

# *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

May 2, 2021



## **The Anglican Parish of St. Peter Winnipeg**

*Purpose: To be a Christian community seeking to love God, grow in faith, and serve the world.*

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*Acknowledgement of the Land: "We acknowledge that we meet and work in Treaty 1 land, the traditional lands of the Anishinabe, Cree (Ininew), and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Métis nation. We are thankful for these first inhabitants and we commit to working together toward justice, truth, and reconciliation."*

Prelude: I Will Be the Vine

Welcome

### Opening Hymn: #208 Thou Hallowed Chosen Morn of Praise

1 Thou hal - lowed cho - sen morn of praise, that best and great - est  
2 Come, let us taste the vine's new fruit, for heaven - ly joy pre -

shin - est: fair Eas - ter, queen of all the days, of  
par - ing; to - day the branch - es with the root in

sea - sons, best, di - vin - est! Christ rose from death, and  
res - ur - rec - tion shar - ing: whom as true God our

we a - dore for - ev - er and for ev - er - more.  
hymns a - dore for - ev - er and for ev - er - more.

## *The Greeting*

*Presider:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*All:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
*Presider:* May his grace and peace be with you.  
*All:* **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

## *Collect of the Day*

*Officiant:* Let us pray  
O God, you give us the Son as the vine, apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, so that we bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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*Officiant:* Let us now feast at the table of God's word.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### **Psalm 22:24-30**

*Refrain:*



All the ends of the earth shall re - mem - ber and turn to the Lord.

My praise is of him in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.  
The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:  
"May your heart live for ever!" *Refrain*

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.  
For kingship belongs to the Lord;  
he rules over the nations. *Refrain*

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.  
My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him;  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.  
They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn  
the saving deeds that he has done. *Refrain*

**Gospel: John 15:1-8**

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ

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

*Reflection*

**Hymn: #635 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song**

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*Unison*

1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the  
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bo - dy, to the  
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the

chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - our of the  
branch - es of the vine, to the church in faith as -  
cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and

wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger and  
sem - bled, to her midst as gift and  
wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -

might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

### *Statement of Faith*

*Presider:* Let us together say the Statement of Faith

*All:* **We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

### *Prayers of the People*

Paul, Bernice, Peter, Grayson, Ruth, Beth, Gladys, Ruth, Adele, Ginny and Bob, Evan, Joan, George, Roy and Annie, Anastasia, Blair, Bev, Ian, Beryl, Carmen, Linda.

### *Confession and Absolution*

*Officiant:* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and enfolds us in his embrace. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*(pause for silent reflection)*

*All:* **Most merciful God, 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.**

*Presider:* 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.

*Officiant:* **Amen.**

### *Peace*

*Presider:* May the peace of the crucified and risen Christ be with you all.

*All:* **And also with you.**

## Reflection on the Eucharist

*Presider:* Let us feast our eyes on this sacred image: One bread; One cup.

Anglican teaching understands the Eucharist as the source from which unity is attained and nurtured: One Bread, One Body, One Church. The Eucharist is the New Passover meal of the Christian community by which we share in Christ's victory over death. At the heart of this Eucharistic Feast is the understanding that we are united with the Holy Trinity and each other through the sharing of that One Bread.

During this past year this Feast has not been available to us. We cannot gather around the Table at St. Peter's, to share and be united through this One Bread. And yet, we have experienced a sense of profound unity during this time of Eucharistic abstinence. I think this is partly due to the fact that we have long been established as a Eucharistic community. Sharing the Eucharist over time has become part of the fabric of our being, and sharing this Sacred Meal in the future WILL continue to nurture us and others when it is, once again, safe to do so. Also, having been fed by God in other ways too numerous to mention over the past year has helped maintain and nurture that sense of unity. For this I know we are grateful.

Let us pray.

God of our deepest joy, out of the death of Jesus Christ and through the power of love stronger than death, you gave life for us all. Out of the darkness and suffering of this pandemic, your love brings renewal and transformed life. We offer thanks for the ways we have been fed by the Eucharist in the past, and wait in hope for the day when we may freely and safely gather at your Table in company with each other and with you in our midst. Lift our heads to see and know this hope that passes understanding that we may share it with joy! Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

*Presider:* Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

*All:*

All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread,

For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the king-dom,

the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

*Presider:* Glory to God

*All:* 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, forever and ever. Amen.

### THE SENDING FORTH

#### Closing Hymn: #601 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

God, whose giving knows no ending,  
 From your rich and endless store -  
 Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,  
 Costly cross, grave's shattered door -  
 Gifted by You, we turn to You,  
 Offering up ourselves in praise;  
 Thankful song shall rise forever,  
 Gracious Donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing  
 Toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:  
 All at peace in health and freedom,  
 Races joined, the church made one.  
 Now direct our daily labor,  
 Lest we strive for self alone;  
 Born with talents, make us servants  
 Fit to answer at Your throne.

*Blessing*

*Presider:* May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life, and the blessing of God, Source of all being, eternal Word, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you this day and always. Amen.

*Dismissal*

*Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

*All:* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Postlude: Lord of Glory

*Please join us after worship for conversation and community time together.*



**In your prayers this week, please remember:** Paul Rozniatowski, Bernice Nemeth, Peter Mulla, Grayson Justin Beayla Nemeth, Ruth Cadick, Beth Hiscox, Gladys Oelkers, Ruth Kensinger, Adele Nuytten, Ginny and Bob Kellington, Evan Bacon, Joan Cook, George Green, Roy and Annie Bowkett, Anastasia Lambert, Blair, Bev Smith, Ian Chalmers, Beryl Pressey, Carmen Ellis, Linda Ellis.

**In our parish cycle of prayer:** Peter Mulla, Leanne and Robyn Fraser, David, Qelsey, Nova, and Alden Fraser.

**In the Anglican Communion:** Pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East. **In the Anglican Church of Canada:** Primate Linda, National Indigenous Archbishop Mark, the Anglican Council of Indigenous People, Metropolitan Greg, and the Assisting Bishops, people, and clergy of the Missionary Area of Moosonee. **In the ELCIC:** National ELCIC Bishop Susan and the dean, council, and congregations of the Winnipeg South Area of the Manitoba Northwestern Ontario Synod. **In our Diocese,** our Bishop Geoffrey, Bishop of our Companion Diocese, Michael, and for MNO Synod Bishop Jason, for our congregations and communities especially for the parishes of St. John: St. John's Cathedral, St. John's College Chapel, Grace/St. John's, Carmen; St. John's, Fisherton; and St. John's Wabigoon.