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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

Bishop
Archdeacon
Interim Priest
Director of Music
Organist

Rt Rev Dr Todd Townshend
The Ven. Megan Collings-Moore
Rev Sharla Malliff
Robert Aszmies
John Shaw

Celebrant
Crucifer and server
Greeter
Warden on Duty

Rev Sharla Malliff
Michael Chine
Linda Dancey
Nelson Cuthbert

10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

The Gathering of the Community

Announcements

Processional: CP #388 'Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken'

C: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

A: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

C: May his grace and peace be with you.

A: May he fill our hearts with joy.

C: Almighty God,

A: to you all hearts are open, all desires are 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, an worthy magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

John L. Bell



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord, God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.



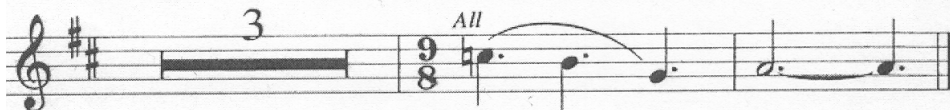
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

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, receive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord.

You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
glory of God the Father, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



A - - - men.

The C

C: surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you make all things new. Long ago you called your church to a love beyond all social and

cultural differences and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit to open their hearts to enact such love.

Give us that same spirit of openness, that we too might discern new directions in our day for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation.

In Jesus' name we pray.

A: Amen.

Children's Message

The Proclamation of the Word

1st Reading Acts 11 : 1- 18

John Shaw

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." ⁸ But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 148

Rev Sharla

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and wingèd birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, *

old and young together.

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, *
**for his name only is exalted,
his splendour is over earth and heaven.**

14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
**the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!**

2nd Reading Revelation 21 :1 - 6

John Ryrie

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.’

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ ⁶Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

The Word of the Lord is alive,

The Word of God is active

It can judge our thoughts, bring us closer to the Father.

The Holy Gospel John 13: 31 -35

Rev Sharla

C: The Lord be with you.

A: **And also with you.**

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

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

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' ²⁵ Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Response to the Gospel 'Soon and Very Soon'

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

Homily

Apostle's Creed

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

**A: 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

Adriana Cronin

The flowers in the church today are given in loving memory of our parents, Marion and William Swales, by Marilyn and Jack Graham.

We remember in our prayers this morning

In this season of Easter rejoicing, let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings for the church and the world saying, O God of love, Raise us to new life in Christ.

For the well-being of your creation, that we may promote its ability to offer praise to you through spacious skies, bountiful seas, verdant lands, and precious creatures great and small.

O God of love,

Raise us to new life in Christ.

For the life of the church, that our generous witness may broaden your table as all find a place to live and grow in love.

O God of love,

Raise us to new life in Christ.

For the welfare of your world, that all leaders and people young and old will strive to live together in harmony while serving the common good.

O God of love,

Raise us to new life in Christ.

For all who suffer any violence, pain, or grief, that they will know the comfort of your presence as you wipe every tear from their eyes.

O God of love,

Raise us to new life in Christ.

For the love made known to us in Jesus Christ through this community, for this and all other blessings we give you thanks and praise.

O God of love,

Raise us to new life in Christ.

For all who have died, that you will bring them to the fullness of your joy, where mourning and pain will be no more.

O God of love,

Raise us to new life in Christ.

For so many blessings, and for answered prayers, we give you thanks through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- C: 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. Most merciful God,
- A: **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.**
- C: 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.
- A: **Amen.**

The Peace

- C: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- A: **And also with you.**

Please exchange the peace in a manner that is comfortable for you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Invitation to the Offering

- C: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."
Let us with gladness offer to God the gifts of our labor, life, and love.

Offertory Hymn: # 309 'Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet'

The Prayer over the Gifts

- C: Loving God, we give you thanks for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us in the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection. Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation. May they be a testament to your love for us as we share them in love for you; through Jesus Christ we pray.
- A: **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 3

C: The Lord be with you.

A: **And also with you.**

C: Lift up your hearts.

A: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

A: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

C: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;....

Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

C: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, ...

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command

A: **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

C: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; ...

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

A: Amen.

Our Father in Heaven

Unison

1 Our Fath - er in heav - en, we hal - low your Name! Most
 2 Our dai - ly bread give us, ful - fil ev - ery need; grant
 3 Then, from all temp - ta - tion, come lead us a - way; from

The B

ho - ly and glo - ri - ous, ev - er the same! Es -
 food for both spir - it and bod - y, we plead. As
 on - slaught of e - vil, de - liv - er we pray! For

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earth as in heav - en, may all do your will!
 all re - con - ciled and at peace may we live.
 past and in fu - ture, this day and this hour!

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C: Glory to God,
A: **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

C: May God who has made you a new creation give you the grace to grow in faith, hope, love, and justice.
A: **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: CP #278 'Jerusalem the Golden'

Dismissal

C: Jesus has loved us so that we may love others.
Go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Readings for Next Week	
Acts 16:9-15	Psalms 67
Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5	John 14:23-29

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday : 8:15 28 10:00 74

Givings

On the plate: \$ 2040 Auto Debit: \$2,589

Bible Study

Bible studies are Thursdays at 1:30 pm in the Fireside room. All are welcome.

