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Ascension

June 1, 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
Gary and Mabel King
Catherine Carlson

10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

The Gathering of the Community

Announcements

Processional: CP #247 'Hail the Day That Sees Hin Rise' (verses 1, 3, 4, 5)

C: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

A: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

C: May his grace and peace be with you.

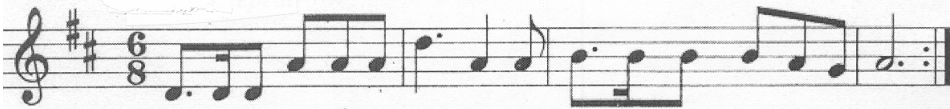
A: **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

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.



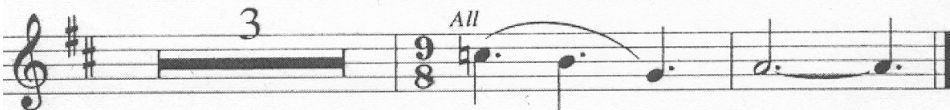
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

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.



The C

C: Holy God at every time and every place, you gather us to near to Jesus.
Help us see your infinite life in our own community and in all of creation, we

pray in your holy name
A: Amen.

Children's Message

The Proclamation of the Word

1st Reading Acts 1.1-11

Jim Stirling

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 47

Rev Sharla

- ¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
² For the Lord Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great king over all the earth.
³ He subdues the peoples under us, *

and the nations under our feet.

4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *

the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

5 God has gone up with a shout, *

the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *

sing praises to our king, sing praises.

7 For God is king of all the earth; *

sing praises with all your skill.

8 God reigns over the nations; *

God sits upon his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *

with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *

and he is highly exalted.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

2nd Reading Ephesians 1.15-23

Valerie Clarke

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 Luke 24.44-53

Rev Sharla

C: The Lord be with you.

A: **And also with you.**

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

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

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah^[a] is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Response to the Gospel 'Shout to the Lord'

My Jesus, my Saviour, Lord, there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.
Nothing compare to the promise I have in You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at
the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, for ever I'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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

Roberta Butler

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need, saying,
Hear us, O God;
Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for the community of faith throughout the world.
According to your compassion, Holy God, guide your church to proclaim the
gospel so that its wide-open door is apparent to everyone; heal the great chasms

that exist between our peoples; help our leaders and teachers to shepherd us with wisdom.

Hear us, O God;

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for nations and leaders. By your power, O God, inspire all people to insist on just economies and social structures; prepare our young people to turn their zeal into peace; unbind those who are discouraged, and teach us all to persevere.

Hear us, O God;

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for all creation. Open our eyes and ears to see and know more about this earthly home, which you created for your joy and ours. Show us how to love the creatures and plants we would otherwise ignore and neglect.

Hear us, O God;

Your mercy is great.

Merciful Lord, we pray for those among your people here and throughout the world who are in trouble—the sick and hungry, those who are unjustly imprisoned and abused, children without shelter, adults without work. We pray especially for

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Hear us, O God;

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for the saints whose witness has nourished our faith throughout the ages, (especially ...) Their assurance in word and deed has fed us with the truth of your Word,

Hear us, O God;

Your mercy is great.

Ascended Lord, we trust that you will hear our prayers and answer with what we need. We pray this in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God, Mother of us all.

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: For the gifts of Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension, and for the privilege of offering the fruits of our hands, let us give thanks to God with what we have this day.

Offertory Hymn: CP# 246 'Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus'

The Prayer over the Gifts

C: Gracious and giving God, you are the One who first has given to us all that we need for life. Guide us to use what we now gather for the well-being of your church, for those in need of shelter and food, for all who suffer for want of your Word, and for nurturing faith in your people.
In the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

A: **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving The Scottish Liturgy – Eucharist Prayer IV

C: The Lord be with you.

