

*The Cathedral Church of St. James
Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada*

May 24, 2020: The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Hymn – CP 247

Text: Charles Wesley, alt.; Music: William Henry Monk; Tune: Ascension

Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!
to his throne above the skies; alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

Highest heaven its Lord receives, alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves; alleluia!
though returning to his throne, alleluia!
still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!

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!

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Officiant May his grace and peace be with you.
People May he fill our hearts with joy.

Gloria

New English Folk Mass

Officiant Glory to God in the highest,
All 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.

Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray.

Please remain standing.

Almighty God, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Acts 1: 6-14

Reader So when the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, ‘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.’ Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm *Please remain seated.*

Psalm 68: 1-10, 33-36—Plainsong

Cantor Let God arise, and let his enemies be scat-tered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.

All Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it a-way; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish
at the pre-sence of God.

Cantor But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be mer-ry and joyful.

All Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
exalt him who rides upon the hea-vens; *
Yahweh is his name, re-joice before him!

Cantor Father of orphans, defender of wi-dows, *
God in his holy ha-bitation!

All God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into free-dom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

Cantor O God, when you went forth before your peo-ple, *
when you marched through the wil-der_ness,

All The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Si-nai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Cantor You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your in-he-ritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

All Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made pro-vi-sion for the poor.

Cantor Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lörd.

All He rides in the heavens, the ancient hea-vens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mi-ghty vöice.

Cantor Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

All How wonderful is God in his holy pla-ces! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Bles-sed be Göd!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand, as you are able.

Cantor Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cantor I will not leave you desolate, says the Lord; I will come to you.

People Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

John 17: 1-11

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospeller After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

The Nicene Creed

Please stand, as you are able.

Officiant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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**Offering Hymn –
CP 482**

Text: Herbert O'Driscoll; Music: Melody *The Sacred Harp*, Mason, 1844; attrib. to Benjamin Franklin White; harm. Ronald A. Nelson; Tune: Beach Spring

Come and journey with a Saviour who has called us from our birth,
who has washed us in the waters, and who loved us on the earth.

*Come and journey, come and journey with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and daughters; in the Spirit we are one.*

Come and journey, journey outward, where that cross calls us to care,
where injustice and where hunger and the poor call us to share.

*Come and journey, come and journey with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and daughters; in the Spirit we are one.*

Come and journey, journey upward. Sing his praises, offer prayer.
In the storm and in the stillness find his presence everywhere.

*Come and journey, come and journey with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and daughters; in the Spirit we are one.*

Come and journey, journey onward; all our gifts we now shall bring
to the building of a city that is holy, Christ its King.

*Come and journey, come and journey with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and daughters; in the Spirit we are one.*

Offering Prayer

Officiant Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the
heaven and the earth is thine. All things come of thee; and of thine own
have we given thee.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

Anthem The Messiah: Thou art gone up on High *George Frederic Handel*
Though art gone up on high;
Thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men;
yea, even from Thine enemies,
that the Lord God might dwell among them.

The Prayers of the People

Please stand, as you are able.

Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor.

The Lord's Prayer

McNeil Robinson

Officiant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
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.

Confession and Absolution

Officiant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God
welcomes sinners and invites us into relationship. Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Please kneel, as you are able.

Officiant Most merciful God,
All 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.

Officiant 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.

People Amen.

The Peace

Please stand, as you are able.

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Doxology

Officiant 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Officiant The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People Amen.

Hymn – CP 84

Text: George Hugh Bourne; Music: Healey Willan; Tune: St. Osmund

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour, first begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender, liftest up thy people's head.

Alleluia, Jesus, true and living bread!

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished shall for evermore remain,
alleluia, cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna, stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna worship thee, the Lamb who died,
alleluia, risen, ascended, glorified!

Postlude Thou art gone up on high

Basil Harwood

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