



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021 at 10.30 am

Welcome

Greeting

Presider

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Presider

May his grace and peace be with you.

People

May he fill our hearts with joy.

Minister

Almighty God,

All

as the new day dawns,

send the radiance of your light

to shine in our hearts.

Make us true to your teaching;

keep us genuine in worship

and free from error and darkness.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Hymn

I Want To Walk As A Child of the Light

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.

Minister Most merciful God,

All We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have broken your holy laws, We have left undone what we ought to have done, and we have done what we ought not to have done; therefore, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy on us pitiful offenders. Spare us, O God, when we confess our faults. Restore us who are penitent, according to the promises that you made to humanity in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may from this day forward live a godly, righteous, and modest life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Minister 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. **Amen.**

The Psalm: #98

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.

**² With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.**

³ The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

**⁴ He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

⁵ Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**⁶ Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.**

⁷ With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

**⁸ Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.

**¹⁰ In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Reading: Ephesians 5.6-18

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷Therefore do not be associated with them. ⁸For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— ⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,
'Sleeper, awake!

 Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.'

¹⁵ Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Matthew Waterman

A Guided Visio Divina prayer exercise - *Encountering God with the Light of Jesus*

Light will rise in the darkness and night will become like the noonday

We stand in the shadows and cannot help but see our darkness contrasted with the light that is beyond. Notice the path on the left of the painting leading us out of the shadows. Notice the title of the painting. Perhaps we are not called to step out of the shadows, but to allow the light to come to us.

Are you being invited by God to witness His light coming to you?



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.**

Offertory 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. **Amen.**

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

All And grant us your salvation.

Minister O Lord, save the Queen;

All And mercifully hear us when we call to you.

Minister Provide your Ministers with righteousness;

All And make your chosen people joyful.

Minister O Lord, save your people;

All And bless your inheritance.

Minister Give peace in our time, O Lord;

All And evermore mightily defend us.

Minister O God, make clean our hearts within us;

All And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Minister Lord, true light and source of all light, listen to our morning prayer. Turn our thoughts to what is holy and may we ever live in the light of your love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Leader Loving God, thank you for mothers and children and for all the joy of family life. Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother; be close to those who are struggling because they have no children; be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love. Let your love be present in every home, and help your church to have eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of all who come. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Leader God of life and love, you who are afflicted in the afflictions of your people: Regard with your tender compassion those in anxiety and distress, remembering especially the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines as they face the trials of volcanic eruptions; bear their sorrows and their cares; supply all their needs; and help both them and us to put our whole trust and confidence in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader God of unchangeable power and eternal light, we lift up those around the world who continue to be greatly affected by the Coronavirus pandemic here at home, and especially in India and Brazil. We pray for support for those in need, comfort for the bereaved and wisdom for leaders to make the right decisions and to have access to the right resources in a timely way. **Amen.**

O Christ, Master of all, give hope to the despairing and sustain the faith of the persecuted. We pray for those amongst us who are in any need and for those who have asked for our prayers....for Stella, Ed, John, Amini, Ivy, Jackie, Leila, Alicia, Carol, Leilani, Norman, Romario, Mario, Cecil, and Mother Joyce. And now in a moment of silence we lift up before you all those in our hearts who need your loving care... **Amen.**

Leader 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.**

Hymn Arise! Your Light is Come

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace. **Amen.**

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In our prayers this week:

The Anglican Communion

The Anglican Church of Kenya

The Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer

ACC The Rt. Rev. Susan Bell, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Niagara

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the Winnipeg Central and North
Areas of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod

Diocese of Toronto

Oshawa Deanery

Social Justice and Advocacy Committee

The clergy and people of St George-on-the-Hill; St George, Allandale; St George, Fairvalley
and their outreach activities

The Church of St Mary and St Martha

Parish Cycle: Beverley Layne; Leland and Yvonne Leander; Lilian Leander;
Yvette Leander, Jenelle Leander-Cobham, Felysha Leander-Cobham, Damien Leander-Dundas
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The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee), and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations, and the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land.

We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.