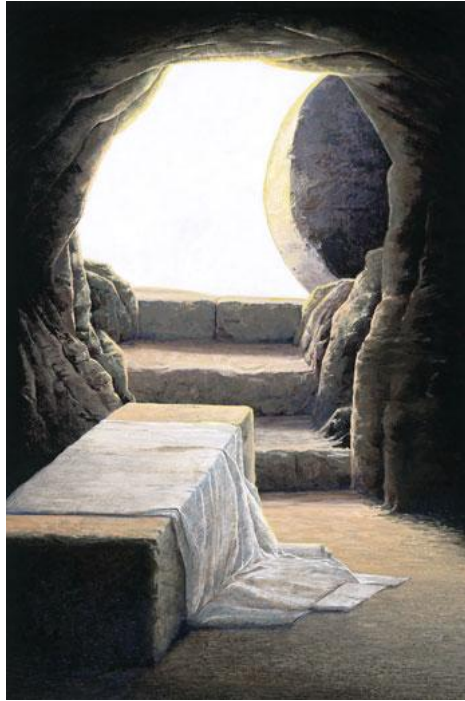


St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke
A Service of the Word for Easter Sunday
April 12, 2020



We welcome you to worship this morning. Our celebration is joyful, reflective, playful and reverent, as we thank God for new life through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Anglicans move in worship: kneeling, standing, crossing themselves, feeling the beat – you'll find 'cues' in this order of service.

We invite you to join us in the Parish Hall after the service for refreshments and conversation (follow the path and the crowd through the cemetery).

As we gather on this sacred land, we acknowledge that this is the Dish with One Spoon Territory created in Treaty by the Anishinabee, Mississaugas and Haudenosaunee binding them to share and protect this land. Subsequent indigenous nations and peoples, Europeans and all newcomers have been invited into this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship and respect. May we faithfully fulfill our treaty commitments to the land and its people.

This land has also been the place of Christian worship since the 1820's.

Gathering of the Community

Introit: *Behold, I Make All Things New* - sung by Choir



Behold, behold

**I make all things new beginning with you
and starting from today.**

Behold, behold

**I make all things new my promise is true
For I am Christ the way (*repeats*)**

Glory be to you,

God, our strength and our redeemer.

The vacant cross and the empty tomb
vindicate your claim
that the love which suffers
is the love which saves.

So fill your people with joy
and your Church with celebration
**that the world may know
that your holy Son Jesus
is not a dead hero we commemorate,
but the living Lord we worship,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be our praise forever. Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all .

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on this Easter Sunday to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

Most merciful God, 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.

Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Hymn 203 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

1. **Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**
2. **Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!
unto Christ our heavenly King, alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**
3. **But the pains which he endured, alleluia!
our salvation have procured, alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

God unlimited by mortal fear or the tomb's cold grip: in the lingering dark give us grace to know your life triumphant, your love undimmed, and your grace affirmed in the face of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead.

Amen.

Breaking Open the Word

The First Reading: Jeremiah 31.1—6

Reader: *Mieke Nicholson*

At that time, says the LORD,
I will be the God of all the families of Israel,
and they shall be my people.
Thus says the LORD:
The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,
the LORD appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!
Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.
Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.
For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:
'Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 118.1—2, 14—24

Give thanks to the Lord who is good;
the mercy of the Lord endures for ever.
Let Israel now proclaim,
"The mercy of the Lord endures for ever."
The Lord is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.
There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:
"The mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

**the mighty hand of the Lord is exalted!
the mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed!"**

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;
**I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

"This is the gate of the Lord;
those who are righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to the Lord who answered me
and has become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Second Reading: Acts 10.34— 43

Reader: *Laura Ross*

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
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The Holy Gospel: John 20.1—18

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: The Right Reverend Jenny Andison

Sung Response:



In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,

In the Lord I'll rejoice.

