

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke
2nd Sunday of Easter – April 7, 2024
10:30 Eucharist



The Incredulity of Saint Thomas (detail) – Caravaggio c. 1602

Gathering of the Community

Welcome - Land Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving

Creator, you made all people of every land in your image,
and entrusted them with the care of the earth.

**It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect
to those who first occupied this land we are upon.**

**We give thanks to the Huron-Wendat,
Haudenosaunee, and Anishinabek Nations,
and the Mississauga of the Credit First Nation:
the first peoples of this land.**

**We offer our respect
to those ancestors who may be buried in this land.
We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land.**

**Creator let us be of Good Mind
to reconcile the mistreatment of this land
and those who have been displaced.**

**We give thanks for Indigenous voices
in our Anglican Church of Canada.**

**Give us attentive ears to hear them,
and sincere and open hearts
that we may embrace the work of reconciliation
to which you call your Church.**

**With thankful and respectful hearts,
we pray in Your name,
Your Son the Peacemaker
and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.**

The prayer bell calls us to silent preparation

Hymn The Risen Christ

**The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet,
from garden tomb through darkened city street,
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.**

**The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,
breathes out his Spirit on them to abide,
whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe,
new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.**

**The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand
the bread for those who fail to understand,
reveals himself, despite their lingering tears,
enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.**

**May we Christ's body, walk and serve and stand
with the oppressed in this and every land,
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,
restored in Christ to true humanity.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

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.
Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked,
no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
so that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God, the Source of all life.
Amen.

Breaking Open the Word

The First Reading: Acts 4.32 — 35

Reader: Frances Clarkson


Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was

upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

 **Mi-ren qué bue-no, qué bue-no es!**

Mi-ren qué bue-no, qué bue-no es!

**How pleasant and harmonious
when God's people are together:
fragrant as precious oil when running fresh on Aaron's beard.**

Mi-ren qué bue-no, qué bue-no es!

Mi-ren qué bue-no, qué bue-no es!

**How pleasant and harmonious
when God's people are together:
fresh like the morning dew that falls on Zion's holy hill.**

Mi-ren qué bue-no, qué bue-no es!

Mi-ren qué bue-no, qué bue-no es!

**How pleasant and harmonious
when God's people are together:
there is where God bestows the blessing, life for evermore.**

Mi-ren qué bue-no, qué bue-no es!

Mi-ren qué bue-no, qué bue-no es!

The Second Reading: 1 John 1.1 — 2.1


Reader: Michele Parkin

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us - we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light

and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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Thanks be to God.

 **Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

The Holy Gospel: John 20. 19 — 31

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.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my

hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

 **Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

Sermon: The Reverend Mike Stuchbery

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: *Grace Umburu*

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the Church, the world, and all who are in need.

The prayer bell calls us into silence

Open the doors we shut, O God, when we fear those who worship you in different ways. Guide us to unity and harmony so that we may come to respect and cherish our commonalities.

God of new beginnings, **open the doors we shut.**

Open the paths we ignore, O God, when we prioritize financial gain and convenience over listening to the groaning of the earth. Inspire all to care for the world you have made so that living things might thrive.

God of new beginnings, **open the paths we ignore.**

Open the rooms we lock, O God, to those who live without a homeland or place of safety. We pray that generous nations, such as ours, offer refuge and peace for all.

God of new beginnings, **open the rooms we lock.**

Open the hearts we close, O God, to the cries of those in pain. We pray for those isolated physically or emotionally through incarceration, addiction, mental illness, or chronic pain. We pray for those in hospital, in rehab and recovery at home. We remember Pauline.

God of new beginnings, **open the hearts we close.**

Open the ways of love, O God, in the pursuit of peace throughout the world, and bless the efforts of those working for peace and those serving victims of warfare. We pray for all people who find themselves in harm's way as they serve the communities in which they live.

