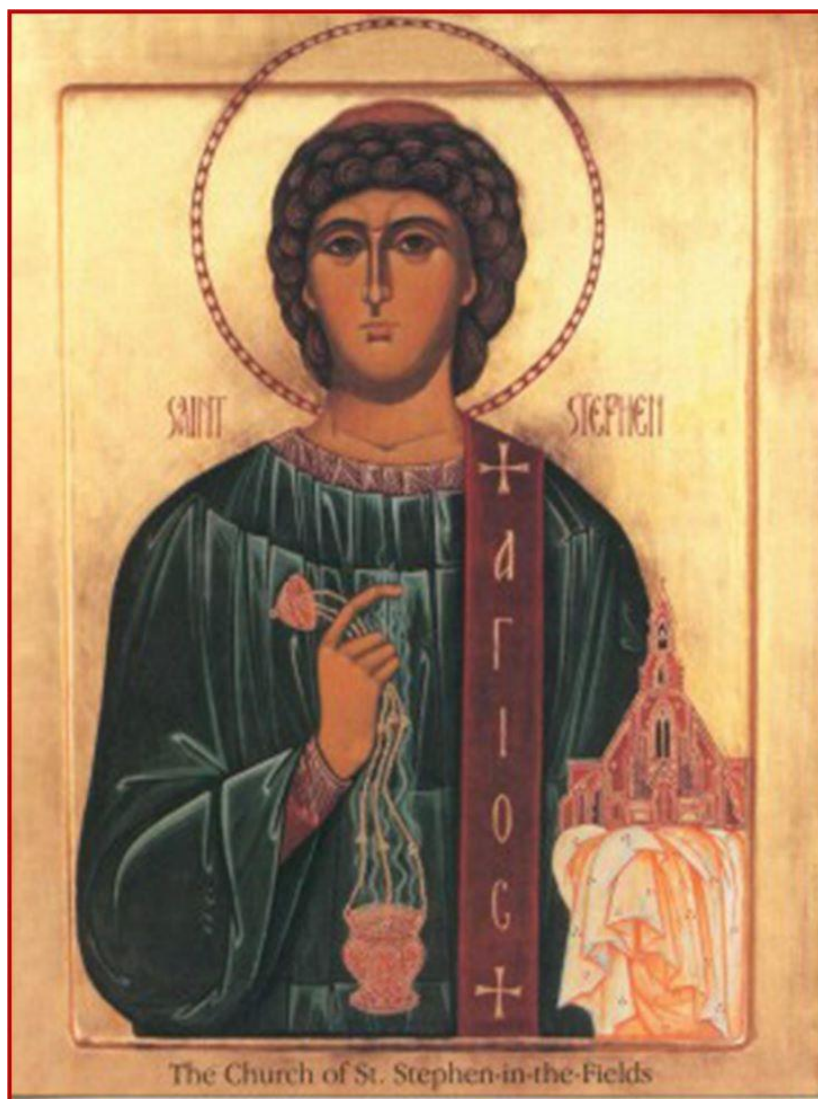


# The Church of Saint Stephen-in-the-Fields



**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday April 30, 2022**

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

*Luke 24.32*

**Celebrant:** The Rev'd Canon Maggie Helwig

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

### Prelude

### Easter Greeting

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*Response* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

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

### Land Acknowledgement

*Celebrant* Though people may be joining us from many regions, we acknowledge that the Church of St. Stephen-in-the-Fields stands on occupied land, the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit (an Anishnaabe people), the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Wendat and Petun nations, land covered by the Dish With One Spoon wampum belt covenant. Treaty 13 and the Williams Treaty are also relevant to this territory. We acknowledge that we have broken the treaties. We acknowledge the damage done by colonialism, and the role that our church has played in this, and we pledge ourselves to work for a future of justice and reconciliation.

### Hymn 216: *Ye choirs of new Jerusalem*

ST. FULBERT

- 1 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ,  
the paschal victory to hymn in strains of holy joy.
- 2 For Judah's lion bursts his chains, crushing the serpent's head,  
and cries aloud through death's domains to wake the imprisoned dead.
- 3 Devouring depths of hell their prey at his command restore;  
his ransomed hosts pursue their way where Jesus goes before.
- 4 Triumphant in his glory now to him all power is given;  
to him in one communion bow all saints in earth and heaven.
- 5 All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son;  
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, while endless ages run.

## **Collect for Purity**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,  
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.

*Response* **Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant:* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,  
welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,  
*Response* **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.

*Response* **Amen.**

## **Peace**

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

*Response* **And also with you.**

## **Gloria**

*Hurd*

*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,  
*Cantor* 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* Let us pray.  
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.  
*Cantor* **Amen.**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*A period of silence is observed after each reading and the homily.*

## **First Lesson: Acts 9.1-20**

*Reader* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.  
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.

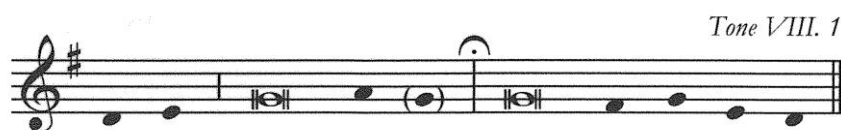
Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has 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.'

*Reader*        The word of the Lord.

