

St. Hilda's Anglican Church, Fairbank

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist

May 2, 2021

10:30am

Priest-in-Charge:

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Stella Layne

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MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of St. Hilda's Church is to be Christ-centered in our life and worship, to serve lovingly those within our family and others within our reach that the spirit of God might empower us for worship, and pastoral care.

The Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE:

My Tribute

Text & Music: Andre Crouch; Tune: MY TRIBUTE

THE GREETING

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.

OPENING PRAYER:

Holy God, you make all things new in water and Word, feeding your people with love, joy, and peace.

Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings.

Teach us to love what you have commanded and to prune what does not nourish your creation, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL:

For the Fruits of His Creation

Text: Fred Prat Green; Music: Francis Jackson; Tune: EAST ACKLAM

For the fruit(s) of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for the gifts of every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

WELCOME: *Fr. Kenute*

CALL TO WORSHIP

~ written by Joanna Harader (2011) and posted on Spacious Faith.
<https://spaciousfaith.com/2011/02/02/wednesday-worship-pieces-3/>

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.

We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.
We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.
May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

The Lord is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

INTROIT: Glorify Thy Name
Text & Music: Donna Adkins; Tune: GLORIFY THY NAME

Father, we love You
We praise You and adore You
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name. Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Jesus, we love You
We praise You and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name. Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Spirit, we love You
We praise You and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name. Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 22: 24-30 *(Stella Layne)*

[We are bearers and proclaimers of the praise of God]

My praise is of him in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord;
he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

THE SECOND READING: **1 John 4:7-21** (*Richard Goddard*)
[We are bearers and proclaimers of the love of God]

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.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE GRADUAL: Baptised in Water

Text: Michael Saward; Music: Traditional Gaelic Melody; Tune: BUNESSAN

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king;
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise -
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king;
born of one Father, we are his children -
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8 *Fr. Kenute*

[We are called to be bearers of fruits for the kingdom]

The Lord be with you
And also with you

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. 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.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**Come, Holy Spirit,
that through your word we may be guided
into the love of God for all the world.
Amen**

THE SERMON: *Fr Kenute*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

THE INTERCESSION (Richard Goddard)

~ Feasting on the Word Worship Companion:

Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1 © 2014 Westminster John Knox Press

Let us pray

Let us join with all creation in praying for
the good of the earth, saying, God, who makes us one,
hear our prayer.

O God, we give you thanks for your Holy Spirit
whose work at creation continues in us.
Through Christ Jesus you have shown your love
for this earth you made.
We pray that all the world may know your
power and goodness;
God, who makes us one,
hear our prayer.

Word of life, reveal the wonder of your world to all people.
Show us anew what lives around us, over us, beneath us, within us
Enliven the church with your Spirit,
that we may honour your earth with responsible care.
In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we remember the Episcopal Church
in Jerusalem and the Middle East and in the Diocesan Cycle,
new Curates of the Diocese of Toronto.
God, who makes us one,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, uphold our sisters and brothers who endure disasters
caused by weather, war, famine, sickness, or greed.
Strengthen all who are in peril, especially the people of St. Vincent and
the Grenadines who are affected by the eruption of La Soufrière Volcano.
You are our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble.
God, who makes us one,
hear our prayer.

Giver of all good things, bring trust and sympathy to the nations of the world.

Let peacemakers reign wherever there is conflict.

Give wisdom to leaders and hope to the poor.

We pray especially for Justin our Prime Minister, Doug our Premier, John our Mayor and all who serve in Federal, Provincial and Municipal Governments.

God, who makes us one,

hear our prayer.

Good healer, we pray for all who are in need of comfort.

Comfort those who mourn; especially the family of Marsha Grant and uphold those who are sick, or holding vigil,

or awaiting words of hope, especially those we name now silently or aloud,

Petrona Levy, Gilda Davis, Ruth Andrews, Don Krasnovich,

Doraline Alexander, Helen Hancock, Mark Hancock, Gloria and

Ancille Parsons, Pablo Velasquez, Barbara Gordon, Hyacinth Brooks,

Mary Engels, Hermon Lobban, Wilton Holas, Len Green, Marcia Sealy,

Geane Goodman, Sophia Goodman, Jeffrey Legair, Hubert Adlam

and Allison Turner.

God, who makes us one,

hear our prayer.

Trusting in your mercy, we commend to you all those

we have named and those whose needs are known only to you,

in the name of your Son, Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins God is faithful and just to forgive us of all our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us therefore 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.**

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY: The Love of Jesus Calls Us

Text: Herbert O'Driscoll; Music: Samuel S. Wesley; Tune: AURELIA

The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing;
our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,
for all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received,
and for the generations who faithfully believed.

The love of Jesus calls us, that we may always be
companions on a journey, where all the world may see
that serving Christ is freedom which time does not destroy;
where Christ's command is duty, and every duty joy.

The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go,
to challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow,
to know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more;
for those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.

The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days,
to be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways;
that God with men and women may so transform the earth,
that love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life.
May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

(Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2)

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.

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you,
holy and gracious God, creator of all things,
ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life,
for you are the source of all goodness,
rich in mercy and abounding in love;
you are faithful to your people in every generation,
and your word endures for ever.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints
and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name,

**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.**

We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able,
because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son,
in order that the world might be saved through him.
He made you known by taking the form of a servant,
healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,
he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever.
In his offering of himself,
he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.
Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children;
by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table,
remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory.
Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE 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 AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant us peace.**

THE INVITATION

The gifts of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God.

