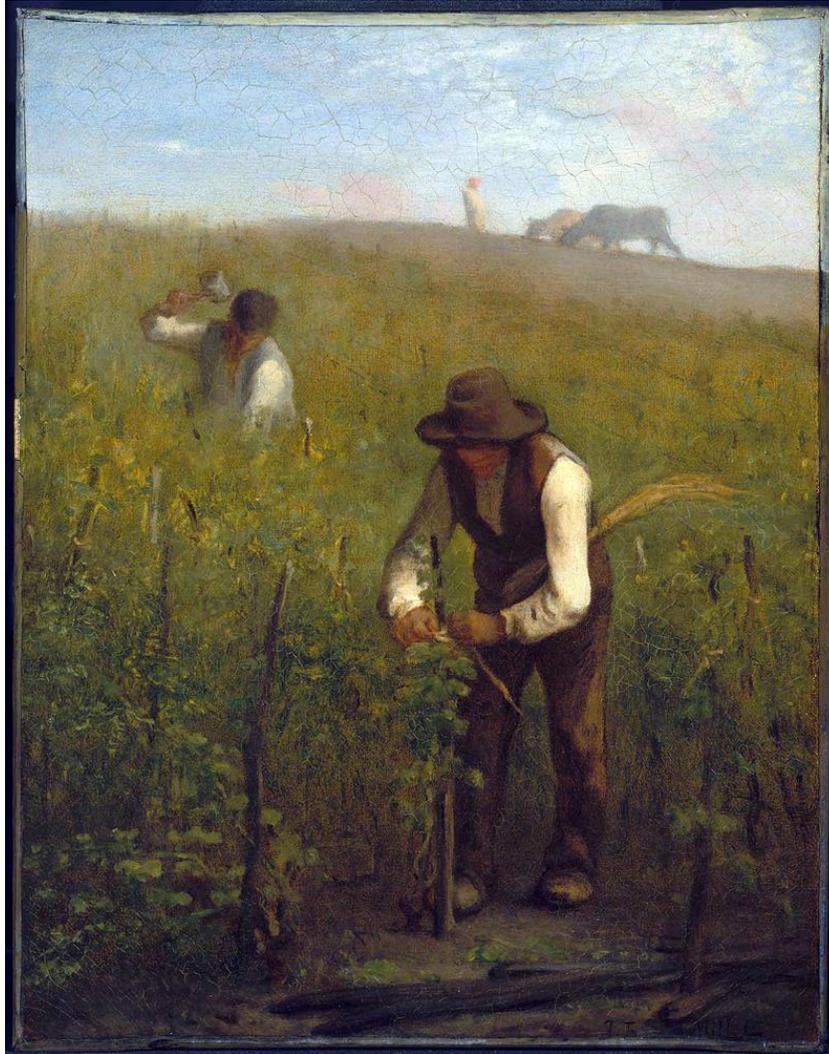




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Sunday, May 2nd, 2021, Fifth Sunday of Easter: 10:30am
Liturgy of the Word (Online)

Presider / Homilist: Gilles Haché, Lay Reader; Francis Richardson,
Reader: Shari Kartechner, Music & Vocals: Victoria Alcock



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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.

People *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.**

Opening Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns (vs 1—4) #378

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne:
Hark, how the heavenly anthem
drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him
who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
of him who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

3. Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may
cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

4. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me
Thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation

justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As 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?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When 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. ⁴⁰But 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.

Psalm 22:25-31

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

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The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

Service of the Word, Online

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

For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall

bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

A Reading from 1 John 4:7-21

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 Savior 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 judgment, 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Come and journey with a Saviour
Who has called us from our birth,
Who has washed us in the waters,
And who loved us on the earth.

***Come and journey, come and
journey
with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and
daughters,
in the Spirit we are one.***

Come and journey, journey
outward,
Telling others of his name,
Telling others of his glory,
Of his cross and of the shame.
***Come and journey, come and
journey
with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and
daughters,
in the Spirit we are one.***

The Holy Gospel

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

John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide 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. ⁵I 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. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn (cont'd): Come and Journey with a Saviour (vs 6) #482

Come and journey, journey onward;
All our gifts we now shall bring
To the building of a city
That is holy, Christ its King.

Refrain.

***Come and journey, come and
journey
With a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and
daughters,
In the Spirit we are one.***

Homily:

Gilles Haché

The Apostles' Creed

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

***All: 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.***

Prayers of the People

Francis Richardson

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

***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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. 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, for ever and ever.
Amen.***

Blessing

Closing Hymn: Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee

#425

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before
thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2. All thy works with joy surround
thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,

centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Dismissal

Go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

(We invite you to hold all on our list in your prayers for the coming week.)

The Diocese: We hold in our prayers the people and clergy of: Holy Trinity Church, St. George; Trinity Church, Waterford; Trinity Church, Aylmer; St. John's Church, Glencoe.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: Bob & Valeria Page, Sue Parent, Katharine Peat, and all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

Intercessions: For healing and hope we hold up to God: Bob, Bill, Charlie, Erin, Howie, Jason, John, Mike, Paul, Patsy, Ruth, Sandra, Simon, Steve, Theresa, Tyler, Vicki, Wayne, Wayne P., Wilma and any others who are in need of our prayers.

**Next Sunday: May 9th, 2021, Sixth Sunday of Easter, 10:30am
Online Liturgy of the Word (livestreamed only)**

Presider & Homilist: John Howard Lay Reader: Francis Richardson
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Readings: Acts 10:44-48
 Psalm 98
 1 John 5:1-6
 John 15:9-17