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

Presider / Homilist: John Howard; Lay Reader: Francis Richardson;
Reader: Norma McCauley; Music & Vocals: Victoria Alcock



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This photograph, taken in Golden Gate Park, represents the perfect blend of creation, capturing an element of nature which is musical in form. This particular branch has grown in the shape of a lyre and its pink hues set against an intensely blue sky convey the essence of Spring and the Psalm. In this work, it is as if God has created God's own visible and natural depiction of Psalm 98.

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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: O Jesus, I Have Promised (vs 1—4) #438

O Jesus I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou for ever near me,
My Master and my Friend,
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.

2. O let me feel thee near me:
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me
Around and within;
But Jesus draw thou nearer
And shield my soul from sin.

3. O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory there
shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus I have promised
To serve thee to the end!
O give me grace to follow
My Master and my Friend.

4. O let me see thy footmarks
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly is
In thy strength alone.
O guide, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them

speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

¹O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

²The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

⁸Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

⁹at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

A Reading from 1 John 5:1-6

⁵Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God

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is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the

world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the

water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: Seek Ye First

#458

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And God's righteousness,
And all those things
shall be added onto you,
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
Seek and you shall find;
Knock and the door
shall be opened unto you.
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.

Refrain

***Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.***

Refrain

***Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.***

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 15:9-17

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you

do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily:

John Howard

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.**

Presider: 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: Come Down, O Love Divine (vs 1-4) CP#645

Come down O Love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine
own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it,
thy holy flame bestowing.

Let holy charity mine
outward vesture be,
and lowliness become
mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings
weeps with loathing.

2. O let it freely burn,
Till early passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat
consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round,
The while my path illuming.

4. And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far out-pass the power
Of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till they become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit
Finds a dwelling.

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: St. Jude's Church, Mount Brydges; St. Andrew's Church, Muncey. Zion Church, Oneida.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: Joan Randall, David & Susan Richardson, Robert & Chris Richardson, 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.

Happy Mothers' Day!

**Next Sunday: May 16th, 2021, Ascension Sunday, 10:30am
Online Liturgy of the Word (livestreamed only)**

Presider & Homilist: Francis Richardson Lay Reader: Gilles Haché
Reader: Diane Tarr Music & Vocals: Victoria Alcock

Readings: Acts 1:1-11
 Psalm 47
 Ephesians 1:15-23
 Luke 24:44-53