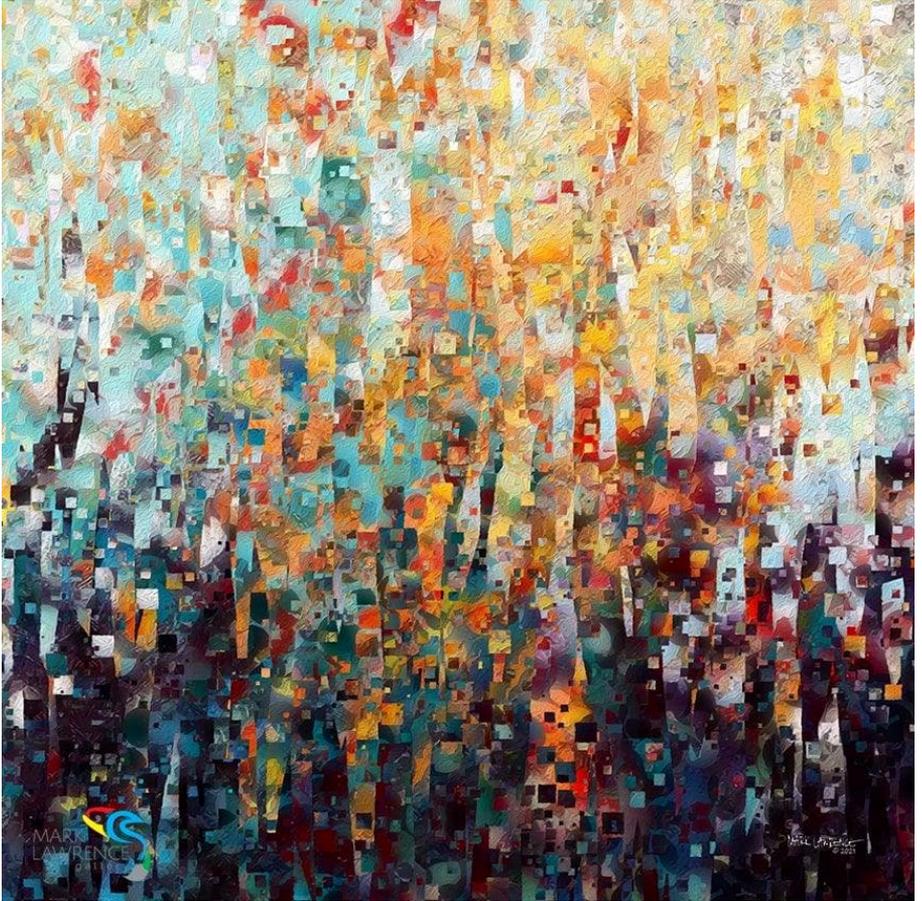


Sixth Sunday of Easter



May 5, 2024
10:30 am

*All are warmly welcomed to our worship.
We ask visitors to introduce themselves and to join us
for social hour after the service.
We welcome children and invite them to enjoy the
activity table during worship.*

“One doesn’t discover new lands without consenting to lose sight
of the shore for a very long time.”

–André Gide

Call to Worship

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presider We gather as people on a journey.
All **We believe & we have doubts,
we do good & we sin.
We are imperfect humans,
and still beloved by God.**

Presider Love and grace. Hope and faith.
These are the essence of the one we call God.
All **We seek forgiveness & grace from the Holy One
and from those we’ve harmed.**

Presider Assured of that grace,
we are ready to grow again.
All **We yearn for a new way,
a new perspective,
and a clear path.**

Presider Though we are full of trust
and full of doubt, we are here.
Speak to us, God!
Continue creating us!
All **Inspire our hearts.
Enlighten our minds.
Guide our actions. Amen.¹**

Gathering Hymn - *Sing a New Song* (CP 312)

Refrain:

Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing Alleluia!

1. Yahweh's people dance for joy.
O come before the Lord
and play for him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound. **Refrain**

2. Rise, O children, from your sleep;
your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song. **Refrain**

3. Glad my soul, for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Saviour lives. **Refrain**

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Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
 and the love of God,
 and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All **And also with you.**

Presider Almighty God,
All **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.