DURING COMMUNION Bread of Heaven

Text: Josiah Conder; Music: William D. MacLagan; Tune: BREAD OF HEAVEN

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,
for thou art our food indeed.
Ever may our souls be fed
with this true and living Bread,
day by day with strength supplied
through the life of Christ who died.

Vine of heaven, thy love supplies
this blest cup of sacrifice.
'Tis thy wounds our healing give;
to thy cross we look and live.
Thou our life! O let us be
rooted, grafted, built on thee.

ABLUTION Live in Charity (Ubi Caritas)

Text: Taizé Community; Music: Jacques Berthier; Tune: Ubi Caritas (Taizé)

Live in charity and steadfast love,
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of love, in this Eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

COMMITMENT

Lord, We Would Grow With You

*~ contemporary Welsh prayer posted on A Place for Prayer.
<http://revgalprayerpals.blogspot.ca/>*

Lord, we would grow with you
New shoots reaching out
Hands stretched upward
Like leaves newly formed
Soaking up your light and warmth
Lord, we would grow with you

Lord, we would grow with you
In sunshine and rain
In darkness and light
In cold days and summer days
From Springtime to Winter
Lord, we would grow with you

Lord, we would grow with you
And bring forth fruit
That is pleasing to you
Fed by your living water
Giving sustenance to others
Lord, we would grow with you

THE BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go out with joy that you have been fed and healed,
securely abiding as branches of the true vine.
Go and tell the story of faith
that is given to you by the One who never lets you go.
Seek out those who abound with sacred questions,
and be ready to answer a mystery with love.

and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

RECESSIONAL

Ye Servants of God

Text: Charles Wesley; Music: Gesangbuch ; Tune: PADERBORN

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful Name;
The Name all victorious of Jesus extol,
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
And still He is nigh, His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give Him His right,
All glory and power, all wisdom and might;
All honor and blessing with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love

POSTLUDE

Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring

Music: Johann Sebastian Bach

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- **Today, 12noon – Kids for Jesus (K4J)** - (*Facebook page, website & YouTube*)
- **Today , 3pm – Advisory Board Visioning – Zoom**
- **Monday, May 3, 7:30pm** – Compline (on Zoom – you can join via the website)
- **Tuesday, May 4, 12noon - Bite & Sip Mid Day devotion:**
(Facebook live – St. Hilda’s Fairbank Anglican Church)
- **Thursday May 6, 12noon - Bite & Sip Mid Day devotion**
(Facebook live – St Hilda's Fairbank Anglican Church)
- **Monday, May 10, 7pm – Bible Study** – Via zoom – (Luke 18). Please see zoom information below for joining. **Meeting ID** – 834 5394 5753; **Passcode** – 569873
Call: 1647-374-4685 or 1647 -558-0588 or go to our website and click on the link.

NOTICES

- **Stay at Home orders:** The Government of Ontario requires the Province – and therefore the Diocese of Toronto in its entirety – to abide by a “stay-at-home” order. As a Church, we are committed to doing our part to support efforts to contain and combat this insidious disease and the spread of the pandemic. Churches are limited to 10 people present for all worship services, indoors or outdoors. Until otherwise directed access to our church buildings is limited primarily for the provision of livestreaming worship services. Guidelines are still in effect, including mask wearing and physical distancing. Please also remember that we offer online worship on Sundays. Please be safe.
- **May 16th:** The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil, bishop of Toronto will join us for worship. We look forward receiving and having our bishop with us.
- **Offerings:** can be mailed in to the church, or parishioners can use the drop box at the church on Saturdays and Sundays 10am-12noon.
- **ST. VINCENT APPEAL!**
We are accepting donations to assist the people of St. Vincent. You can make your donations through St. Hilda’s and mark the envelop “St. Vincent Appeal”.
- **York- Fairbank Centre for Seniors:** is working with St. Hilda’s Anglican Church, British Methodist Episcopal Church, York-West Active Living Centre, local City of Toronto Councillors, City of Toronto Departmental Staff and other community agencies and organizations, in outreaching to vulnerable older adults, disabled adults and seniors, providing assistance in the vaccine roll-out plan. We are in the process of working with local agencies, Humber River Hospital and City of Toronto Public Health Unit Staff in a possible vaccination clinic at our location or at any of our surrounding accessible venues.

If you require additional information on COVID-19 vaccines, Ontario's vaccine roll-out plan, public health measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 or would like to discuss your vaccine hesitancy, please feel free to call us at 416-651-8300. If you are having problems navigating the on-line booking system, please make an appointment with our office. We would be happy to book your appointment at any of the present hospital vaccination sites, offer translation and interpretation services and offer transportation to and from your scheduled vaccination appointment booked through our office.

York Fairbank Community for Seniors Staff and volunteers are here to support and assist in building local community capacity to promote COVID-19 immunization and increase vaccine confidence. They will also be making routine follow-up phone calls to ensure that information letters have been received, and if any assistance is needed through our office.

You are also welcome, to contact them at 416-651-8300 or yorkfairbank@on.aibn.com and discuss your concerns or comments on Vaccinations.

- **Readings for Next Sunday, May 9th, Sixth Sunday of Easter**
Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17