

Ascension Sunday
May 24, 2020



Welcome

Minister Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Minister Let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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Most merciful God,

All

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.

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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.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.

**He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.
He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.

**God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted.**

**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 Gospel Luke 24.44-53

Reader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Mark Regis

Apostles' Creed

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 Offertory - *Please take a moment to prayerfully present your financial offering to God*

The Prayers

Minister The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Minister Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Minister Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

Minister O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

People **And grant us your salvation.**

Minister	O Lord, guide those who govern us;
People	And lead us in the way of justice and truth.
Minister	Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People	And let your people sing with joy.
Minister	O Lord, save your people;
People	And bless your inheritance.
Minister	Give peace in our time, O Lord;
People	And defend us by your mighty power.
Minister	Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People	Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Minister	Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People	And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Almighty God, whose only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven: May our hearts and minds also there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O Lord our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served, but to serve: We ask you to bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others especially those who are laboring in this time of pandemic; endue them with wisdom, patience, and courage, that they may strengthen the weak and raise up those who fall, and, being inspired by your love, may worthily minister to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the sake of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen**

The Blessing

The peace of God which passes all 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 among you and remain with you always . **Amen.**

In our prayers this week:

The Anglican Communion: All members of the Anglican Communion around the world
For the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, all primates and bishops
For members of the Anglican Consultative Council

For the Secretary General, The Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon,
For the staff at the Anglican Communion Office in London and the UN offices in Geneva
and New York

The Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer

ACC Bishop John Chapman, Assistant Bishop Michael Bird, the people and clergy of the
Diocese of Ottawa

ELCIC The staff of the Saskatchewan Synod

ACC/ELCIC The Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in
Jordan and the Holy Land, and for peace in the Middle East.

The Diocese of Toronto: Bishop Kevin Robertson

The Social Justice and Advocacy Committee:

The clergy and people of St James, Brampton; St James, Sharon; and St James,
Caledon East and their outreach activities

The Church of St Mary and St Martha

In our parish cycle of prayer: Christiana Lamothe, Colvin Lashley, Beverley Layne
Celebrating a birthday this week: Leah Campbell, Tameka Francis, Carol Lewis

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