Fifth Sunday of Easter



10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist Sunday, April 28th, 2023

"Glorifying God as Agents of His Reconciliation"

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

# As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, let's pray together the Collect for Purity:

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.

**Sentence:** I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

John 15.5

# Please stand. In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This Cornerstone, this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My Comforter, my All in All Here, in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied; For every sin, on Him, was laid; Here, in the death of Christ, I live.

There in the ground, His body lay, Light of the world, by darkness slain; Then bursting forth in glorious Day, Up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here, in the power of Christ, I'll stand!
Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Oz: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! Rev. Oz:** May his grace and peace by with you.

People: May he fill our hearts with joy!

## GLORY TO GOD (sung)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

# Holy, Holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of His glory, The whole earth is full of His glory, The whole earth is full of His glory; Holy is the Lord!

### Refiner's Fire

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver, Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

### Refrain

Refiner's fire:
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy,
Set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
Set apart for You, my Master;
Ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart, cleanse me from within And make me holy, Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, Deep within. Refrain Brian Doerksen

Please be seated.

Moment of silence to collect our hearts and minds in prayer.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Rev. Oz:** Almighty God,

your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

## CHILDREN'S TALK

# THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD THE READINGS

First Reading – Acts 8:26-40 Reader: A reading from Acts

<sup>26</sup> But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, "Get up and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a desert *road.*) <sup>27</sup> So he got up and went; and there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure; and he had come to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> and he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this chariot." <sup>30</sup> Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup> And he said, "Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this:

"HE WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO SLAUGHTER;

AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT,

So HE DOES NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH.

33 "IN HUMILIATION HIS JUDGMENT WAS TAKEN AWAY;

WHO WILL RELATE HIS GENERATION?

FOR HIS LIFE IS REMOVED FROM THE EARTH."

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch answered Philip and said, "Please *tell me*, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself or of someone else?" <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. <sup>36</sup> As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch \*said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being

baptized?" <sup>37</sup> [And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."] <sup>38</sup> And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch no longer saw him, but went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he kept preaching the gospel to all the cities until he came to Caesarea.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 22:24-30

<sup>24</sup> My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

<sup>25</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:

"May your heart live for ever!"

<sup>26</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

<sup>27</sup> For kingship belongs to the Lord;

he rules over the nations.

<sup>28</sup> To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

<sup>29</sup> My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

<sup>30</sup> They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

# Second Reading – 1 John 4:7-21

Reader: A reading from 1 John

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God, but that

He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. <sup>14</sup> We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God. God abides in him, and he in God. 16 We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love. and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup> By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. <sup>19</sup> We love, because He first loved us. <sup>20</sup> If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother and sister, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother and sister whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother and sister also.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel – John 15:1-11

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Reader: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

15 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him,

he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and *so* prove to be My disciples. <sup>9</sup> Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

### THE SERMON - The Reverend Oz Lorentzen

After the sermon, silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Leader: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

People: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please kneel or sit to pray.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

# CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Invitation to Confession

Silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

Rev. Oz: 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.

**Rev. Oz:** 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.

All: Amen.

### THE PEACE

**Rev. Oz:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

# Offertory Organ – Bas Ouwehand

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Rev. Oz: 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.

People: Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Oz: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you. Rev. Oz: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Rev. Oz: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Rev. Oz: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; For he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we say our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

People: 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.

Rev. Oz: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over

to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command, All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Rev. Oz: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,

and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation:

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People: Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

Rev. Oz: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

People: 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.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Rev. Oz: Lord, we died with you on the cross. People: Now we are raised to new life. Rev. Oz: We were buried in your tomb.

People: Now we share in your resurrection. Rev. Oz: Live in us, that we may live in you.

## THE COMMUNION

**Rev. Oz:** The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

# If you would like prayer during this time, the Prayer Ministry is available by the font.

In Anglican churches, everyone who is baptized is welcome to come and receive communion. You may kneel or stand at the altar rail to receive communion. If you are unable to come to the altar rail, please notify the sides people and they will alert the Communion Servers to come to you. If you would like to come forward for a blessing instead of communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion is an important part of our worship. Please use this time to prayerfully prepare yourself for communion and to reflect on Jesus' gift after you have received communion. You may find singing the Communion Hymns helpful. Please refrain from talking during this time.

