**REGIONAL MINISTRY OF SAUGEEN SHORES,**

**TARA AND CHATSWORTH**

**May 5, 2024**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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 # 645 Come Down, O Love Divine

**1.Come down, O Love divine,**

**seek Thou this soul of mine,**

**and visit it with Thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,**

**within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.  
  
2 O let it freely burn,**

**till earthly passions turn**

**to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let Thy glorious light**

**shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.  
  
3 Let holy charity**

**mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:  
true lowliness of heart,**

**which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.  
  
4 And so the yearning strong,**

**with which the soul will long,  
shall far out-pass the power of human telling;**

**for none can guess its grace,**

**till they become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.**

*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

Faithful God, make our hearts bold with love for one another. Pour out your Spirit upon all people, so that we may live your justice and sing in praise the new song of your marvellous victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

The Proclamation of the Word

*First Reading: Acts 10:44-48*

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

***People*  Thanks be to God**

Psalm 98*(spoken)*

**The Lord has made known his salvation.**

Sing to the Lord a newsong, for he has done marvellousthings. With his right hand and hisholy arm has he won for himself thevictory. The Lord has made knownhis victory; his righteousness has heopenly shown in the sight of the nations.He remembers his mercy andfaithfulness to the house of Israel,and all the ends of the earth have seenthe victory of our God. Shout withjoy to the Lord, all you lands; lift upyour voice, rejoice, and sing. Sing tothe Lord with the harp, with the harpand the voice of song. With trumpetsand the sound of the horn shoutwith joy before the King, the Lord.Let the sea make a noise and all thatis in it, the lands and those who dwelltherein. Let the rivers clap theirhands, and let the hills ring out withjoy before the Lord, when he comesto judge the earth. In righteousnessshall he judge the world and the peopleswith equity.

**The Lord has made known his salvation.**

*Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

*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 John.

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

Jesus said, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.” *John 15.9–17*

*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:* In love and hope Risen Lord:  **we abide in You.**

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 # 453 Living Lord of Love’s Dominion

**1 Living Lord of Love’s dominion,**

**Sovereign Saviour, bless your church;**

**Call us still as your disciples-**

**Loving , serving, while we search.**

**Gathered: feed our deepest being**

**Prophet’s truth and godly nerve;**

**Scattered: let our lives’ fruition**

**Nourish others while we serve.**

**2 Visit towns and inner cities;**

**Penetrate our steel and stone**

**With a love that melts our coldness,**

**Making mission here our own.**

**We will seek you, love transfigured,**

**In our neighbour’s need until**

**Deep within our daily service**

**Love draws forth our utmost skill.**

**3 With your bread, your wine, your Spirit,**

**Nurture us for your intent;**

**Let your will be our vocation**

**Lived as song and sacrament.**

**May compassion lead to service**

**Till we join the saints above;**

**Grant us hope for each tomorrow;**

**Fill our faith with vibrant love!**

Prayer over the Gifts

God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. **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 # 62, 77

Prayer after Communion

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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 # 425 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

**1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,**

**God of glory, Lord of love;  
 hearts unfold like flowers before thee,**

**opening to the sun above.  
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;**

**drive the dark of doubt away;  
 giver of immortal gladness,**

**fill us with the light of day.  
  
2 All thy works with joy surround thee,**

**earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
 stars and angels sing around thee,**

**center of unbroken praise.  
 Field and forest, vale and mountain,**

**flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
 chanting bird and flowing fountain**

**call us to rejoice in thee.  
  
3 Thou art giving and forgiving,**

**ever blessing, ever blest,  
 well-spring of the joy of living,**

**ocean depth of happy rest!  
 Thou our Father and our Mother,**

**all who live in love are thine;  
 teach us how to love each other,**

**lift us to the joy divine.**

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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