

Confirmation Liturgy for the Diocese of Toronto

The Fourth Sunday of Easter Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 4:30pm

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

Welcome to St. James Cathedral

This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations - the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishnaabe, and the Métis peoples, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of New Credit. We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami/Lake Ontario. This territory is governed by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Treaty, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnaabe Confederacy to peaceably share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes. In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.

Presiding Celebrant & Homilist The Right Reverend Kevin Robertson

Bishop's Chaplain Paul Seddon, ODT

Deacon The Reverend Catherine Keating

Intercessor The Right Reverend Jenny Andison

MC The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

First Reader Andrea Marleene Francis

Second Reader Elle Mackenzie Robinson

Communion Ministers The Reverend Canon Beth Benson

The Reverend Yohan Dumpala

The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

The Reverend Ravi Kalison

The Reverend Claire Latimer-Dennis

The Reverend Dr. James Leatch The Reverend Siu Chun Leung

The Reverend Alexandra McIntosh

Music Director Thomas Bell

Organist Nathan Jeffery

Sung by Members of the Choir of St. James Cathedral

Welcome! We are so glad you have joined us for worship this afternoon.

Please ensure that cell phones are turned off.

Candidates for Confirmation

St. Elizabeth's Church, Mississauga

The Reverend Siu Chun Leung Hui Ping Helena Huang (Helena) Ebo Begla Sackey

Christ Church Deer Park

The Reverend Alexandra McIntosh Moira Sanders Elsa Morga Scurfield

St. John's Norway

The Reverend Molly Finlay
The Reverend Yohan Dumpala
Elle Mackenzie Robinson
Teo Park
Eugene Park

St John's York Mills

The Reverend Richard Webb
Alison Juurinen
Amelia Tara Bent
Jie Yang (Jay)
Tessa Christina Young

Bishop Strachan School/ Grace Church on-the-Hill

The Reverend Claire Latimer-Dennis
Samantha King (Sam)
Morgan King
Maya Sellers

St. Paul's Bloor Street

The Right Reverend Jenny Andison Miranda Joy Peters

Christ Church Scarborough Village

The Reverend Ravi Kalison
Andrea Marleene Francis
Barbara Holgate
Joy Mitchell
Colette Ingrid Francis

Royal St. George's College

The Reverend Dr. James Leatch
Gabriel Robert Buchan (Gabe)
Wyatt Thomas Kirby
Jack Matthew Lutz
Ryan James Lutz
Asher Kendall Williams

St. Timothy, Agincourt

The Reverend Andrea Christensen
Elaine Vanderwerf
David Christian Conn
Alma Athalia Asheria
Mandy Manohar
Randy Manohar
Xavier Charles Henry-McIntosh

St. Jude, Bramalea North

The Reverend Jeff Stone
Olivia Stallone
Paulette Jennifer Whittaker
Miranda Elizabeth DeFazio
Oluwatosin Kafayat Kaffo (Tosin)
Emmanuel Oluseyi Ogunnubi

Candidates for Reception

St. John's Norway

The Reverend Molly Finlay
The Reverend Yohan Dumpala
Jonathan Slater
Maureen Louth
Faith Walker
Terry Brackett

St John's York Mills

The Reverend Richard Webb Alison Juurinen Marna-Rose Minett

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Mass Setting: Missa Brevis IV by Healey Willan

Prelude Prelude in F op.101 no. 1

C. V. Stanford

Please remain seated until the Processional Hymn begins, then stand.

Processional Hymn

All

Tune: Vulpius

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:

alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is risen today! Sing songs of praise along his way; let all the earth rejoice and say: alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord the life laid down, the life restored: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Greeting

Bishop Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Bishop May his grace and peace be with you.

People May he fill our hearts with joy.

Bishop There is one body and one Spirit,

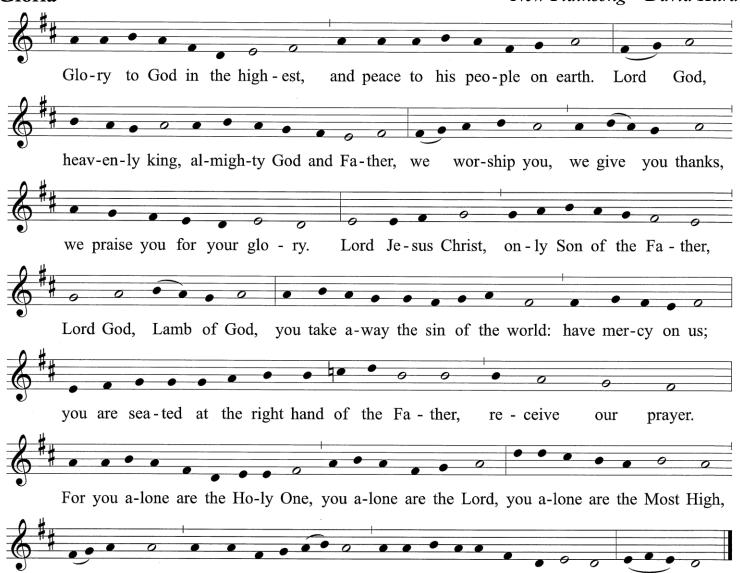
People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

People One God and Father of all.

men.





Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A

The Collect

Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have been buried with Christ in baptism may be raised with him to newness of life. Renew us by the power of your Holy Spirit that we may live in righteousness and true holiness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

Reader

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

"the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Reader

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Please remain seated.

Psalm 23



Choir

The Lord is my shep-herd;

therefore can <u>I</u> lack no-thing.

All

He makes me lie down in green pas-tures

and leads me be-side still wa-ters.

Choir

He shall refresh my soul

and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

All

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no e-vil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they com-fort me.

Choir

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who <u>trou</u>-ble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my <u>cup</u> shall be full.

All

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my <u>life</u>, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ev-er.

The Second Reading

Reader

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader The word of the Lord.People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

People Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know

me.

People Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Deacon 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there

will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

CONFIRMATION & RECEPTION INTO THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

Presentation and Examination

Please remain seated.

Bishop The candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present (Name of Candidate) for confirmation.

Presenters I present (Name of Candidate) to be received into this Communion.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.

Please stand, as you are able.

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these

persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew

our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the

power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers

Bishop Let us pray for those who are affirming their baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Intercessor That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death; in your mercy,

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth; in your mercy,

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church; in your mercy,

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love; in your mercy,

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory; in your

mercy,

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Bishop Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in

your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Silence

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son

Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with

you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Confirmation Please be seated.

The Bishop lays his hands upon the candidates.

Bishop Defend, O Lord, your servant (Name) with your heavenly grace, that

(pronoun) may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit

more and more, until (pronoun) comes into your kingdom.

People Amen.

Reception into the Anglican Communion

The Bishop takes the hand of the candidates.

Bishop (Name), we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic

Church, and receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you.

People Amen.

Bishop Let us pray.

Please stand, as you are able.

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in

the knowledge and obedience of your word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Peace

We offer each other a sign of peace, as you feel comfortable.

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

An offering will now be taken for the life and ministry of the Cathedral.

Offertory Hymn

Tune: Slane

All Lord of all power, I give you my will, in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.

Your bondage is freedom, your service is song, and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind, rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find. What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.

Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart; I praise and adore you for all you impart: your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide, your presence to cheer me, whatever betide.

Lord of all being, I give you my all. If e'er I disown you I stumble and fall; but, sworn in glad service your word to obey, I walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

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Prayer over the Gifts

Bishop God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup

of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ,

our Saviour and our shepherd.

People Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our

Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of

heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus

Choir Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Please assume a posture of prayer that is appropriate – stand, sit or kneel.

Bishop We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling the Israelites to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks

to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Bishop

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

McNeil Robinson

Bishop

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Bishop Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

Bishop We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

Bishop Live in us,

All That we may live in you.

The Communion

Bishop The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Choir

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free hosts are available at the Lady Chapel. Please refrain from dipping the host in the chalice.

If you choose not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your hands over your chest to indicate this to the priest.

Motet Cibavit Eos William Byrd

Choir

He fed them from the fulness of the wheat, alleluia. And filled them with honey from the rock, Alleluia. Rejoice in God our helper, sing for joy to the God of Jacob. Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Tune: Charity

All

Freed in Christ from death and sin, slaves no more to self within, let abundant life begin at the call of Christ.

Out of darkness into light, given grace to walk aright, strength and courage for the fight, turned to follow Christ.

In the Spirit's life to grow, day by day his fullness know, and in fruitful lives to show we belong to Christ.

Bearers of his name and sign, sharers in his bread and wine, one with him in life divine, keeping faith with Christ.

Praise him for his love outpoured, lives renewed and hopes restored; praise the everlasting Lord, glory be to Christ!

John Rutter

Motet The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Choir

The Lord bless you and keep you:

the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you,

and give you peace. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Bishop Let us pray.

Please stand, as you are able.

God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

People Amen.

Bishop Glory to God,

People whose power

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

Bishop

May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always.

People Amen.

Hymn Tune: Wolvercote

All

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou for ever near me, my Master and my Friend. I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking, in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;

O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;

O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee, that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be; and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end! O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy footmarks and in them plant mine own: my hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone. O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end; and then in heaven receive me, my Saviour and my Friend.

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Dismissal

Deacon Followers of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world that

God loves. Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude Toccata in D Marcel Languetuit