# Organ - Bas Ouwehand

# **Spirit Song**

Oh let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love;
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh let Him have those things that hold you,
And His Spirit, like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.
Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs,
Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs,

Oh come and sing this song with gladness As your hearts are filled with joy; Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name. Oh give Him all your tears and sadness; Give Him all your years of pain, And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs, Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs, John Wimber

# You Are My All in All

You are my strength when I am weak.
You are the treasure that I seek.
You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jew'I
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.
You are my all in all.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, Rising again I bless your name; You are my all in all.
When I fall down, you pick me up; When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name! Dennis Jernigan

# Once Again

Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice; You became nothing, poured out to death. Many times, I've wondered at your gift of life, I'm in that place once again, I'm in that place once again! And once again, I look upon the cross where You died. I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside. Once again I thank You, once again I pour out my life.

Now You are exalted to the highest place, King of the Heavens, where one day I'll bow. But for now, I'll marvel at Your saving grace, I'm full of praise once again, oh I'm full of praise once again! And once again, I look upon the cross where You died. I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside. Once again I thank You, once again I pour out my life.

Thank you for the cross, thank you for the cross.
Thank you for the cross, my Friend (repeat)
And once again, I look upon the cross where You died.
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank You, once again I pour out my life.

Matt Redman

#### Please stand.

# Post Communion Hymn O The Deep Deep Love Of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o'er his loved ones,
Died to call them all his own;
Now for them he intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best: 'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'Tis a haven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; And it lifts me up to glory, For it lifts me up to thee. Samuel Trevor Francis | Thomas John Williams

#### Please stand.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Oz: 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.

People: Amen.

Rev. Oz: Glory to God,

People: 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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

### THE BLESSING

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Message from Kate Berringer, Camp Harding Executive Director

### The Trees of The Field

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace, The mountains and the hills will break forth before you. There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field Will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands!! The trees of the field will clap their hands!! The trees of the field will clap their hands, While you go out with joy!

Steffi Geiser Rubin | Stuart Dauermann

## **DISMISSAL**

Leader: Alleluia. Christ is risen. All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**Leader:** Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead. Leader: God has claimed us as his own. All: He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world. Leader: Alleluia. Christ is risen. All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## Prayers of the People - April 28th, 2024

James wrote, "The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." (James 5:16b) This week we pray especially for:

#### **OUR CHURCH**

The Most Reverend Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land & Archbishop of the Anglican Diocese of Calgary The Most Reverend Linda Nicholls, Primate of The Anglican Church of Canada

The Right Reverend Leopold Friday, Bishop of our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands
The Most Reverend Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

# In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Church of Bangladesh

# In the Anglican Diocese of Calgary

St. Michael & All Angels, Strathmore with The Rev. Malcolm Kern; Missional Coaches

## In our Sister Diocese of the Windward Islands

St. Mary, Bequia with Holy Cross, Paget Farm, Mustique; St. Michael, Canouan; and St. Matthias, Union Island with The Ven. J. Everton Weekes and The Rev. Frank Garraway

# In the Anglican Church of Canada

The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Bishop, the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Assisting Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Victoria Matthews, Episcopal Administrator, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Moosonee

## In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

The congregations of the Winnipeg area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod

#### OUR KING AND ALL IN AUTHORITY

King Charles III, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Danielle Smith, Mayor Linnsie Clark

#### **OUR WORLD**

Kelly and Peter with Overseas Missionary Fellowship Persecuted Christians everywhere

#### **OUR CITY CHURCHES**

St. Ambrose Anglican with David Carter and Eldean Parnell

#### OUR PARISH

St. Barnabas Church with The Reverend Oz Lorentzen and his family – Delynne, Soren & Laec The Reverend John Willems, Blenda and their family Roger & Anita Bouchard; Lionel Brideson; and Val Browne;

Wardens - Elaine and Gord

Compassion Canada & Teguh and Timo in Indonesia

The GriefShare Program

and their families

The Saturday Meal Program

The SMART Program

The Medicine Hat Ecumenical Campus Ministry

Medicine Hat College Nursing Students - Senior Home Visits

## **OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED**

Harvey; Arleen; Kathy; Kobe; Allan; Karen; Virginia; Kevin; Skylar; Deanna; Isaiah; Lorna; Becca; Wilfred; Clive; Chase; Alicia; and their families.

If you or anyone you know would like prayer, call the Office at (403) 526-7713.

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Our Mission is Glorifying God as Agents of His Reconciliation. "God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation."

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