

Fifth Sunday of Easter
28 April, 2024



St. Helen's
Anglican Church of Canada
Diocese of New Westminster

The Reverend Mark Munn

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

OPENING HYMN Crow Him with Many Crowns

CP 378

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open all desires known,

and from whom 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.

Kyrie Eleison

Cantor; All repeat

Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste, e -
Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have

lé - i - son. Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.
mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

The image shows a musical score for the Kyrie Eleison. It consists of two staves of music in a 2/4 time signature. The first staff begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff also begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The melody continues on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste, e - Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have lé - i - son. Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy." The lyrics are written in a serif font. The music is written in a simple, clear style.

CONFESSION

Dear friends in Christ,
as we prepare to worship God,
let us confess our sins,
Confident in God's forgiveness.

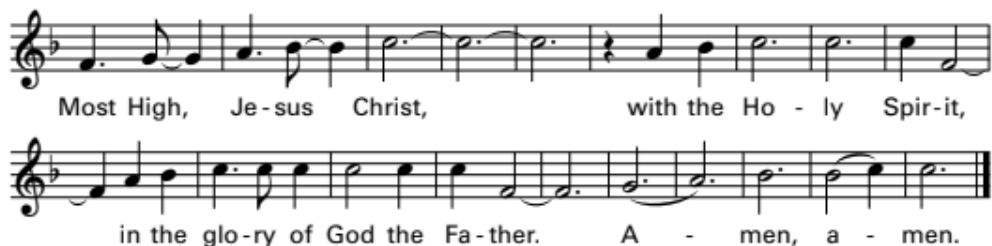
Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son 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.**

THE ABSOLUTION

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 HYMN OF PRAISE

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple
of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you
thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav-en - ly
King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.
Lord Je - sus Christ, On-ly Be - got-ten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a -
way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed
at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer -
cy, have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the



COLLECT OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING ACTS 8:26-40

Hepsi Chand

A reading from the book of Acts

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.) So 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 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now 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. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As 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?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip

and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When 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. But 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22



My praise is of you in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship you.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek you shall praise you: "May your heart live for ever!"
O God, all the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before you. **R.**

For sovereignty belongs to you, O God;
you rule over the nations.
To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before you. **R.**

My soul shall live for you; my descendants shall serve you;
they shall be known as yours for ever.
They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that you have done. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of John

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 Saviour 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 judgement, 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.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff is in 3/4 time and the second staff is in 2/4 time. Both staves use a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.' are written below the notes on both staves.

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

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

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.

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

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



SERMON

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

You are invited to join in an affirmation of faith.

**You, O God, are Creator of all,
By whom every being in heaven and earth
Is fashioned, named, and sustained.
You call us each by name.**

**You, O God, are Living Word,
who came and pitched your tent with us,
Lived, and died, and rose again.
You speak to us now through faith.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit,
Who comforts, strengthens, and inspires,
Sending us forth to share your love.
You are the breath of grace.**

**You, O God, are Trinity:
Creator, Word, Spirit;
Artist, healer, friend.
You are holy mystery.
We worship you. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liz Hodgson

BLESSING OF CLAIRE AND HAROLD MUNN'S 50th WEDDING ANNEVERSARY

The Rev. Mark Munn

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people greet one another with signs of God's peace.

THE OFFERTORY

As the altar is prepared for Holy Communion, the congregation is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. A QR code is provided at the back of the leaflet for those who prefer to donate online. During the collection, a hymn is sung.

OFFERTORY HYMN | I Come with Joy

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.

By your power you sustain the universe.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.
Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing :



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.
On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death.
By raising him from the dead
you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying,
“Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said,
“Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.”

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread,
and share in the life of the family of your children.
Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father,
through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**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

“I am the bread which has come down from heaven, “ says the Lord.
Give us this bread for ever.
“I am the vine, you are the branches.”
May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

With those who are unable to receive the Eucharist at this time, remember these words of Jesus from the gospel of John: “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, whoever believes in me will never thirst”. In Union with the body of Christ in every time and place, we pray:

**Come to my heart O Christ.
There is room in my heart for you. Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD



The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a five-line staff. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy,". Above the final measure of the first staff, there is a bracket with the numbers "1, 2". The second staff continues the melody. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "have mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace." Above the final measure of the second staff, there is a bracket with the word "Final".

COMMUNION HYMN I Sought the Lord
Ubi Caritas et Amor

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CP 553

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. **Amen.**

DOXOLOGY

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

Life is short,
and we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.
So be swift to love,
make haste to be kind,
and may the blessing of God Almighty
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you
and those you love, now and forever.
Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN Come and Journey with a Saviour

CP 482

DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world,
Rejoicing in the power of the Risen Lord,
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

*Please be seated for the postlude. The community disperses in silence. In respect of those who
may linger in contemplation, conversation is reserved for the narthex.*

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Music: Dale Throness

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Liz Hodgson, alto

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- Scan the QR code at left to contribute via credit card or Apple Pay
- Visit our website (pointgreyanglican.com/pages/give) to contribute via credit card or PayPal
- Set up a Pre-Authorized Donation (PAD). To do this, please reach out to our Envelope Secretary, Monica O'Brien via our office (sthelenswpg@gmail.com).