

# 2021 Eastertide Sunday Service

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – May 2, 2021

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We are members of the Laurentian Regional Ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal; our churches are located on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples, including the Anishinaabeg, the Huron-Wendat, and the Omàmiwininiwak (Algonquin), St. Lawrence Iroquoians and Mohawk. Our churches honour, recognize and respect these nations as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we gather today.

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*Co-Host, Responder, Muting/Unmuting, Gospel Reader, Preacher: Nick Brotherhood*

*Readers: Astrid Norquay, Mike Tott, France Jobin*

*Intercessor: Wendy Crooks*

### 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*

We serve a risen Saviour yet live as if in chains. Forgive us, Lord that we are so hesitant to live the resurrection life. Forgive us that we fail to show through word and action the truth that you loved us into your kingdom through the glorious mystery of the Cross. Forgive us that there is still fear in our lives that prevents us from achieving our full potential. Draw us close. Open our eyes to the glory of the risen Christ, our hearts to the wonder of the Cross and our hands to the service of your kingdom where you have placed us, that your name might be glorified through our lives. **Amen.**

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God of resurrection  
of life and death  
and rebirth

**Renew our hearts and minds.**

God of promise  
of all beginnings  
and all endings

**Renew our hearts and minds.**

God of hope  
of new growth  
and harvest

**Renew our hearts and minds.**

### **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#485 – LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING**

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| 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,<br>joy of heav'n, to earth come down,<br>fix in us thy humble dwelling,<br>all thy faithful mercies crown. | 4 Thee we would be always blessing,<br>serve thee as thy hosts above;<br>pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,<br>glory in thy perfect love.    |
| 2 Jesus, thou art all compassion,<br>pure unbounded love thou art;<br>visit us with thy salvation,<br>enter ev'ry trembling heart.             | 5 Finish then thy new creation,<br>pure and spotless let us be;<br>let us see thy great salvation<br>perfectly restored in thee.                  |
| 3 Come, almighty to deliver,<br>let us all thy grace receive;<br>suddenly return, and never,<br>nevermore thy temples leave.                   | 6 Changed from glory into glory<br>till in heav'n we take our place,<br>till we cast our crowns before thee,<br>lost in wonder, love, and praise. |

*Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

*Music: Tune Hyfrydol Rowland Huw Pritchard (1811-1877)*

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

**France**

Dieu tout-puissant, ton Fils Jésus-Christ est le chemin, la vérité et la vie. Donne-nous la grâce de nous aimer les uns les autres et de suivre ses commandements, Lui qui vit et règne avec toi et l'Esprit Saint, un seul Dieu, pour les siècles des siècles. **Amen.**

*Or* Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **FIRST READING**

**Mike**

A reading from the Book of Acts. (*Acts 8:26-40*)

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 22:24-30 (BAS p. 730)**

**Astrid**

24 My praise is of God in the great assembly; \*

**I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*

**"May your heart live for ever!"**

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
**and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
**he rules over the nations.**

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
**all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
**they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
**the saving deeds that he has done.**

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 première lettre de Jean. (*1Jn 4:7-21*)

Mes bien-aimés, aimons-nous les uns les autres, car l'amour vient de Dieu, et quiconque aime est né de Dieu et parvient à la connaissance de Dieu. Qui n'aime pas n'a pas découvert Dieu, puisque Dieu est amour. Voici comment s'est manifesté l'amour de Dieu au milieu de nous : Dieu a envoyé son Fils unique dans le monde, afin que nous vivions par lui. Voici ce qu'est l'amour : ce n'est pas nous qui avons aimé Dieu, c'est lui qui nous a aimés et qui a envoyé son Fils en victime d'expiation pour nos péchés. Mes bien-aimés, si Dieu nous a aimés ainsi, nous devons, nous aussi, nous aimer les uns les autres. Dieu, nul ne l'a jamais contemplé. Si nous nous aimons les uns les autres, Dieu demeure en nous, et son amour, en nous, est accompli. A ceci nous reconnaissons que nous demeurons en lui, et lui en nous : il nous a donné de son Esprit. Et nous, nous témoignons, pour l'avoir contemplé, que le Père a envoyé son Fils comme Sauveur du monde. Quiconque confesse que Jésus est le Fils de Dieu, Dieu demeure en lui, et lui en Dieu. Et nous, nous connaissons, pour y avoir cru, l'amour que Dieu manifeste au milieu de nous. Dieu est amour : qui demeure dans l'amour demeure en Dieu, et Dieu demeure en lui. En ceci, l'amour, parmi nous, est accompli, que nous avons pleine assurance pour le jour du jugement, parce que, tel il est, lui, tels nous sommes, nous aussi, dans ce monde. De crainte, il n'y en a pas dans l'amour ; mais le parfait amour jette dehors la crainte, car la crainte implique un châtement ; et celui qui craint n'est pas accompli dans l'amour. Nous, nous aimons, parce que lui, le premier, nous a aimés. Si quelqu'un dit : « J'aime Dieu », et qu'il hâisse son frère, c'est un menteur. En effet, celui qui n'aime pas son frère, qu'il voit, ne peut pas aimer Dieu, qu'il ne voit pas. Et voici le commandement que nous tenons de lui : celui qui aime Dieu, qu'il aime aussi son frère.

