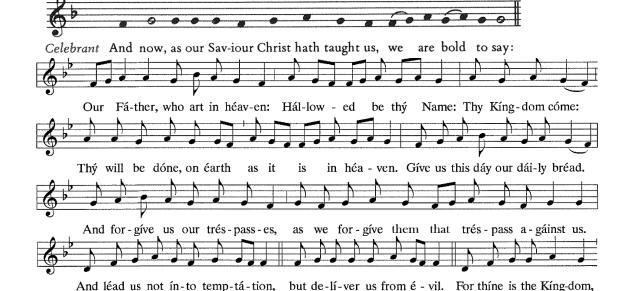
People: We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.

Celebrant: And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; and we pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **People:** Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei *Missa brevis,* Margaret Drynan

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

The Communion

At this time you are invited to come up to communion. Please follow the directions of the sidespeople. If you would prefer to make a spiritual communion, please remain in your pew. We invite you to use the following words as inspiration: My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Communion Sentence

Ego sum vitis vera et vos palmites; qui manet in me, et ego in eo, hic fert fructum multum. Alleluia, alleluia. I am the true vine and you the branches; whoever abides in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit. Alleluia, alleluia. (The Ritual Choir repeats the Communion sentence, interspersed with verses from Psalm 80.)

The Sending Forth of the Community

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Please stand.

We beseech thee, O Lord God, to be present unto thy people; and having endued us with heavenly mysteries, make us to pass from the ways of our former nature unto the one true way of newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

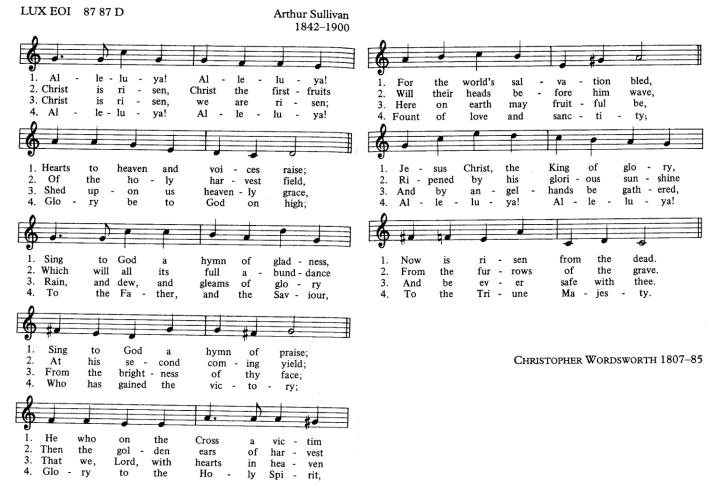
The celebrant blesses the people, after which follow any notices or announcements.

Dismissal



During the singing of the final hymn the sanctuary party moves to the statue of our Lady. After the final hymn we will say the Regina Caeli, then the sanctuary party will disperse.

Final Hymn 103 Lux Eoi (Green New English Hymnal)



Regina Caeli

Celebrant: Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!

People: He whom thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!

Celebrant: As he promised, hath arisen. Alleluia!

People: Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!

Celebrant: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia! **People:** For the Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant: O God, who by the resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ hast vouchsafed to

give joy to the whole world: Grant, we beseech thee, that by the intercession of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary we may be delivered from present sadness and come to the fruition of eternal joy; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth

with thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Postlude Earth Dance, Heather Spry

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Celebrant Father Jake Cunliffe
Deacon & Homilist Father Eric Beresford
Subdeacon Phyllis McCurdy
Director of Music David Simon

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We wish to acknowledge this land on which the Church of St Mary Magdalene stands. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, the Anishinaabe, and the Mississaugas of the Credit. This land is part of the Dish with One Spoon Treaty, and the Two Row Wampum Belt. Today, this meeting place is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island, and we are grateful to have the opportunity to care for the plants and creatures provided by the Creator, and to live and worship on this land. (Compiled by Jo-Ann Dawson and Richard Woolrich)