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**Christ Church Anglican, Meaford**

is committed to live in a generous and loving spirit in all its relationships.

***"We are gathered together on the territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation."***

**May 29, 2022,  
Ascension Sunday, Holy Eucharist, 10:30am**

Presider: The Venerable Judy Walton, Lay reader: Francis Richardson,  
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# The Gathering of the Community

## Announcements

### The Sentence

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of the age.

*Matthew 28:19,20*

### **OPENING HYMN: Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise** CP #247

Hail the day that sees him rise,  
Alleluia!

to his throne beyond the skies.

Alleluia!

Christ, the Lamb for sinners given,

Alleluia!

enters now the highest heaven.

Alleluia!

4 See! He lifts his hands above,  
alleluia!

See! He shows the prints of love;  
alleluia!

Hark! His gracious lips bestow

Alleluia!

Blessings on his church below.

Alleluia!

2 There for him high triumph waits;

Alleluia!

lift your heads, eternal gates.

Alleluia!

He has conquered death and sin;

Alleluia!

take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

5. Still for us he intercedes; Alleluia!

his prevailing death he pleads,

Alleluia!

near himself prepares our place,

Alleluia!

he the first-fruits of our race.

Alleluia!

3 Highest heaven its Lord receives;

Alleluia!

yet he loves the earth he leaves.

Alleluia!

Though returning to his throne,

Alleluia!

still he calls us all his own. Alleluia!

6 Lord, though parted from our  
sight, Alleluia!

Far above the starry height, Alleluia!

grant our hearts may thither rise,

Alleluia!

seeking thee above the skies.

Alleluia!

Presider:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**People:**

**And also with you.**

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.**

Presider: Almighty God,

**People: 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.**

**The Gloria – Glory to God** (CP #702 – blue hymn book)

**People: 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.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Minister: 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.**

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING: ACTS 1:1-11**

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Acts

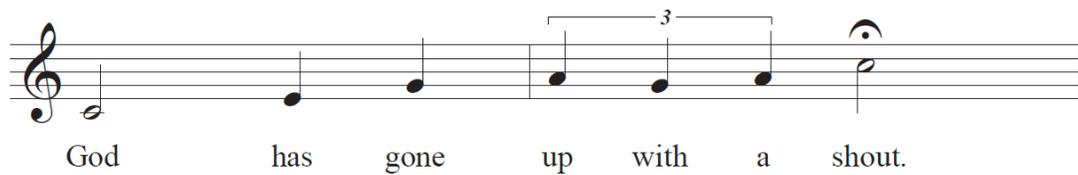
In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 47, Ascension

George Black



- (1) Clap your hands, all you peoples;
- (2) shout to God with a cry of joy.
- (3) For the Most High is to be feared;
- (4) the Ruler of all the earth. **R.**

- (1) Who subdues the people under us,
- (2) and the nations under our feet.
- (3) Who chooses our inheritance for us,
- (4) the pride of Jacob beloved of God. **R.**

- (1) God has gone up with a shout,
- (2) the Most High with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- (3) Sing praises to God, sing praises;
- (4) sing praises to our Sovereign sing praises. **R.**

- (1) For God rules over all the earth;
- (2) sing praises with all your skill.
- (3) God reigns over the nations;
- (4) God sits upon the highest throne. **R.**

- (1) The nobles of the peoples have gathered together
- (2) with the people of the God of Abraham.
- (3) The rulers of the earth belong to God,
- (\*) to the One who is highly exalted. **R.**

## SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:15-23

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Ephesians

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn: As Jacob with Travel Was Weary** (vs 1 &2) CP #535

**And has raised up a ladder of  
mercy for me.**

As Jacob with travel was weary one  
day,  
At night on a stone for a pillow he  
lay;

He saw in a vision a ladder so high  
That its foot was on earth and its  
top in the sky:

**Refrain**

**Aleluia to Jesus, who died on  
the tree**

**And has raised up a ladder of  
mercy for me,**

2. The ladder is long, it is strong  
and well-made,  
has stood hundreds of years and is  
not yet decayed;  
many millions have climbed it and  
reached Zion's hill;  
many millions by faith now are  
climbing it still: **[Refrain]**

**THE GOSPEL**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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

**People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Luke 24:44-53**

Then he 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 worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of Christ

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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Come let us ascend! All may climb it  
who will;  
for the angels of Jacob are guarding  
it still:

and remember, each step that by  
faith we pass o'er,  
some prophet or martyr has trod it  
before:

**[Refrain]**

**Aleluia to Jesus, who died on  
the tree**

**And has raised up a ladder of  
mercy for me,  
And has raised up a ladder of  
mercy for me.**

4 And when we arrive at the haven  
of rest  
we shall hear the glad words, 'Come  
up hither, ye blest,  
here are regions of light, here are  
mansions of bliss'.  
O who would not climb such a  
ladder as this? **[Refrain]**

**Homily:**

The Ven. Judy Walton

### **The Apostles' Creed**

Minister: 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

### **Confession and Absolution**

Deacon: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table. Let us confess  
our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

**People:** 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.**

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.**

### **The Peace**

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Presider: Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer #3** with preface for Easter

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there

we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore we praise you with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sign this hymn 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.**

Presider: 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,

**People: we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

Presider: 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 People 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 for ever.