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

**Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.**

*Or* A reading from the first letter of John. (*1Jn 4:7-21*)

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

Nick

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Gospel according to John. (*John 15:1-8*)

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

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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**

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life.

*After I say "Lord of life", I invite you to say: "hear our prayer."*

Lord Jesus, today we greet you, risen from the dead,  
victorious over sin and death, over suffering and shame, over all evil and wrong.  
Keep us mindful of those who labour under these burdens  
this day and grant them your peace and comfort.....  
Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we greet you, risen from the dead,  
overcoming by the power of love, by patient trust and perseverance,  
by faith in God alone.

Grant that all your people may have your heart and your mind among them and help them to minister to one another and to your world in your name....  
Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we greet you, risen from the dead,  
proving that nothing can separate us from the love of God.  
Grant that your most Holy Church and the people of this congregation  
might show forth the fruit of reconciliation and draw all people unto you and the peace you offer....  
Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we greet you, risen from the dead, our living hope, and our power for each day.  
We pray O God that you might grant hope and pour out your power  
upon those we name before you now in the silence of our hearts.....

*Silence*

We commend to you all those who gave their lives in the North Atlantic during the Second World War; we acknowledge the sacrifices of sailors, merchant seaman, Royal Canadian Air Force and Canadian Army personnel. Almighty God from whom true peace comes, open our minds and hearts to a true love of peace. Guide those who are in authority to listen well to your wisdom, to work only for justice and charity, which is the only true path to peace in the world. May your kingdom come so that the earth will be filled with your knowledge and your love and your peace.  
Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we greet you, risen from the dead, our saviour and our redeemer.  
Bless we pray now:

*- prayers of intercession are offered*

Lord Jesus, we greet You, risen from the dead and we offer you our thanks and our praise,  
our prayers and our worship, our devotion and our service, both now and forever.  
**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

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain  
with you always. **Amen.**

### HYMN CP#567 - ETERNAL FATHER STRONG TO SAVE

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| 1 Eternal Father, strong to save,<br>whose arm restrains the restless wave,<br>who bids the mighty ocean deep<br>its own appointed bounds to keep:<br>We cry, O God of majesty,<br>for those in peril on the sea.               | 3 Creator Spirit, by whose breath<br>Were fashioned sea and sky and earth;<br>Who made the stormy chaos cease<br>And gave us life and light and peace;<br>We cry, O Spirit strong and free,<br>for those in peril on the sea.       |
| 2 O Christ, whose voice the waters heard<br>And hushed their raging at your word,<br>who walked across the surging deep,<br>and in the storm lay calm in sleep:<br>We cry, O Lord of Galilee,<br>for those in peril on the sea. | 4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,<br>Preserve their lives in danger's hour.<br>From rock and tempest, flood and flame,<br>protect them by your holy name,<br>and to your glory let there be<br>glad hymns of praise from land and sea. |

*Text: William Whiting (1825-1878) rev. Hymns for Today's Church, alt. © Hope Publishing Co.  
Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)*

### DISMISSAL

Tania

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Readings April 26 to May 24, 2020

### May 9 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48; Ps 98; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 15:9-17

### The Battle of the Atlantic – Commemorated on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

On 3 September 1939, the “Athenia” was sunk off the coast of Northern Ireland. One week later, Canada was officially at war. From that day until the last of the German U-Boats surrendered after VE Day, in May 1945, the Allied navies and air forces could not relax their vigilance for a moment.

Battle of Atlantic Sunday commemorates the sacrifices of sailors, merchant seamen, RCAF and Canadian Army personnel who gave their lives in the North Atlantic. The Royal Canadian Navy gave to the struggle over 2000 dead and 24 warships. More than 900 RCAF and Canadian Army personnel were lost as well. The elements were often as vicious as the foe, with raging storms, pack ice, bitter cold, fog, and the dense blackness of North Atlantic nights.

The RCN and the Merchant Navy made nearly 26,000 safe crossings carrying over 181 million tons of supplies to Great Britain.

Freedom was made secure.

<https://www.anglican.ca/amo/links/battle-atlantic/commemoration-of-the-battle-of-the-atlantic/>