*Response*    **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 30** *Exaltabo te, Domine*



- 1     I WILL exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up /  
and have not let my enemies tri-umph ov-er^me.
- 2     **O Lord my God, I cried out to you, /**  
**and you re-stored me to health.**
- 3     You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; /  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4     **Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; /**  
**give thanks for the remembrance of his ho-li^ness.**
- 5     For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, /  
his favour for a life-time.
- 6     **Weeping may spend the night, /**  
**but joy comes in the morn-ing.**

- 7 While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be dis-turbed. /  
You, Lord, with your favour, made me as strong as the moun-tains."
- 8 **Then you hid your face, /  
and I was filled with^fear.**
- 9 I cried to you, O Lord; /  
I pleaded with the Lord, say-ing,
- 10 **"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? /  
will the dust praise you or de-clare your faith-ful^ness?**
- 11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; /  
O Lord, be my help-er."
- 12 **You have turned my wailing in to dan-cing; /  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.**
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceas-ing; /  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ev-er.

## **Second Lesson: Revelation 5.11-14**

*Reader* A reading from the book Revelation.

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  
for ever and ever!'

And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

***Response* Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel acclamation: Alleluia**

*Cantor* **Alleluia.**

**Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures;  
make our hearts burn within us while you speak  
Alleluia.**

*Gospeller* The Lord be with you.

*Response* **And also with you.**

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

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

### **Holy Gospel: John 21.1-19**

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 lake. 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 and 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.'

*Gospeller* The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Homily**      Mtr Maggie Helwig

**Nicene Creed**

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

*Response*    **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.**



## Intercessions

*Bidding* Sing praises to the Lord.

*Response* **And give thanks to his holy name.**

## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Offertory hymn 456:** *He comes to us as one unknown*

LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN

- 1 He comes to us as one unknown,  
a breath unseen, unheard;  
as though within a heart of stone,  
or shriveled seed in darkness sown,  
a pulse of being stirred.
- 2 He comes when souls in silence lie  
and thoughts of day depart,  
half-seen upon the inward eye,  
a falling star across the sky  
of night within the heart.
- 3 He comes to us in sound of seas,  
the ocean's fume and foam;  
yet small and still upon the breeze,  
a wind that stirs the tops of trees,  
a voice to call us home.
- 4 He comes in love as once he came  
by flesh and blood and birth;  
to bear within our mortal frame  
a life, a death, a saving name  
for every child of earth.
- 5 He comes in truth when faith is grown;  
believed, obeyed, adored:  
the Christ in all the scriptures shown,  
as yet unseen, but not unknown,  
our Saviour, and our Lord.

## Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* 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.  
*Response* **Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer 3

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*Cantor* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*Cantor* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*Cantor* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Preface of Easter

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
we give you thanks and praise  
for the glorious resurrection of your Son  
Jesus Christ the Lord;  
for he is the true paschal lamb  
who has taken away the sin of the world.  
By his death he destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again  
he has won for us eternal life.  
Therefore, joining our voices  
with the whole company of heaven,  
we sing our joyful hymn of praise  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

## Sanctus and Benedictus

*Proulx*

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

*Response* **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 children;  
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.

***Response*    Amen.**

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

*Robinson*

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

***Cantor*    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.

***Response*    Now we are raised to new life.**

*Celebrant*    We were buried in your tomb.

***Response*    Now we share in your resurrection.**

*Celebrant*    Live in us, that we may live in you.

## **Agnus Dei**

*Senchur*

***Cantor* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

***Celebrant* 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.**

***Response* Amen.**

## **Doxology**

***Celebrant* Glory to God,  
*Response* 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.**

## **Blessing**

***Celebrant* The peace of God, which passes understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all, and remain with you always.**

***Response* Amen.**

**Hymn 453:** *Living Lord of Love's dominion*

PLEADING SAVIOUR

- 1 Living Lord of Love's dominion,  
sovereign Saviour, bless your church;  
call us still as your disciples—  
loving, serving, while we search.  
Gathered: feed our deepest being  
prophet's truth and godly nerve;  
scattered: let our lives' fruition  
nourish other while we serve.
- 2 Visit towns and inner cities;  
penetrate our steel and stone  
with a love that melts our coldness,  
making mission here our own.  
We will seek you, love transfigured,  
in our neighbour's need until  
deep within our daily service  
love draws forth our utmost skill.
- 3 With your bread, your wine, your Spirit,  
nurture us for your intent;  
let your will be our vocation  
lived as song and sacrament.  
May compassion lead to service  
till we join the saints above;  
grant us hope for each tomorrow;  
fill our faith with vibrant love!

**Dismissal**

*Deacon* Go forth in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

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

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**Postlude**

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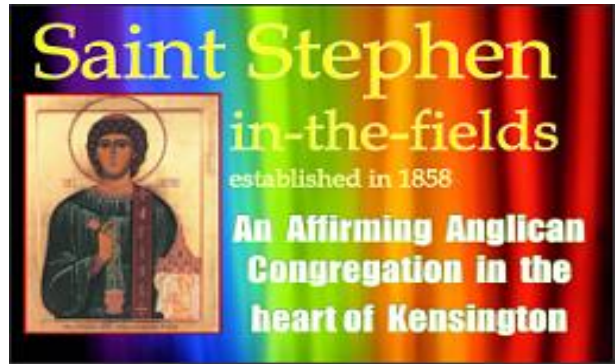
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