Glory to God

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
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - men.

Collect of the Day

Presider God of abiding love,
you choose us as your servants
and dare to call us friends:
take our fragmented hearts,
commanding them to love,
making whole our joy,
our life reborn in you;
through Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for us.
Amen.₂

*At this time, children & youth are invited to join the teachers at the back of the sanctuary for Sunday School.
They are also welcome to remain with their families in the sanctuary if that is their choice. The children will return prior to communion*

Ministry of the Word

First Reading - *Acts 10:44-48*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm - Psalm 98 - The Lord Has Revealed to the Nations

The Lord has re-vealed to the na-tions his sav-ing pow'r.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
 for he has worked wonders.
 His right hand and his holy arm
 have brought salvation. **Refrain**

The Lord has made known his salvation,
 has shown his deliverance to the nations
 He has remembered his merciful love
 and his truth for the house of Israel. **Refrain**

All the ends of the earth have seen
 the salvation of our God.
 Shout to the Lord, all the earth;
 break forth into joyous song,
 and sing out your praise. **Refrain**

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Second Reading - 1 John 5:1-6

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.
 All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - Alleluia

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

Reader May God 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.

Gospel - *John 15:9-17*

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily Rev. Joanne Epply-Schmidt

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God, the Source of Life,
by whom every being in heaven and earth
is created, named, and sustained.**

**We believe in God, the Living Word,
who restores us to relationship
and speaks to us through faith.**

**We believe in God, the Holy Spirit,
who comforts, guides, and strengthens us
to share the good news of grace.**

**We believe in God,
one, holy, undivided Trinity:
Source of Life, Living Word, Comforter:
Mystery. Amen.³**

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Offertory

Out of gratitude for all we've been given, we give ourselves back to God.

Bread, wine and money all symbolize the fruit of our labor.

Please feel free to use one of the laminated blue cards to represent how you give to the Glory of God through Pre-Authorized Donations.

Offertory Hymn - *All Are Welcome (BB 422)*

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live.
A place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace.
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true.
Where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus; ***Refrain***
3. Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat;
A banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space,
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us; ***Refrain***

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone,
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bears the image of God's face,
Let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain*
5. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace.
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain*

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Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God our strength and salvation,
**All receive all we offer you this day,
and grant that we who have confessed your name,
and received new life in baptism,
may live in the joy of the resurrection,
through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Sanctus - *Holy, Holy, Holy*



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.

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Presider Glory and honour and praise to you,
holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favour upon Mary, your
willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus, the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take, eat, this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
and gave it to them, saying:

*Take, drink; this cup is the new covenant in my blood,
given for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Now, gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with all your saints from every tribe and language
and people and nation, to feast at the banquet of the world.
All this we ask through Jesus Christ.
By him and with him and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory is yours,
Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

**All 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 Presider breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept.
The silence is broken with these words.*

Presider Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

Presider We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

Presider Live in us, that we may live in you.
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Communion

Please know that at St. Laurence you are invited to the table. This sacrament is God's gift to all people. If you wish, you may partake in only the bread without the wine. Non-fermented grape juice is offered in the ceramic chalice. Please tell your server if you prefer a gluten free wafer. If you do not wish to partake at all, you may come forward and receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest.

Prayers for Healing — *If you have special concerns and would like to pray with the Pastoral Care members during communion, please join them in the area to the right of the font.*

Communion Hymn - *When We Gather at the Table (MV 198)*

1. When we gather at the table
wine is poured and bread is broken.
Then love claims us, offering, healing,
we hear welcome, gently spoken.
2. Jesus offers our thanksgiving
blessing God for life we're given.
From the earth comes grain to feed us
watered by the rains of heaven.
3. Word of promise claims attention
earth renewed by God's designing.
All the creatures join in praises
God's intended wholeness finding.
4. Come, invited, now draw nearer,
join this holy celebration.
Here be strengthened, called to justice,
living now God's new creation.
5. Christ, your coming and your hosting
gives us place at widening table
now embracing world and neighbour
Spirit strong, by love enabled.