**People: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**People: 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.**

### **The Breaking of Bread (#8)**

Presider: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**People: Now we are raised to new life.**

Presider: We were buried in your tomb.

**People: Now we share in your resurrection.**

Presider: Live in us, that we may live in you.

### **The Communion**

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Communion Hymn: For the Fruit of All Creation**

#259

For the fruit of all creation,  
Thanks be to God;  
Gifts bestowed on every nation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
Thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

3. For the harvests of the Spirit,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
For the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all, that love has found us,  
Thanks be to God.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Presider: 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.**

### **Doxology**

**People: 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: Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun**

CP#383

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Doth its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to  
shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no  
more.

People and realms of every tongue

Dwell on his love with sweetest  
song,  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on his name.  
Blessings abound where'er he  
reigns;  
The prisoners leap to lose their  
chains;  
The weary find eternal rest,

And all who suffer want are blest.  
Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honours to our King,

angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

**Dismissal**      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Postlude

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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. Andrew's Church, LaSalle; St. John the Evangelist, Leamington; St. Stephen's Church, Oldcastle; Church of the Redeemer, Colchester N.

**The Parish:** We hold in our prayers: Jane McRae, Terry Melnychuk, Deanie & Garry Minielly and their families as well as all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

**Intercessions:** For healing and hope we hold up to God: Chris, Erin, Fraser, Gord, Heather, Howie, Janet, Jason, Jenny, John, Katharine, Kyle, Leslie, Mike, Patricia, Paul, Ruth, Sandra, Stan, Tyler, Vicki, Wayne, and any others who are in need of our prayers.

### Flowers In Memoriam Today

*Flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God and with grateful thanks for the life and ministry of my wife, Rita Watchurst, a gift of John and family.*

The next Sunday's service is June 5th – The Day of Pentecost.

The readings are: Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104, Romans 8:14-17 and John 14:8-17, 25-27.

## Announcements

1. The Rev'd Brendon Bedford, our new Assistant Curate and the Rev'd Gilles Haché, Deacon Assistant, are being ordained to the priesthood on **Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 4:00pm at St. George's Anglican**, 1049 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. E. in Owen Sound. All are welcome to attend the service – no reservation required.

2. Following the Ordination Service, a reception will take place at 6:30pm at the St. Vincent & Meaford Community Centre at 151 Collingwood Street in Meaford -- all are welcome. **If you wish to attend the reception, as there is limited seating**, please contact the church at [office@christchurchanglican.ca](mailto:office@christchurchanglican.ca) or 519-538-1330 **by May 31<sup>st</sup>**. It is a free-will offering and funds will go

to the Outreach programs, shared between St. George's Owen Sound and Christ Church Meaford.. Please refer to this week's eblast for details.

3. The **Canadian Foodgrains Bank** is holding an **Online Auction June 9-15**. For info, go to [Ontario@foodgrainsbank.ca](mailto:Ontario@foodgrainsbank.ca) or call 519-373-2769. See poster below.

4. **SIGN UP FOR HOSTING COFFEE HOUR.** We love to share conversation and a beverage with you after church. If you enjoy that, please consider signing up to host coffee hour on a Sunday. It will be on a rotation basis. For details, please contact Truda or John at 519-538-9032 or [trudahoward@gmail.com](mailto:trudahoward@gmail.com) or [howhort@gmail.com](mailto:howhort@gmail.com). A SIGN UP SHEET IS BELOW THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE PARISH HALL.

5. **Shoreline Chorus presents "Back to Broadway"**, directed by Ann-Marie MacDairmid, on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Funds raised in support of the **Bighead River Foodgrains Project – an event of their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.** See eblast for details.

6. We are collecting **clothing items for a clothing giveaway in support of our harvesters.** Please bring your clean items to the lounge when the church is open. Shoes, boots, socks, sweaters, pants etc. are needed. Clothing can be for men or women.

7. **The Community Meal program -- the next bi-weekly meal is Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** If you know someone who could use a meal, please let us know by contacting the office at 519-538-1330 or Rev'd Gilles at 519-505-6965. **Meals should be ordered by Friday noon prior to the Tuesday delivery day.**

8. **Pastoral Care For urgent matters of pastoral concerns – PLEASE CONTACT** The Rev'd Brendon Bedford at 226-750-4422 or [brendonbedford@diohuron.org](mailto:brendonbedford@diohuron.org) or The Rev'd Gilles Haché at 519-5305-6965 or [gilleshache@diohuron.org](mailto:gilleshache@diohuron.org).

**For non-urgent matters, questions, or concerning other ministries, please call the Church office 519-538-1330.**



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June 9 – 15, 2022  
[www.sydenhamauction.com](http://www.sydenhamauction.com)

The poster features a collage of various items for auction, including a silver serving dish, a wooden cross, a quilt, a lawnmower, a bicycle, and various tools. A wooden plaque with text is also visible.

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