

The Church of Saint Stephen-in-the-Fields



Sixth Sunday of Easter
Saturday May 21, 2022

**If you love me, you will keep my word,
and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.**
John 14.23

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 640: *Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove*

HARESFIELD

- 1 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove,
with all thy quickening powers,
kindle a flame of sacred love
in these cold hearts of ours.
- 2 In vain we tune our formal songs,
in vain we strive to rise;
hosannas languish on our tongues,
and our devotion dies.
- 3 Dear Lord! And shall we ever live
at this poor dying rate?
Our love so faint, so cold to thee,
and thine to us so great!
- 4 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove,
with all thy quickening powers;
come, shed abroad a Saviour's love,
and that shall kindle ours.

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.
Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
riches beyond imagination.
Pour into our hearts such love toward you,
that we, loving you above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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 16.9-15

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Reader The word of the Lord.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67 *Deus misereatur*



- 1 MAY GOD be merciful to us and bless us, /
show us the light of his countenance and come to^us.
- 2 **Let your ways be known upon earth, /**
your saving health among all na-tions.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; /
let all the peo-ples praise you.
- 4 **Let the nations be glad and sing^for joy, /**
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations up-on earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; /
let all the peo-ples praise you.
- 6 **The earth has brought forth her in-crease; /**
may God, our own God, give us his bless-ing.
- 7 May God give us^his bless-ing, /
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of^him.

Second Lesson: Revelation 21.10, 22—22-5

Reader A reading from the book Revelation.

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

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Response **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia

Cantor **Alleluia.**

**If you love me, you will keep my word,
and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.
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 14.23-29

Jesus said, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you

of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily Mtr Maggie Helwig

Motet *If ye love me*

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter.
That he may abide with you forever: E'en the sp'rit of truth.

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 May God continue to bless us,
Response **And make his face to shine upon us.**

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory hymn 550: *Light's abode, celestial Salem*

ALLELUIA, DULCE CARMEN

- 1 Light's abode, celestial Salem,
 vision whence true peace doth spring,
 brighter than the heart can fancy,
 mansion of the highest King;
 O how glorious are the praises
 which of thee the prophet's sing!
- 2 There forever and forever
 alleluia is outpoured;
 for unending, for unbroken
 is the feast-day of the Lord;
 all is pure and all is holy
 that within thy walls is stored.
- 3 There no cloud nor passing vapour
 dims the brightness of the air;
 endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
 from the Sun of suns is there;
 there no night brings rest from labour,
 for unknown are toil and care.

- 4 O how glorious and resplendent,
fragile body, shalt thou be,
when endued with so much beauty,
full of health and strong and free,
full of vigour, full of pleasure
that shall last eternally!
- 5 Now with gladness, now with courage,
bear the burden on thee laid,
that hereafter these thy labours
may with endless gifts be paid;
and in everlasting glory
thou with brightness be arrayed.
- 6 Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever One,
one in love and one in Glory,
while unending ages run.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of glory,
accept all we offer you this day,
and bring us to that eternal city of love and light,
where Christ is King.
We ask this in his name.

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.
Father,
you restored us to life
by raising your Son from death.
May we who receive this sacrament
always be strengthened to do your will,
in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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 592: *Where cross the crowded ways of life*

FULDA (WALTON)

- 1 Where cross the crowded ways of life, where cries of tribe and race resound,
amid the noise of selfish strife, O Christ, your word of love is found.
- 2 In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds, dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.
- 3 From children's wounded helplessness, from men and women's grief and toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress, your heart has never known recoil.
- 4 The cup of water given for you still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long the multitudes to view the strong compassion of your face.
- 5 O Jesus, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain.
Among these restless throngs abide; O tread the city's streets again,
- 6 till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heaven above shall come the city of our God.

Dismissal

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

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

Announcements

Postlude

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