**REGIONAL MINISTRY OF SAUGEEN SHORES,**

**TARA AND CHATSWORTH**

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**Ascension Sunday**

Welcome and Announcements

“We acknowledge with respect that Bruce County and Grey County are situated on the traditional and treaty territory of the Anishnaabek: the People of the Three Fires known as Ojibwe, Odawa, and Pottawatomie Nations; and homeland of the Chippewas of Saugeen, the Chippewas of Neyaashiinigmiing and the Metis. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties. May we all, as Treaty People, live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with all its diverse peoples.”

Processional Hymn # 246 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

**1 Hail, thou once despised Jesus!**

**Hail, though Galilean King!**

**Thou didst suffer to release us;**

**Thou didst free salvation bring.**

**Hail, thou universal Saviour!**

**Thou hast borne our sin and shame;**

**By thy merits we find favour;**

**Life is given through thy name.**

**2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,**

**All our sins on thee were laid;**

**By almighty love anointed,**

**Thou hast full atonement made.**

**All thy people are forgiven**

**Through the virtue of thy blood;**

**Opened is the gate of heaven;**

**Peace is made ‘twixt us and God.**

**3 Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory,**

**There forever to abide,**

**All the heavenly host adore thee,**

**Seated at thy Father’s side.**

**Worship, honour, power, and blessing**

**Thou art worthy to receive;**

**Loudest praises, without ceasing,**

**Meet it is for us to give.**

*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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*All* **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

Glory to God, glory to God. Glory in the highest

**Glory to God, glory to God. Glory in the highest**

To God be glory forever! **To God be glory forever!**

Alleluia! Amen! **Alleluia! Amen!** (repeats 4 times)

The Collect of the Day

Holy God, send your promised Spirit of revelation and wisdom, so that, in the blessed freedom of hope, we may witness to the grace of forgiveness and sing with joy to the One who makes us one*.* ***Amen.*** *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

The Proclamation of the Word

*First Reading: Acts 1:1-11*

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While 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; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But 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.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward 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.”

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

***People*  Thanks be to God**

Psalm 47*(spoken)*

**God has gone up with a shout.**

Clap your hands, all you peoples;shout to God with a cry of joy.For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is the great king over all theearth. He subdues the peoples underus, and the nations under our feet.He chooses our inheritance for us, thepride of Jacob whom he loves. Godhas gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram’s-horn.Sing praises to God, sing praises;sing praises to our king, sing praises.For God is king of all the earth;sing praises with all your skill. Godreigns over the nations; God sits uponhis holy throne. The nobles of thepeoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.The rulers of the earth belong to God, and he is highly exalted.

**God has gone up with a shout.**

*Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 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, 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, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 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, 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. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world. They resound with God’s own heart, O let the ancient words impart. Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope. In this world where-e’re we roam, Ancient words will guide us home.

**Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you. We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.**

*Gospeller*The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

***People:* Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus said to the disciples, “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.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. 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.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God. *Luke 24:44–53*

*Gospeller:* The Gospel of Christ

***People:* Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age, come to us through sacrifice,

O, heed the faithful words of Christ.

**Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you. We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.**

Homily

The Apostles’ Creed

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

**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

*Response:* Ascended Lord:  **open our minds.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

**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.**

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

The peace and the love of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

*(please offer a gesture of peace while remaining in your seats)*

Hymn # 619 Fairest Lord Jesus

**1 Fairest Lord Jesus,**

**ruler of all nature,**

**O thou the God head’s human son:  
 thee will I cherish,**

**thee will I honour,**

**thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.  
  
2 Fair are the meadows,**

**fairer still the woodlands,**

**robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
 Jesus is fairer,**

**Jesus is purer,**

**who makes the troubled heart to sing.  
  
3 Fair is the sunshine,**

**fairer still the moonlight,**

**and fair the twinkling, starry host;  
 Jesus shines brighter,**

**Jesus shines purer**

**than all the angels heaven can boast.  
  
4 All fairest beauty**

**heavenly and earthly,**

**wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;  
 none can be nearer,**

**fairer or dearer**

**than thou, my Saviour, art to me**

Prayer over the Gifts

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 transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

*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 indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: wonderfully you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

*All* **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.**

*Celebrant* Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “ Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.” Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

*Celebrant* Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer (*sung)*

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**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 our sin, as we forgive, those who have, sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen, Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant:* Lord, we 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.**

*Celebrant:* Live in us, that we may live in you.

Prayer spoken by those worshipping from home**. (**said when service is broadcast.)

Gracious God, in union with all who gather at your table, I join in offering the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you. I believe that you are truly present in the Bread that has been blessed, broken and given. Since I cannot now physically partake of this holy sacrament, I pray that you will abide with me, that I may embrace you entirely, and submit myself to your love and mercy. Let me never be separated from you, that in my waking and in my sleeping I may know the comfort of your presence. I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Communion

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People***Thanks be to God.**

Communion Hymns # 63, 85

Prayer after Communion

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.**

Let us pray**, 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Hymn # 383 Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun

**1 Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun**

**doth its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,**

**till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
  
2 People and realms of every tongue**

**dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim**

**their early blessings on his name.  
  
3 Blessings abound where e'er he reigns:**

**the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,**

**and all who suffer want are blest.  
  
4 Let every creature rise and bring**

**peculiar honours to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,**

**and earth repeat the loud Amen.**

Dismissal

Look up and seek God.

Look back and thank God.

Look around and serve God

Look forward and trust God.

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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