A: **And also with you.**

C: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

C: Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being.... As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**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: Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of allin the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

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

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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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Refrain

Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame;
Rising again, I bless Your name
You are my all in all.
When I fall down You pick me up;
When I am dry you fill my cup
You are my all in all.

Refrain.

Choir Anthem

Prayer after Communion

C: Let us pray.
Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: **Amen.**

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: Now may the One who gives you all that you are, strengthen you in faith and hope, this day and forevermore.

A: **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: CP #383 'Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun'

Dismissal

C: Go forth with the spirit of wisdom and hope, with eyes enlightened and minds aroused by the power of Christ. Be assured that wherever you go, Christ is with you. Be kind to all who are sent your way because of the Holy Spirit who gives you the power.

All: Thanks be to God.

Readings for Next Week	
Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34, 35
Romans 8:14-17	John 14:8-17

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday : 8:15 32 10:00

Givings

On the plate: \$ 4,535

Auto Debit: \$2,589

Bible Study

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

Sunday Smile

Come as you are...you can change inside.

St. Andrews Cupboard

Thank-you so much for your generous donations to St. Andrew's Cupboard. You truly make a HUGE difference in so many lives ❤️

This week a couple things mentioned were tuna (they are almost out) and always cleaning supplies!

THANK-YOU 👍

Heather Murphy

On behalf of your Outreach Committee

Office Closure Notice

Please note that Pierrette will be away from June 3rd to June 12th, and the office will be closed during this time. We will reopen on Thursday, June 13th.

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact:

Catherine at 519-886-7466 or

Nelson at 519-588-8672.

Thank you for your understanding.

***** 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!**

Name Tags

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

Rectory Rental

Approval has been given for the rectory to do short-term rentals. It is not going to be widely published but careful screening for applications to rent short term. If you know of an applicant, please call one of the wardens.

In anticipation of this please contact Cindy if you have anything to donate to its set up for July 1. For example, furniture, lamps, bedding, towels, dishes. Please note they must be in Airbnb worthy great condition.

Cindy Kellett
519-721-4587

St George's Neighbourhood Block Party

The Communications Committee is working again to promote who we are in the neighbourhood and spread good fun and good fellowship on **Saturday, June 21st 11:00am- 2:30 pm**. You will have noticed the huge lawn sign in place this last month promoting the event. We are looking for volunteers to help with Set Up and Take Down, Monitoring our Bouncy Castle, Ice Cream Scooping, Face Painting, Parking Lot Monitors, Washroom Monitors, Grounds Clean Up , Games Area, to name a few of the positions available. No need to worry about the Dunk Tank! The People's Warden and the Matheson boys are ready to make a splash and amuse the crowd!! Everyone can come out to meet and greet our neighbors and eat from the Food Truck, greet Kitchener's Mayor, and our MP Tim Louis, and visit with firefighters on the Fire Truck. We have also connected with the Lidz on Kids organization that gives away free bike helmets and promote the prevention of brain injury by wearing a helmet when riding on a bike. There is something for everyone. We are also looking for folks to drop off cases of water if it is a hot day. There is a place for you to be involved. Bring your own children or grandchildren or neighbors and come out to enjoy live music and laughter...

Speak to anyone on the communications Committee, or Catherine Carlson, Mary Ann Millar, Deb Barclay, Dulcie Tapp, Erika Babb, John Shaw or Cindy Kellett.

Check out the sign-up lists on the bulletin board in the Narthex and sign up!!

Church of Holy Saviour

On Friday, June 6th at 7:00pm enjoy an evening of Choral Music featuring the Chapel Youth Choir of Boston Avenue United Methodist Church, at 33 Allen Street, Waterloo. Freewill offering.

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/timbites will be available in Thompson Hall. Thanks to all volunteers from your Property Committee!

Capital Project Donations to Date

From March 30th to May 25th, a total of \$10,579.00 has been contributed in donations. Thank you so much for your response so far.

Nelson Cuthbert for the Capital Project Campaign.

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.