

St Hilary's Anglican Church

Easter Sunday

April 20th, 2025
10:30 am



HE IS RISEN!

Bishop of Toronto: The Most Rev'd Andrew Asbil
Area Bishop of York-Credit Valley: The Rt Rev'd Kevin Robertson
Incumbent of St. Hilary's: The Rev'd Adrienne Clements

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Easter Sentence

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore, let us keep the feast.

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Processional Hymn | *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* | *Common Praise (CP) 203*

The Easter Greeting

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Priest: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: May he fill our hearts with joy.

Priest: There is one body and one Spirit

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Priest: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

People: One God and Father of all.

Collect for Purity

Priest: Almighty God

**People: 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 | *Please see lyric sheet in pew rack*

Collect for Easter

Lord of life and power,
through the mighty resurrection of your Son,
you have overcome the old order of sin and death
and have made all things new in him.
May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
reign with him in glory,
who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Acts 10:34-43

Celebrant: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *Said responsively by half verse.*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

"His steadfast love endures forever."

The Lord is my strength and my might;

he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

the right hand of the Lord is exalted;

the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

I shall not die, but I shall live,

and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely,

but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them

and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;

the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me

and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Celebrant: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise, as you are able, for the Gospel reading.

Gradual Hymn | *The Day of Resurrection* | CP 205 | Verses 1 & 2

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord": and she told them that he had said these things to her.

John 20:1-18

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn | *The Day of Resurrection* | CP 205 | Verse 3

Sermon

Choral Anthem | *He is Risen*

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Celebrant: The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and sponsors: I present Meera Sivalingam, Sivalogarajah Markandu and Vishnu Vijaykumar to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents and sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Answer: I do.

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Meera, Sivalogarajah & Vishnu in their lives in Christ?

People: We will.

Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant: Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Celebrant: Deliver Meera, Sivalogarajah & Vishnu, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Celebration of Baptism

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, The Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: 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.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People: I will, with God's help.

The Baptism

Celebrant: Meera Sivalingam, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Celebrant: I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Celebrant: Sivalogarajah Markandu, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Celebrant: I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Celebrant: Vishnu Vijaykumar, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Celebrant: I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father,
we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you have bestowed upon this your servant
the forgiveness of sin,
and have raised him to the new life of grace.
Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.
Give him an inquiring and discerning heart,
the courage to will and to persevere,
a spirit to know and to love you,
and the gift of joy and wonder
in all your works.

People: Amen.

The Giving of the Light

Celebrant: Meera, Siva, Vishnu, receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

People: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Musical Medley & Introduction of New Members

Intercessions

Leader: Lord in your Mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant: 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.**

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

The Peace

Celebrant: May the Peace of the Lord be always with you.
All: Thanks be to God.

You are invited to exchange a sign of God's peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn | *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise* | CP 247

Prayer over the Gifts

God our strength and salvation,
receive all we offer you this day,
and grant that we who have confessed your name,
and received new life in baptism,
may live in the joy of the resurrection,
through Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer Number Four

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their being.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: But we turn against you, and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages
you reveal your righteous law.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with those in every generation
who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory,
in their unending hymn:

Sanctus *Please see lyrics on hymn sheet in pew rack*

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing,
broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Take this, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup of wine;
he gave you thanks,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Gracious God,
we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming
as Lord of all the nations.
We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;

through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours,
creator of all.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *Please see lyrics on hymn sheet in pew rack*

Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

People: **Now we are raised to new life.**

Priest: We were buried in your tomb.

People: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Priest: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Priest: These are the gifts of God for you the holy people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Agnus Dei *Please see lyrics on hymn sheet in pew rack*

Sharing of Communion

All who seek to serve Christ are welcome to receive the sacrament of bread and wine as a reminder of your baptism, or you may come forward for a blessing.

Communion Hymns

Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him | CP 59

Awake, My Soul, and with the Son | CP 8

Going Out into the World

Prayer after Communion

Priest: God of life,
bring us to the glory of the resurrection
promised in this Easter sacrament.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

People: Amen.

The Doxology

Priest: 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.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn | Crown Him with Many Crowns | CP 378

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People: Thanks be to God!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Ministering Today

Cantor Arwen Kamateros

Chancel Guild Sonia Shaw's Team

Crucifer Samuel Omiunu

Lay Reader Lynda Dundas

Lector Precious Ofoezie

Organist Keith Scott

Aumbry Candle

This week, the Aumbry Candle burns in loving memory of
George and Barbara Hodgins.



HAPPY

Easter

Youth Corner

Easter Sunday, 20 April 2025

“Thank you, God, for the gift of Easter. Thank you for Jesus who was willing to die as he shows us how to live. Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Amen. “

"Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again." An astounding discovery! The Easter news was spread to all who would listen. The disciples told people, who in turn, told people, and to this day, we hear the message — a message of weeping and then of joy that comes with the morning of a new day. “

Can you recognise people or animals from the sounds they make? You probably can for those people you know well, and the animals that you are familiar with. And the reason you were able to recognize the sounds of the animals is because you know a lot about these animals and their sounds. Another way to say it would be to say that you are familiar with some animals and that's why you can recognize the sounds that they make.

I mention this, because in today's scripture story, we hear about Mary's first meeting with Jesus after his resurrection. And one thing to know about the Resurrected Jesus is that he somehow looks different than he did before his resurrection. We know this because Mary doesn't recognize him right away.

What we hear in the story is that the Resurrected Jesus sounds the same. So, when Jesus says Mary's name, do you remember what happened? Mary recognized Resurrected Jesus by how he spoke to her, by how he said her name.

For the same reason that you are able to recognize certain animals without seeing them, Mary was able to recognize Jesus by the way he said her name - because she was familiar with Jesus and his voice.

What resurrection is, and what it means, is not easily or quickly understood. Mary, in today's story, helps us understand that the more familiar we are with Jesus, the easier it is to recognize the Resurrected Jesus. This is a good reminder, then, of one of the reasons why we choose to regularly read and talk about the Jesus stories – as a way for us to become more familiar with Jesus, his actions, and what he taught. And, the more familiar Jesus is to us, the better we will be at recognizing and understanding him – just like Mary was.

“Thank you, God, for the gift of Jesus to show us the way you want us to live. Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Amen. “

(Adapted from: rfour.org and Episcopal Church Lessons that Work)

An Easter Prayer

**Good and gracious God,
our most glorious Creator,
as we greet the signs in nature around us:
of Spring once again regaling us in bloom,
in the songs of returning birds and fields soon to be planted,
we give you praise for an even greater sign of new life:
the resurrection of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ,
that we especially celebrate at this time.**

**The sadness and despair of his death has given way to the bright promise
of hope and immortality.**

**For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will triumph over evil,
light will overcome darkness, and love will conquer death.**

**As we celebrate, we also dare to ask for your grace that we may live the
promise given to us, by imitating the life of Jesus;
in reaching out to the poor, the marginalized, the least among us,
as we strive to be a neighbour to all those we meet.**

**We ask your special blessings each and every day as we strive to
make this great country a beacon of hope and justice in a world hungry
for peace and so in need of your love.**

We praise you this Easter season.

Change our lives,

change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever. Amen.

(Fr. Larry Snyder)

I thank You God for most this amazing day:
for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky;
and for everything which is natural which is infinite which is yes
(I who have died am alive again today
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings; and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)
how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any—lifted from the no
of all nothing—human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?
(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)
E. E. Cummings

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