Drayton Theatre Outing

Join us on Tuesday, May 27 at the church for a potluck lunch prior to attending the 2 pm showing of "The Full Monty". There are 21 tickets available at a cost of

approximately \$54. Connect with June Matheson (519-746-2881) to reserve yours! Please make sure you remind June if you are not on the list for tickets.

Sunday Smile

The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.

St. Andrews Cupboard

Thank-you all for your wonderful donations to St. Andrews Cupboard!

Your generosity makes a HUGE difference to many, many families ❤️

They are so appreciative of everything you donate but a couple things mentioned this week were peanut butter and toilet paper.

THANK-YOU ❤️

Heather Murphy

On behalf of your Outreach Committee

Name Tags

If you would like a name tag, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and the cost is \$13.00.

Office Hours

Pierrette's office hours are as follows:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Wednesdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Thank you!

Thank you to all who attended the Ploughman's lunch. Total proceeds were \$450. A big thank you to Chef Ray for carving the ham and turkey. Also, thanks go to Heather Murphy, Roberta Finnie, Lynda Dancey and Valerie Cuthbert for help in the kitchen and cleanup afterwards. A much appreciated thank you to all.

***** Parish council would like to enlist parishioner help for the following:**

#1 *Coffee Coordinator for the 10 am Sunday Services*

A parishioner or several to coordinate the weekly Coffee Hour after our 10 am Sunday Service. It would require securing volunteers to come forward to host on a particular Sunday. Lessons in coffee/tea preparation are available! If enough people come forward, then some kind of rotation would be possible. It would also

require the regular purchase of milk/cream/cookies for which you would be reimbursed to support this popular ministry.

*** Please contact **Nelson Cuthbert (519-588-8672) (cuthben@gmail.com)** or the Church Office if you are able to help with the above items. Thanks!

UPDATE TO ST. GEORGES' MAJOR CAPITAL REPAIR PROJECT

In 2024, we started a major capital repair project through your Property and Maintenance Committee which was approved at Vestry 2024. It included the following three phases:

- Accessibility upgrades: front main floor entranceway; outside lower floor entranceway of Thompson Hall
- Reconfiguration/repaving: main entrance driveway and curbing
- Repair of the concrete steps and railings: rear entrance to the narthex

With #2 completed last fall, we would like to complete #1 this year and #2 next year. We are within \$15,000 of our \$100,000 fundraising campaign goal.

We are very fortunate to have a family who is willing to match any additional donations up to \$7,500 (between April 1/25 and July 1/25) which would get us there. We are very close! Let's work together to reach our goal.

If you are able, you can support this project as follows:

- Include an extra donation in cheque form or cash directed to "Capital Repairs Project" in a sealed envelope and give it to the Office or place it on the collection plate on Sunday (put your name and address on the outside of the envelope (& envelope # if you have one))
- E-transfer an extra donation to stgeorgefhdonate@outlook.com and include "Capital Repairs Project" in the comment section.

If you have any questions, please contact Nelson Cuthbert (519-588-8672) (cuthben@gmail.com). Thanks very much for your efforts!

Book Club

Date: May 20th

Time: 1:00 PM

Book: *A Clue for the Puzzle Lady* by Parnell Hall

Capital Project Donations to Date

From March 30th to May 11th, a total of \$6,889.00 has been contributed in donations. Thank you so much for your response so far.

Nelson Cuthbert for the Capital Project Campaign.

SPRING CLEANUP - SAT. JUNE 7 (9 AM - 11:30 AM)

Yes, it is time once again for us to assemble at St. George's to clean-up the grounds after winter. We will do some work on the Rectory lot as well. Bring your work-gloves and rakes. Coffee/tea/timbits will be available in Thompson Hall.

Thanks to all volunteers from your Property Committee!

Conrad Grebel University College

Art is Always Conflict | April 1 - June 17, 2025. Grebel Gallery, Conrad Grebel University College. Orbiting themes of disability, abuse and suffering, belief and unbelief, destruction and regeneration, this retrospective exhibit features needlepoint, line drawing, and poetry by Liz Wenger, a Mennonite artist who lived and worked in Goshen, Indiana. Visit uwaterloo.ca/centre-peace-advancement/grebel-gallery

Embracing Aging as Culmination – Annual Spirituality and Aging Seminar | Friday, June 6, 2025,

9:30 am – 3:30 pm. Guest speaker: Dr. Carol Orsborn, spirituality and aging expert, and author of seven books that embrace spiritual aging as life's

culmination. For seminar details and pricing, visit uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/embracing-aging-culmination

There's still time to register for ***Ontario Mennonite Music Camp*** (OMMC), August 10–22, 2025. OMMC is a place where youth develop and enrich relationships, faith, musicality, and leadership in a fun and supportive summer camp environment. More information at grebel.ca/ommc

Conflict Management and Congregational Leadership Workshops - a few spots are still available in May for the "Understanding Conflict" workshop, offered in-person. Save the date September 23 -26 for "Leading the Church Through Conflict and Polarities" workshop, offered online. Visit uwaterloo.ca/conflict-management/workshops.