God of new beginnings, **open the ways of love.**

Open the way to eternal life, O God, as we remember Donald Morse and Larry Hodgett. We give thanks for Alex Campbell, and we pray

that Mary, his wife, may know the comfort, consolation, and companionship of your Spirit.

God of new beginnings, **open the ways to eternal life.**

With bold confidence in your love, O God, we place all those for whom we pray, and all that for which we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
welcoming sinners and inviting them to his table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

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.**

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

This is the Good News – the grave is empty, Christ is risen.

Hallelujah!

This is the Good News – the light shines in the darkness
and the darkness can never put it out.

Hallelujah!

This is the Good News – once we were no people,
now we are God's people.

Hallelujah!

Christ is our peace,
the indestructible peace we now share with each other.
The peace of the Lord be always with you!
And also with you!

The Offertory

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

Hymn 228 *Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters*

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!**
4. **That night th'apostles met in fear;
amidst them came their Lord most dear,
and said, "My peace be on all here."
Alleluia!**
5. **When Tomas first the tidings heard,
how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia!**
6. **"My piercèd side, O Thomas , see;
behold my hands, my feet," said he;
"not faithless, but believing be."
Alleluia!**

7. **No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried.
Alleluia!**
8. **How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith hath constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
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

Blessed are you, O God,
ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.
By your power you sustain the universe.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.
Therefore, with all who serve you
on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,



**O holy, holy, holy God,
O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above
bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n,
creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes
and bears your name always!**

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.

On the cross
he defeated the power of sin and death.
By raising him from the dead
you show us the power of your love
to bring new life to all your people.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them,
saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:

this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which is shed for you and for many,
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.”

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God,
with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus
in the breaking of bread,
and share in the life of the family of your children.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy
at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father,
through Jesus, our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Those worshipping at home are invited to pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

Jesus, I believe that you are present with us
in the sacrament of bread and wine.

I love you and I desire your presence afresh in my life.
Since I cannot now receive the bread and wine of the altar,
come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you and unite myself to you;
never let me be separated from you. Amen.

Server: Bawo Bawo-Oteri

Assistant: Oma Bawo-Oteri

Hymn 638 *O Holy Spirit, By Whose Breath*

1. **O Holy Spirit by whose breath
life rises vibrant out of death,
come to create, renew, inspire;
come kindle in our hearts your fire.**
2. **You are the seeker's sure resource,
of burning love the living source,
protector in the midst of strife,
the giver and the Lord of life.**
3. **In you God's energy is shown;
to us your varied gifts made known.
Teach us to speak; teach us to hear;
yours is the tongue and yours the ear.**
4. **Flood our dull senses with your light;
in mutual love our hearts unite.
Your power the whole creation fills;
confirm our weak, uncertain wills.**
5. **From inner strife grant us release.
Turn nations to the ways of peace.
To fuller life your people bring,
that as one body we may sing:
praise to the Father, Christ his Word,
and to the Spirit: God the Lord.**

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!**
6. **Jesus is here in bread and wine,
Jesus is here in bread and wine,
Jesus is here in bread and wine,
alleluia!**
7. **Jesus will live forever,
Jesus will live forever,
Jesus will live forever,
alleluia!**

Let us pray.


Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,
so that we may show your glory to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God,
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, forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

Flowers today are to the honour and glory of God; given in loving memory of Donald Morse and Larry Hodgett, by Rosalind Chahal.

On this first Sunday of the month, we share news of April birthdays: Michele Parkin, Lilian Walwyn and Stephen Mabee and April anniversaries: Mark and Bridget Falia.

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**God give you many, many years
To give thanks for your blessings here;
And many, many, many more
To see the good God has in store.**

Final Blessing

May Christ who by death has destroyed death,
give you all courage and joy in believing
and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life, be
with you always.

Amen.

Hymn 205 *The Day of Resurrection*

- 1. The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness, the passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.**
- 2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.**
- 3. Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth her song begin;
the round world keep high triumph, and all that is there-in.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.**

Alleluia!

Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
serve the world God loves.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia!

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