

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



HOLY COMMUNION

8:00 AM MAY 2, 2021

The Rev'd Dr. Deborah Meister – *Celebrant*
Father Michael Lapsley – *Preacher*

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Welcome

A warm welcome to Christ Church Cathedral and a special welcome to you if you are with us for the first time. Our community has worshipped at the heart of Montreal on Ste-Catherine Street since the 1860s; today, we are worshipping at the Cathedral and on-line to gather our community at this time of COVID-19.

In all circumstances, we continue to live out a vision of a church focused on the love and generosity embodied in Jesus, a vision that is inclusive, welcoming, open to all. We seek transformation not only of ourselves as individuals growing in faith, but also of unjust structures of society.

God is love, whoever lives in love, lives in God, and God in them. | John 4:16

If you are new to the Cathedral and would like to stay in touch or get involved, please send your name and contact information to cathedral.administrator@montrealcathedral.ca

We gather today on the unceded territory of the Kanien'keha:ka (Mohawk), at a place called Tio'tia:ke (Montreal), a meeting place for many First Nations.

Our acknowledgement stands as a promise to continue the ongoing work of recognition and reconciliation.



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Our online worshipers should know that their image may appear on a screen in the Cathedral. If this is an issue for you, you can turn your camera off while you join us online.

During this time of COVID, it is not possible to sing in the church. We invite those of you who are inside the Cathedral to enjoy any music by listening, while those at home sing along.

The Eucharist begins on page 67 of the BCP.

Priest Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be 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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

All **Amen.**

Priest Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Priest Our Lord, Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets,

All **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Then may be sung or said.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Priest The Lord be with you;

All **And with thy spirit.**

Priest Let us pray.

Then shall be said the collect of the day, together with any other Collects appointed to be said.

Priest Almighty God, whose 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 8:26-40

Then 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:24-30

- 24 My praise is of him 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.

THE SECOND LESSON | John 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.

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HOLY GOSPEL | John 15:1-8

Priest The Lord be with you.
All **And with thy spirit.**

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord
All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Then shall be said this Creed by the Priest and people.

All **I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things visible and invisible:**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father ; Through whom all things were made:

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SERMON

THE OFFERTORY

All members of the Cathedral community are encouraged to support the Cathedral by electronic giving, or by placing a gift in the offering basket when you depart today. At this time, we encourage you to offer to God yourself, your life, and the concerns of your heart, trusting in God's love to receive them.

Priest Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. *Revelation 5. 12.*

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

Let us pray for peace on earth and for the unity of all Christian people.

Let us pray for our missionaries at home and abroad.

Let us remember before God those of our brethren who have departed this life and are at rest.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

Then the Minister shall say the intercession.

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant Elizabeth our Queen, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Mary our Bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired.

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Priest Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

All **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge, and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee in newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Priest Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him. Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

Matthew 11: 28

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:

This is a true saying and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

Hear also what Saint John saith:

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is propitiation for our sins.

1 John 2:1-2

Priest The Lord be with you;

All **And with thy spirit.**

Priest Lift up your hearts;

All **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

All **It is meet and right so to do.**

Priest It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things. BUT chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising Thee and saying:

All **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.**

Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Priest

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world, and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood, who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat: this is my Body which was given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All

Amen.

Priest

The peace of the Lord be always with you;

All

And with thy spirit.

All

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy Manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

All

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.**

THOSE IN THE CATHEDRAL

Everyone is welcome to receive Communion or a blessing at our services. At this time of Covid, we are consuming only the consecrated bread, which provides the full benefits of Communion.

The priest will bring communion to each person in their seat. Please hold out your cupped hands. The priest will drop the wafer into your hands. (Please do not grasp or touch the hands of the priest.)

Once the priest has moved on, you may remove your mask briefly to consume the Host. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest to inform the priest of your desire.

THOSE AT HOME

Everyone is invited to pray one of the following, or another prayer of their own choosing.

*God our Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of his Passion: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

*In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot at this time receive you sacramentally, I entreat you to come spiritually into my soul. I unite myself to you with all the affections of my heart. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love.
Amen.*

All **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 them that 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.**

Priest Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

All **And here we offer and present unto Thee O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

**Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
We give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Priest Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Priest May God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ hath given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

WEEKDAY PRAYERS	PRIÈRES DE LA SEMAINE
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday / Lundi</p> <p>9h15 Morning Prayer and fellowship / Prière du matin et conversation https://zoom.us/j/688446062?pwd=eEthdWcyRUhxaVE0YkjqQkNyR3R3Zz09 Meeting ID: 688 446 062 Password: 1857 Tel: (438) 809 7799</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday / Mardi</p> <p>19h Prières du soir avec discussion sur la Bible / 7pm Evening prayer with Scripture discussion (fr) https://zoom.us/j/535719868?pwd=SHYxSUpoSDhNZTI2M3hUa2lxYIBSUT09 Meeting ID: 535 719 868 Password: 1857 Tel: (438) 809 7799</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday / Mercredi</p> <p>12h15 Eucharist Service / service Eucharistie In-Person at the Cathedral, no pre-registration required. En personne à la cathédrale, pas de pré-inscription nécessaire.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday / Vendredi</p> <p>12h15 Eucharist Service / service Eucharistie In-Person at the Cathedral, no pre-registration required. En personne à la cathédrale, pas de pré-inscription nécessaire.</p>	

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