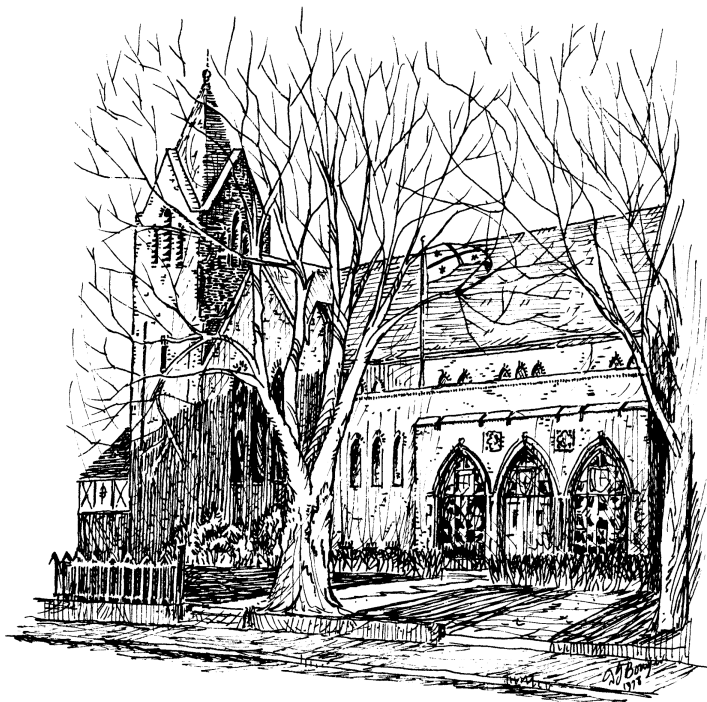


ORDER OF SERVICE
Second Sunday of Easter
April 24th, 2022



Welcome to the Church of St. John the Evangelist. Thank you for worshipping with us. Whether you are a first-time visitor, a faithful parishioner or a returning friend, please know that you always have a place at God's table. As you enter today, may the gathering of this community strengthen you to take God's compassion and peace to a world in need of both.

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EUCCHARIST AT TEN O'CLOCK

Prelude

At Eastertide

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Processional Hymn 217 Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

The congregation sings verses 1,2,4, & 6; the choir sings verses 3 & 5.

The Gathering of the Community

The Greeting

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.

People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Celebrant 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.**

Gloria

The service continues with the Gloria on the setting card.

The celebrant addresses the congregation.

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

The community prays silently. The presider then says the collect.

People **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

First Reading

Reader A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

The lesson is read.

Reader Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 150

Sung by the choir.

Second Reading

Reader A reading from the Book of Revelation.

The lesson is read.

Reader Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Alleluia 709

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Choir Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Gospel

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

The Gospel is read.

Presider The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

Tianna Gocan

A silence for reflection follows.

The Apostles' Creed

Presider Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All **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.

The Prayers of the People

The intercessor bids the prayers.

Intercessor God, in your mercy,
People **hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

The presider bids the confession. Silence is kept.

Presider 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.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory

*Please use the plate near the entrance for your offering now,
or at the end of the service.*

Offertory Hymn 220 Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen

The congregation sings verses 1 & 3; the choir sings verse 2 alone.

Prayer over the Gifts

The presider says a prayer over the offerings.

Eucharistic Prayer

Sursum Corda

The celebration of the eucharist continues with the Sursum Corda on the setting card.

After the Sursum Corda, the eucharistic prayer continues:

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God,
 creator of heaven and earth...
 ... to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

We sing together the Sanctus on the setting card.

After the Sanctus, the eucharistic prayer continues:

Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God ...
 Therefore, father, according to his command,

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

Presider and we offer our sacrifice of praise and
 thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
 ... all honour and glory are yours, almighty
 Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider 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 Invitation

Presider The gifts of God, for the people of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

We sing together the Agnus Dei on the setting card.

Communion

Please line up for communion, keeping social distancing, in the centre aisle. After approaching the ministrant, hold out your hands cupped upwards. The ministrant will drop the bread in your hand. Once you've received the bread in your hand: step aside, remove your mask, eat the bread, replace your mask, and make your way back to your seat by the side aisle. Please let the ministrant know if you need a gluten free wafer.

Communion Hymn 241 Christians, to the Paschal Victim

Anthem

O Sons and Daughters
arr. John Barnard (b. 1948)

*O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of Heaven, the glorious king,
O'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia!*

*That Easter morn at break of day,
the faithful women went their way
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!*

*An angel clad in white they see
Who sat and spake unto the three:
“Your Lord doth go to Galilee.” Alleluia!*

*That night the Apostles met in fear;
amidst them came their Lord most dear,
and said “My peace be on all here.” Alleluia!*

*How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith hath constant been;
for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!*

*On this most holy day of days
to God your hearts and voices raise
in laud and jubilation and praise. Alleluia!*

Prayer After Communion

Presider Let us pray.

*The community prays silently. The presider then
says the prayer after communion.*

People **Amen.**

Presider 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.**

Parish Notices

The Blessing

The presider blesses the people.

Dismissal

The presider dismisses the people.

The people respond, saying,

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

Closing Hymn 239

Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now

The congregation sings verses 1 & 4; the choir sings verses 2 & 3 alone.

Postlude

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Music Notes

The text and tune of our anthem this morning (O Sons and Daughters) both date from the fifteenth century. The full text includes twelve stanzas; our arrangement this morning includes six, and references our gospel reading this morning – Thomas’s doubting until he sees the wounds on the risen Lord. (The full text tells the story in more detail.) Our hymn at communion dates from the tenth century, as is the proper “sequence” for Easter Day, traditionally sung before the gospel. The organ prelude is a mediation on Eastertide by the Irish composer Charles Stanford, and we conclude today with a rousing postlude by John Rutter in the unusual, compelling, and asymmetrical rhythm of seven beats to a bar.

Parish Notices

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the Altar are given in loving memory of Brian Morris, a gift of his sister Laura Doric and Family.

Mental Health and Self Care Retreat

Saturday April 30 10am - noon at St George's of Forest Hill. Guest speaker Robin Bender will guide us through 5 signs that we need more self-care. The cost is \$10. Please contact the St George's of Forest Hill office if you would like to attend at 519-744-4751.

Menno Singers Concert

Join Menno Singers and director Brandon Leis for its first in-person concert in over 2 years on Saturday May 14 at 7:30pm at First United Church, Waterloo (16 William Street, Waterloo). The concert features the sublime Schubert Mass in G Major and selected solo works with guest artist soprano Joanna Loepp Thiessen, recipient of the Abner Martin Scholarship. The concert is by donation to support the MCC Ukraine Emergency Response Fund. Masks Required.

www.mennosingers.com

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