Look to God, do not be afraid,

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;

Lift up your voices the Lord is near. (*repeats*)

Affirmation of Faith

Alleluia, we believe!

And, believing, we sing "Alleluia!"

In the God of life and goodness,
In the Christ who brings us home,
In the Spirit who comforts and keeps us,
Alleluia, we believe!

And, believing, we sing "Alleluia!"

In our many gifts for serving,
In the call of each disciple,
In the church whose work is love,
Alleluia, we believe!

And, believing, we sing "Alleluia!"

In the saints who pray for us,
In the scriptures that bring us truth,
In the sacraments that give grace,
Alleluia, we believe!

And, believing, we sing "Alleluia!"

In the hope of resurrection,
In the rising to eternal life,
In the dawning of God's reign,
Alleluia, we believe!

And, believing, we sing "Alleluia!"

May we ever be true to all we believe,

And, our song ever be "Alleluia!"

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Peter Lee

Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death,

And Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change to your church, O God,
That we might serve you with courage and grace.

Awake, Church, rise from death,

And Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change to your world, O God,
That all might know the goodness of your love.
Awake, O World, rise from death,
And Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change to our nation, O God,
that each person might share an honour the other.
Awake, O People, rise from death,
And Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change for the suffering, O God,
that they might know your saving help.
Awake, O Sorrowful, rise from death,
And Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change to even the departed, O God,
that they might forever grow in your likeness.
Awake, O Saints, rise from death,
And Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change to our hearts, O God,
that we might grow larger in faith and hope.
Awake, O Soul, rise from death,
And Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and strength to our bodies, O God,
that we might know the blessing of health and true happiness.

Especially we pray for Irene, Kathy, Joyce, David, Val, David & Catherine, Tim, Peter, Karen,
Lorne, Teresa, Pavani, Grace, Alexandria, Carly & Ty, Stephen Jr., Lilian, Susie

Awake, O Soul, rise from death,
And Christ will give you life!

Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death, for Christ has burst forth from the tomb, making all things
new. Rise and live, says the Lord. This day God has made for life and all joy! Amen, alleluia!
Alleluia, amen!

The Offertory

We offer ourselves and our monetary gifts for the support of the ministry of the Church.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1. O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,
o'er death today rose triumphing.
Alleluia!
2. That Easter morn, at break of day,
the faithful women went their way
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia!
3. An angel clad in white they see,
who sat, and spoke unto the three,
"Your Lord goes on to Galilee."
Alleluia!
9. On this most holy day of days,
to God our hearts and voices raise
in laud and jubilee and praise.
Alleluia!

Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

Amen.

Prayers and Final Responses

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

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.

Closing Responses

Today and tomorrow,
 today and tomorrow,
lo, I am with you always,
 when we try to do your will,
I am with you always,
 when we go where we do not know,
I am with you always,
 when we meet one we do not recognize,
I am with you always,
 where faith ends and doubt begins,
I am with you always,
 and should we forget you...
I am with you always.
Today and tomorrow,
 Today and tomorrow,
 you are with us always
 to the end of the world. Amen.

Hymn 232 *Jesus Is Risen from the Grave*

1. **Jesus is risen from the grave,
Jesus is risen from the grave,
Jesus is risen from the grave,
alleluia!**
2. **Jesus was seen by Mary,
Jesus was seen by Mary,
Jesus was seen by Mary,
alleluia!**
3. **Peter will soon be smiling,
Peter will soon be smiling,
Peter will soon be smiling,
alleluia!**
4. **Thomas will stop his doubting,
Thomas will stop his doubting,
Thomas will stop his doubting,
alleluia!**

5. **Jesus will meet his people,
Jesus will meet his people,
Jesus will meet his people,
alleluia!**
7. **Jesus will live forever,
Jesus will live forever,
Jesus will live forever,
alleluia!**

Final Blessing

May Christ, who by death has destroyed death, give you all courage and joy in believing, and the blessing of God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit be with you always.
Amen.

Postlude

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