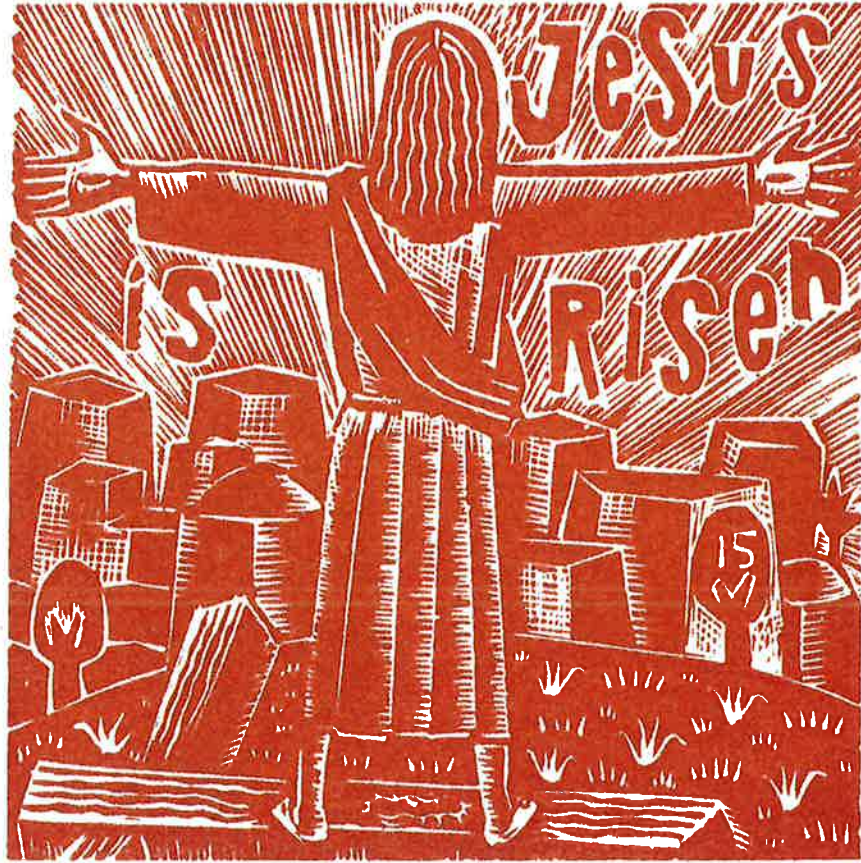


WELCOME
TO ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
ANGLICAN CHURCH



He is RISEN FROM THE
DEAD, JUST AS HE SAID
WOULD HAPPEN. COME SEE
THE PLACE WHERE HE LAY.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*The words of the people are in bold. As you are able,
please stand.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

GATHERING HYMN

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WELCOME

In this time and place, we gather on the ancestral and
unceded lands of the Neutral, Mississauga, and
Haudenosaunee peoples.

**From many places and peoples we come to this
house of prayer.**

Almighty God,

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.

GLORY TO GOD

Hymn 686

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to God's 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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Silence is kept for prayer, and then the people respond:

Amen.

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

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This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

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Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
**as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be forever. Amen.**

SECOND READING

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This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

As you are able, please stand.

GRADUAL HYMN

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THE GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel is read, and then the reader says:

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Halle, halle, halle-luia!

Halle, halle, halle-luia!

Halle, halle, halle-luia!

Halleluia, halle-luia!

SERMON

Silence is kept.

SWAHILI HYMN

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

As you are able, please stand.

Let's confess the faith of our baptism together, 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,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

Please kneel or be seated. The response in the prayers is:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The priest invites the people into a silent moment of reflection and confession.

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sin,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.+

As you are able, please stand.

Alleluia! The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you. Alleluia!

We share that peace with one another.

We greet one another with a sign of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

As you are able, please stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN

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Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.

When you break bread
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,
that we may bring light to your world.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise...

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to sing the glory of your name:

Holy, 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.
Hosanna in the highest.

Hymn #719

Holy and gracious God...

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
Let's pray together now as Jesus taught us:

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your
name, your king-dom come, your will be done on
earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our
dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give
those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the
time of trial and de-liv-er us from e-vil, for the
king-dom, the pow'r and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for ev-er.

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

This is the Body of Christ:
behold what you are,
become what you receive.

Amen.

THE COMMUNION

These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*Please let the priest know if you require a gluten-free wafer.
If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross
your arms over your chest when you come forward.*

COMMUNION HYMN

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CLOSING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let's pray:

O Christ, we thank you for this feast of life.
Fed by your love,
and strengthened by your life,
we humbly accept your call to go
into this world to live with hope,
and to share your joy.

**You commission us to
feed as we have been fed,
forgive as we have been forgiven,
and love as we have been loved.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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.**

THE BLESSING

And now may Jesus,
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 go ahead of you, today and always.
Amen.

Please be seated for the announcements.

SENDING HYMN

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As you are able, please stand.

DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Please join us in the parish hall for coffee following the service.

INTRODUCTION TO THE SEASON OF EASTER

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created at the Easter Vigil is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ.

We light the pascal (Easter) candle at the beginning of Easter, and the lit candle stands prominently in church for all the Eastertide services. The Alleluia appears frequently in liturgical speech and song; Morning Prayer begins with the traditional collection of Pauline texts known as the Easter Anthems, and white or gold vestments and decorations emphasize the joy and brightness of the season.

In the fourth century, we began to celebrate Christ's ascension on the fortieth day. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue his work, promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then is no longer among them in the flesh. The ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the Easter Festival.

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