



The Anglican Parish of Christ Church

The Second Sunday of Easter

Service of Holy Eucharist, 10:00am, April 7, 2024

We are Treaty people of Treaty 6 Territory; a covenant between Nations, witnessed by the Creator. We commit ourselves to the sharing of this land and its sacred gifts together in peace by welcoming all peoples and genders in the spirit of Treaty and wâhkôhtowin, as all our relations.

The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my wife Marnie, and Robert and Donalda Sherburne, Agnes and Milton Stamos, and Sean and Stephen from Douglas.

Welcome to Christ Church

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask our sides people. All kids are welcome to come forward for the children's talk and afterwards to join our volunteers for Sunday School. Restrooms and the nursery are in our hall (accessed through the side door to the right of the brass eagle lectern).

Prelude: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (Nettleton) - Eugene Englert

Processional Hymn: #460 Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining *(Please stand)*

The Gathering of the Community

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.**

Gloria: #366 Glory, in the Highest Glory

The Collect

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Children's Talk

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133 (Refrain from #473 Behold How Pleasant)

Refrain: Behold how pleasant, how good it is! (repeat)

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when people live together in unity!
It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,
Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe. **R**

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore. **R**

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us - we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the

righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Hymn: #244 We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight – vs. 1 & 2

The Gospel Reading

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. John (20:19-31).

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

The Gradual Hymn: #244 We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight – vs. 3 & 4

Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Arlene Young

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Prayer Cycle: Diocese of Montreal: the Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson, Bishop. All lay people in parishes throughout the Diocese of Edmonton and all their various ministries. Buyé Diocese, Giheta Parish: Audace Gahungu, Rector. Alexander First Nation.

The Peace

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

Offertory Hymn: #397 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant God of grace,
All you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer #3 BAS, pg. 198

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 Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth...Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heave, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

#719 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

**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.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation...Therefore, Father, according to his command,

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

Celebrant 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

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray,

All 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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Lord, we have died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

Please come forward to receive communion. You may receive both the bread and the wine, or if you prefer, you may receive in one kind only, the bread. Intinction (dipping the bread) is not permitted. A gluten free option is available. To receive a blessing from the priest in place of communion, please come up to the communion rail and cross your hands over your chest.

Music During Communion

Agnus Dei: #745 Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Choir: Blessed Are Those Who Have Not Seen - Hassler, arr. Schweitzer

Congregational Hymn: #82 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant God of life,

All we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

The Doxology

Celebrant 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.

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #210 Yours Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: Hornpipe (Water Music) – G.F. Handel

Readings for Next Sunday: Acts 3:12-19, 1 John 3:1-17, Luke 24:36b-48

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Monthly Financial Update

Thank you for your generous support. To support the mission of Christ Church via etransfer: donations@christchurchedm.ca

January-February 2024 Actual Total Income	\$56,442
January-February 2024 Actual Total Expenses	\$74,169
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In addition to etransfers, envelopes, and CanadaHelps, we have the TAP machine at the entrance to the church. Just tap your debit/credit card to make a donation to Christ Church.

Announcements



Parish Potluck and Movie Night on Friday, April 19 at 5pm.

There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall (number of people and item you wish to bring to share such as main, appetizer, salad, or dessert). Please also bring cards or a board game to play after eating or you are invited to watch a family friendly movie.

Join your parish family for this fun evening!

You Are Invited: Listening in the Spirit as a Diocese

Bishop Steve, together with every parish in the diocese, is embarking on a journey to create a strategic plan for the diocese. The first part of this journey will be a listening exercise to see where we are currently as a diocese as we discern our future together. Please watch the following video: <https://vimeo.com/922984005>

Mission Action Plan

Thank you for your participated in our feedback opportunities for drafting our MAP for the next five years. This month at both corporation and vestry, there will be discussions on how to implement the recommendations for the fall.

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

On Sunday, April 21, Christ Church will celebrate our second annual Volunteer Appreciation Sunday to coincide with National Volunteer Week. The theme this year is:

Every Moment Matters!

The diverse forms of sharing of our time, talents, and energy strengthen the fabric of our community and provide a welcoming home for those seeking a faith community.

On behalf of Archdeacon Sue, Tammy-Jo, Mark, Karianne, and Ron, I want to express our appreciation to all who faithfully serve Christ Church. Please join us after our 10am service on Sunday, April 21, when the clergy and staff will host the coffee social in your honour.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Ruth

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;
and there are varieties of activities,
but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.
To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

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