

# 2021 Eastertide Sunday Service

## Ascension Sunday and Jerusalem Sunday - May 16, 2021

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*Readers: Susan Sioui, Debra Stevenson Matte, France Jobin*

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### The Gathering of the Community

**Tania**

How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!

**We are called to be Easter people!**

Darkness cannot claim us!

**Fear cannot bind us!**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed! Amen!**

*The Presider gives notice of matters affecting the life and work of the congregation.*

### Penitential Rite

**Tania**

#### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.

Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith. *cf Romans 6.10*

#### KYRIE CONFESSION

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

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We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

### **ABSOLUTION**

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **THE PEACE**

Alleluia. Christ has been raised from the dead.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**  
*The peace is exchanged.*

### **HYMN CP#438 - O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED (VERSES 1, 2, AND 4)**

1 O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever 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.

2 O let me feel thee near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer  
and shield my soul from sin.

4 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.

*Text: John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)*

*Music: William Harold Ferguson (1874-1950) © Oxford University Press*

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**France**

Dieu tout-puissant, tu as glorifié ton Fils unique Jésus-Christ en le faisant monter triomphalement dans ton royaume des cieux. Dans ta clémence, donne-nous la foi afin que nous sachions que, comme il nous l'a promis, il habite parmi nous sur terre, jusqu'à la fin des temps, lui qui vit et règne avec toi et le Saint Esprit, un seul Dieu, maintenant et à jamais. **Amen.**

*Or* 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. **Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **FIRST READING**

**Debra**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (*Acts 1:1-11*)

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. *Or* The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 47 (BAS p. 764)**

**Susan**

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; \*  
**shout to God with a cry of joy.**
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; \*  
**he is the great king over all the earth.**
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, \*  
**and the nations under our feet.**
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, \*  
**the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, \*  
**the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.**
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; \*  
**sing praises to our king, sing praises.**
- 7 For God is king of all the earth; \*  
**sing praises with all your skill.**
- 8 God reigns over the nations; \*  
**God sits upon his holy throne.**
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together \*  
**with the people of the God of Abraham.**
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, \*  
**and he is highly exalted.**

Glory to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

## SECOND READING

France

Lecture de la lettre aux Éphésiens. (Ép 1:15-23)

Voilà pourquoi, moi aussi, depuis que j'ai appris votre foi dans le Seigneur Jésus et votre amour pour tous les saints, je ne cesse de rendre grâce à votre sujet, lorsque je fais mention de vous dans mes prières. Que le Dieu de notre Seigneur Jésus Christ, le Père à qui appartient la gloire, vous donne un esprit de sagesse qui vous le révèle et vous le fasse vraiment connaître ; qu'il ouvre votre cœur à sa lumière, pour que vous sachiez quelle espérance vous donne son appel, quelle est la richesse de sa gloire, de l'héritage qu'il vous fait partager avec les saints, quelle immense puissance il a déployée en notre faveur à nous les croyants ; son énergie, sa force toute-puissante, il les a mises en œuvre dans le Christ, lorsqu'il l'a ressuscité des morts et fait asseoir à sa droite dans les cieux, bien au-dessus de toute Autorité, Pouvoir, Puissance, Souveraineté et de tout autre nom qui puisse être nommé, non seulement dans ce monde, mais encore dans le monde à venir. Oui, il a tout mis sous ses pieds et il l'a donné, au sommet de tout, pour tête à l'Église qui est son corps, la plénitude de celui que Dieu remplit lui-même totalement.

Écoutez ce que l'Esprit dit aux Églises. *Or* La parole du Seigneur.

**Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.**

*Or* A reading from the letter to the Ephesians. (Eph 1:15-23)

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. (*Or* The word of the Lord.)

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

Josée

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke. (Lk 24:44-53)

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

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## HOMILY

Nick

### CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLE’S CREED

Tania

Let us confess our faith as we say,

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

**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.**

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

### INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Wendy

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: may they prosper who love you! (*Psalm 122.6*)

Let us pray to God, the Holy Spirit, saying; Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Come, Holy Spirit: hear us as we pray for the Church here and everywhere. For our Bishops and leaders, for our Clergy and teachers, for the Anglican Communion around the world and, particularly today, for the church in Jerusalem, for Archbishop Hosam Naoum, and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and Bishop Ibrahim Azar and the Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and The Holy Land, that all may proclaim your word of peace and reconciliation.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit: hear us as we pray for justice and peace on earth. For leaders of this country of Canada and for leaders of all nations, particularly remembering today Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon. May peace and harmony abundantly bless these achingly beautiful and historic places of your Creation, O God.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit: hear us as we pray for the holy city of Jerusalem. Bring to those who lead Jewish, Muslim, and Christian communities a spirit of cooperation and collaboration as this ancient and blessed city continues to be ‘holy’ for us all.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, be with all those in need. We pray for victims of war and violence, for refugees and prisoners, for all who are afflicted or oppressed, that they may be held in your healing power. We pray for those who have died . . . that they may live eternally in God's presence, and for those who mourn, that they may be comforted.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

*Silence. The people may add their own petitions.*

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our risen and ascended Lord.

**Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Wendy**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

*English (Modern version)*

**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 forever. Amen.**

*French*

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,  
Que ton nom soit sanctifié,  
Que ton règne vienne,  
Que ta volonté soit faite sur la  
terre comme au ciel.  
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre  
pain de ce jour.  
Pardonne-nous nos offenses  
Comme nous pardonnons  
aussi à ceux qui nous ont  
offensés.  
Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en  
tentation, mais délivre-nous  
du mal, car c'est à toi  
qu'appartiennent le règne, la  
puissance et la gloire, aux  
siècles des siècles. Amen.**

*English (older version)*

**Our Father, who art in  
heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily  
bread.  
And forgive us our  
trespasses,  
as we forgive those who  
trespass against us.  
And lead us not into  
temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Sending**

#### **DOXOLOGY**

**Tania**

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**

**Tania**

God the Father,  
who has given to his Son the name above every name,  
strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord.

**Amen.**

God the Son,  
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,  
plead for you at the right hand of the Father.

**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,  
make you faithful servants of Christ our King.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
come upon you and remain with you for ever.

**Amen.**

**HYMN CP#278 - JERUSALEM THE GOLDEN (VERSES 1, 3 AND 4)**

1 Jerusalem the golden,  
with milk and honey blessed,  
beneath thy contemplation  
sink heart and voice oppressed.  
I know not, oh, I know not,  
what joys await us there;  
what radiancy of glory,  
what bliss beyond compare.

3 There is the throne of David,  
and there, from care released,  
the shout of them that triumph,  
the song of them that feast;  
and they who with their Leader  
have conquered in the fight,  
forever and forever  
are clad in robes of white.

4 O sweet and blessed country,  
the home of God's elect;  
O dear and future vision,  
that eager hearts expect:  
even now by faith we see thee,  
even here thy walls discern;  
to thee our thoughts are kindled;  
for thee our spirits yearn.

*Text: Bernard of Cluny (12th cent.) tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)  
Music: John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

**DISMISSAL**

Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Tania**