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Communion Hymn - *Breathe on Me, Breath of God (CP 649)*

1. Breathe on me, breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.
2. Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine
to do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

Communion Hymn - *God Has Chosen Me* (BB 388)

Verses



1. God has cho - sen me, God has cho - sen me to bring good news
 2. God has cho - sen me, God has cho - sen me to set a - light
 3. God is call - ing me, God is call - ing me in all whose cry

1. to the poor. God has cho - sen me, God has cho - sen me to
 2. a new fire. God has cho - sen me, God has cho - sen me to
 3. is un - heard. God is call - ing me, God is call - ing me to

1. bring — new sight to those search - ing for light: God has
 2. bring — to birth a new king - dom on earth: God has
 3. raise up the voice with no pow - er or choice: God is

Refrain

1. cho - sen me, cho - sen me: And to tell the world
 2. cho - sen me, cho - sen me:
 3. call - ing me, call - ing me:

that God's king - dom is near, to re - move op - pres - sion and
 break down fear, yes, God's time is near, God's time is near,
 God's time is near, God's time is near.

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Moment of Silence

We take a moment to be still and know God. Our world is full of many noises, even as we sit together in silence. Let the noises be, and listen for the deep stillness that underlies all being. This moment will begin and end with the ringing of a bell.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Holy One,

**All We have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands
the bread of life.
Strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you
and for each other;
through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing of Easter

Presider May God who has redeemed us,

**All made us sons and daughters through the resurrection of
Jesus, bestow on us the deep riches of God's blessing.**

Presider May God, who through the water of baptism

**All has raised us from loss into newness of life,
make us holy and sacred and united to Christ for ever.**

Presider May God who has brought us out of bondage

**All into true and everlasting freedom, bring us
deeper into life.**

Presider And now may the blessing of the God of
Abraham and Sarah; and of Jesus born of our
sister Mary; and of the Holy Spirit who broods
over Creation like a Mother over her children;
be upon us and remain with us always.

All Amen.

Closing Hymn - *A New Commandment*

A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall people know you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another;
by this shall all people know that you are my disciples:
if you have love one for another.

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power
 of the Spirit!

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

*The flowers at the Altar today are given to the
Glory of God, in celebration of her
Awesome 5 grandkids, by Susan Burkett.*



Today Is Red Dress Day

A day to honor the memory of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls across Canada.

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NEWS & NOTES

Wednesday Morning Prayer - 9:00 am

This small service is Morning Prayer, Bible Study and Eucharist all rolled into one. A great way to begin your day!

New Directories

The new directories have arrived. If you would like one, they will be available following the service.



Reminder: the information is confidential, and so please do not share info from the directory with others. We ask that you return it to the church office and not just discard when you are finished with it.

Thanks to Natasha Davidson for her hard work on this directory.

ignYte Events



May 8 ignYte @ St. L

May 15 ignYte @ GSL

May 18 Pentecost - Youth-led Service

May 25 Old Orchard Park hike and ice cream

May 29 ignYte @ St. L

Young Adults:

May 5 Young Adult Games Night

Young Families

May 18 - Family Church Night - 4:30pm,

@ Blue Mountain Park

Young Parents group - 8pm, every other Tuesday

Bi-weekly online - Next event - May 7

Senior Men's Lunch

Next date: Thursday, May 16, 2024

11:30 - 1:00 pm

The senior men meet once a month at

Ricky's Country Restaurant,

100 Schoolhouse Street

for good food and conversation.



In order for the restaurant to know how many to expect for the lunch please contact Derek Walmsley @ 604-942-8788 or email - dgwfotos@gmail.com if you are planning on attending.

Reminder: Next Sunday is Mother's Day!

I would like to rise very high, Lord

Above my city

Above the world,

Above time.

I would like to purify my glance

and borrow your eyes.

~Michel Quoist