

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

5 May, 2024



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

The Reverend Mark Munn

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

OPENING HYMN New Songs of Celebration Render

CP 316

### 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 G major and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The music is marked 'Cantor; All repeat'. The lyrics are: 'Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste, e - Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have'. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'lé - i - son. Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.' The music features a mix of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases marked with repeat signs and first/second endings.

## CONFESSION

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

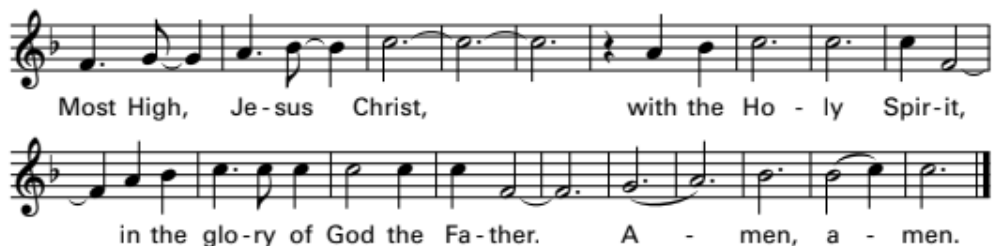
Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake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

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
riches beyond imagination.  
Pour into our hearts such love toward you,  
that we, loving you above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING ACTS 10:44-48

Shawn de Raaf

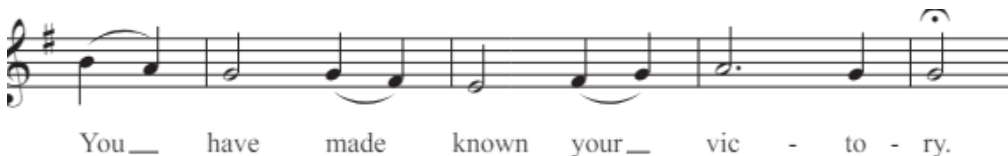
A reading from the book of Acts

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98



Let us sing a new song to God,  
who has done marvellous things.  
With your right hand and your holy arm  
you have won for yourself the victory. **R.**

You have made known your victory;  
your righteousness have you openly shown in the sight of the nations.  
You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. **R.**

Shout with joy to God, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.  
Sing to God with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 JOHN 5:1-6

Angela White

A reading from the first letter of John

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 15:9-17

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

The Gospel of Christ.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



SERMON

The Rev. Mark Munn

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

*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 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

CP 486

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of glory,  
accept all we offer you this day,  
and bring us to that eternal city of love and light,  
where Christ is King.  
We ask this in his name.

## 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

We break this bread  
To share in the body of Christ  
**We, being many, are one body,  
For we all share in the one bread.**

## 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 two notes of the first staff, there is a box containing the numbers "1, 2". The second staff continues the melody from the first staff. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "have mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace." Above the final two notes of the second staff, there is a box containing the word "Final".

COMMUNION HYMN	In Christ There Is No East or West	CP 484
	One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All	CP 73

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father,  
you restored us to life  
by raising your Son from death.  
May we who receive this sacrament  
always be strengthened to do your will,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

CP 425

## 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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## Worship Ministries for Today

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Justin Cho, tenor

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