

## **St George's Anglican Church**

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*Whoever you are, and wherever you are in your journey  
of life, you are welcome in this place!*



While Jesus was blessing them, he withdrew and was carried up into heaven.

**Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**  
**Ascension Sunday**

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The tree of life was on each side of the river. It produces fruit twelve times a year, once each month. The leaves of the tree are for the healing of all the nations. Nothing that God judges guilty will be in that city. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and God's servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be written on their foreheads. There will never be night again. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, because the Lord God will give them light. And they will rule as kings forever and ever. The angel said to me, "These words can be trusted and are true." The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must happen soon.

"Listen! I am coming soon! I will bring my reward with me, and I will repay each one of you for what you have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us:

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 97*

*Kaleb Varga*

The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**Clouds and darkness are round about you, O Lord; righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne.**

A fire goes before you and burns up your enemies on every side.

**Your lightnings light up the world; the earth sees it and is afraid.**

The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

**The heavens declare your righteousness, and all the peoples see your glory.**

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before the Lord, all you gods.

**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements, O Lord.**

For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

**The Lord loves those who hate evil, preserving the lives of the saints and delivering them from the hand of the wicked.**

Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

**Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to the holy name of the Lord.**

*Gradual Hymn*

*Alleluia Sing to Jesus*

*CP374*

*Gospel Reading: Luke 24:44-53*

*Valerie Velez*

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus said to the disciples, "Remember when I was with you before? I said that everything written about me must happen -- everything in the law of Moses, the books of the prophets, and the Psalms." Then Jesus opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He said to them, "It is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that a change of hearts and lives and forgiveness of sins would be preached in his name to all nations, starting at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I will send you what my Father has promised, but you must stay in Jerusalem until you have received that power from heaven."

Jesus led his followers as far as Bethany, and he raised his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he was separated from them and carried into heaven. They worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem very happy. They stayed in the Temple all the time, praising God.

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*Homily*

*Reverend Nigel Bunce*

*Affirmation of Faith*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God, loving us, guiding us, always beside us.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, born of Mary to be our window onto God. He called both women and men to follow the way of new life. He calls us now and walks with us to glory.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, endlessly creating and renewing, whispering and empowering: the Breath of God within us. We believe in a God who can be known by us and who knows us intimately, and in whose image we are created. Amen**

*Prayers of the People (stand, kneel or sit)*

*Nigel Bunce*

*Confession (stand, kneel or sit)*

**God of love, we confess that we are sometimes impatient or unkind; we are quick to envy and find subtle ways to boast; there are times when we are rude or lift up ourselves as we put others down.**

*Silence*

**We confess that we are quickly angered and to record how often we have been wronged; there are times when we celebrate the misfortunes of others.**

*Silence*

**We confess the times when we put ourselves first, when we are reluctant to give, or when we hesitate to protect those who need our care.**

**God of love, teach us also to love. Amen.**

## Celebration of the Eucharist

*Offertory Hymn*

*Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour*

*CP84*

*Prayer over the Gifts (standing)*

**Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his ascended life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Eucharistic Prayer Supp 1*

*(music by Tadman)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence. Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

*(sung, Tadman)*

**Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us, this day, our daily bread, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil for the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen, Amen, Amen.**

## *The Breaking of the Bread*

*(Fraction Sentence 2)*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

The Gifts of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God**

*Everyone is invited to join us at the Lord's Table. Please do not dip the bread in the wine.*

## **Communion Hymns:**

### ***I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say***

*CP508*

### ***All Over The World (Roy Turner)***

1. All over the world the Spirit is moving,  
All over the world as the prophet said it would be;  
All over the world there's a mighty revelation  
Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.
2. All over God's church God's Spirit is moving,  
All over God's church as the prophet said it would be;  
All over God's church there's a mighty revelation  
Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.
3. Right here in this place the Spirit is moving,  
Right here in this place as the prophet said it would be;  
Right here in this place there's a mighty revelation  
Of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

### ***Prayer after Communion (standing)***

**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. Amen.**

### ***Doxology***

*(Sung twice, music by Bob Tadman)*

**Glory to God, 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***

*Dismissal*

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

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

**Worship Ministers**

<b>Priest in charge:</b>	<b>Reverend Nigel Bunce</b>
<b>Music Director:</b>	<b>Justin Tesser</b>
<b>Chalice Bearer:</b>	<b>Bev Mitchell</b>
<b>Sunday School:</b>	<b>Fatima McCloy</b>
<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>Sue Recoskie</b>
<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Sophie Velez and Valerie Velez</b>
<b>Psalm Reader &amp; Server:</b>	<b>Kaleb Varga and Jenn Lukawecky</b>
<b>Coffee Host:</b>	<b>Bonnie Powell</b>
<b>Bellringer:</b>	<b>Kaleb Varga</b>
<b>Counters:</b>	<b>Maureen Mercer and Anne Henry</b>

## Announcements

- This month's food donations for St. Matthew's House in Hamilton will be blessed on June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Today June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ascension Sunday at 9:30 am.
- Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>: Come celebrate Jim Mighton's 90th birthday in the hall between 2 pm and 4 pm. Everyone welcome! Bring a picture of you and Jim and share some memories.
- Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>, Day of Pentecost at 9:30 am. Wear red!!
- Monday June 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am ACW meet in the fireside room.
- Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup> Father's Day, Trinity and Memorial Service at 9:30 am.
- Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>; Corporation meeting; Fireside Room 7 pm
- Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup>: Aboriginal Day Eucharist at 9:30 am. Parish meeting after the service
- Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>. Canada Day Weekend. Morning Prayer a 9:30 am.

## Ongoing Announcements

- **Prayer Chain:** For confidential requests for prayer by prayer chain members, please contact Bev Mitchell: [m.beverlyj@cogeco.ca](mailto:m.beverlyj@cogeco.ca) or [905-878-7505](tel:905-878-7505)
- **Singers!** Come lend your voice to our songs. Practice on Sunday mornings before church at 8:45 am. All welcome.
- Next Worship Schedule, July and August: please let Jan know by June 9th if you would like to be added to one or some of the following. Greeter; Reader; Server; Prayer Leader; Chalice Bearer; Counter; Coffee/Cookies; Altar Guild; Ministry of the Word; Setting of Communion Table. All are welcome to participate.
- "Have you missed a homily recently? It can be read on our website [www.stgeorgeslowville.com/recent\\_sermons](http://www.stgeorgeslowville.com/recent_sermons). There is also a link on our Facebook page: St George's Lowville, on the Niagara Escarpment

## Outside Announcements

- Every body needs underwear; Help us "Cover Some Bottoms" We are helping to collect for shelters, the homeless and those without. Needed **New undergarments**, all sizes to XXXL for men, women, youth, children and babies. All kinds all sizes. Bring donations before June 16<sup>th</sup>.