

THE SENT: GOD'S CHURCH DEPLOYED

An Anglican online presence
in the Deanery of Essex,
with parish partnerships in
the Diocese of Huron,
members of the Anglican
Church of Canada.

A Service of the Word
for

The 6th Sunday of Easter – May 14th, 2023

Opening Responsory & Gathering of the Community

One Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

One May God's grace and peace be with you.

All May God fill our hearts with joy.

One Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Welcome

Opening Hymn

CP 205

The Day of Resurrection

Confession and Absolution

One Most merciful God,

All 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.

One Sisters and brothers, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All Amen.

The Peace

One The peace of the Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Act of Praise

CP 82

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Collect of the Day

One Three-fold God of love, you invite us to abide in you. May we follow the Spirit of truth, so that through us your commanding love may speak to the heart of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:7-18

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:13-22

Gradual Hymn CP 629 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Gospel Reading John 14:15-21

Gospel Discussion

1. Where is the trouble/challenge/conflict in the passage?
2. Where is the trouble/challenge/conflict in our world?
3. Where is the grace/love in the passage?
4. Where is the grace/love in our world?

Apostles' Creed

One Let us confess our faith as we say,

All 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.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Please respond to each petition ending "Lord, in your mercy" with "... hear our prayer."

Offering

Offertory Hymn CP 474 Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet

One 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.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

One And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,
All 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 us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Doxology

One Glory to God

All 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

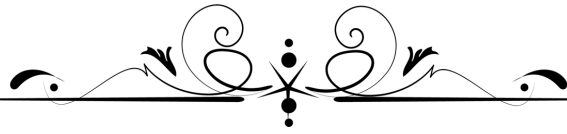
Announcements

Closing Hymn CP 425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Dismissal

One Sisters and brothers, God has heard you and given heed to your prayers. Therefore, go in peace to serve Christ, and always be eager to do what is good.

All Thanks be to God.



Announcements

Join us each week to worship in this form via Facebook Live and YouTube. We will be here each week to offer worship leadership. Please watch your emails and parish Facebook and webpage for updates going forward. Each participating parish will communicate changes as we move through this time. Please be in touch with our Chaplain Rev'd Paul or your parish priest should you need pastoral care, we are all available to offer support safely during this time. Your financial support of **The SENT: God's Church Deployed** is important to sustain this ministry in the wider world. The simplest way to support this ministry is c/o St. Augustine of Canterbury Anglican Church with "The SENT" in the memo line or notes field.

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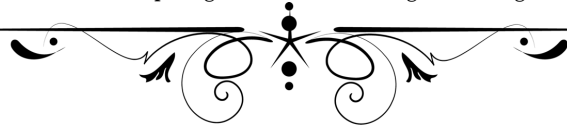
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*Join us for
A Farewell Celebration*

*For
Rev. Sharla Malliff
Sunday, May 28, 2023
After 10 a.m. Service
Lunch in the Upper Hall
at*

St. James Anglican Church

First Reading: ACTS 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown God.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

THE WORD OF THE LORD. All Thanks be to God

Psalms 66:7-18

Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard; Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.

REFRAIN Be joyful in God, all you lands.

For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried. You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs. You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

REFRAIN Be joyful in God, all you lands.

I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows, which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble. I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

REFRAIN Be joyful in God, all you lands.

Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me. I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue. If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me; But in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his love from me.

REFRAIN Be joyful in God, all you lands.

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

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

Second Reading: 1 PETER 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. All Thanks be to God

The Gospel JOHN 14:15-21

One The Lord be with you.

ALL And also with you.

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

ALL Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The gospel of Christ.

ALL Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymns

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Opening Hymn CP 205

The Day of Resurrection

- 1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.
- 2 Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.
- 3 Now let the heavens be joyful,
let earth her song begin,
the round world keep high
triumph,
and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end.

Act of Praise CP 82

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Refrain: Hallelujah! We sing your
praises, all our hearts are filled
with gladness. Hallelujah! We sing
your praises, all our hearts are
filled with gladness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: "I am
wine, I am bread; I am wine, I am
bread, give to all who thirst and
hunger." *Refrain*

2 Now he sends us all out, strong in
faith, free of doubt; strong in faith,
free of doubt, tell to all the joyful
Gospel. *Refrain*

Gradual Hymn CP 629

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and
righteousness
my beauty are, my glorious dress;
'midst flaming worlds, in these
arrayed,
with joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in thy great
day;
for who aught to my charge shall
lay?
Fully absolved through these I am
from sin and fear, from guilt and
shame.
- 3 Jesus, be endless praise to thee,

whose boundless mercy hath for
me—

for me a full atonement made,
an everlasting ransom paid.

4 O let the dead now hear thy
voice;
now bid thy banished ones rejoice;
their beauty this, their glorious
dress,
Jesus, thy blood and
righteousness.

Offertory Hymn CP 474

Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet

1. Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
there they behold thy mercy seat;
where'er they seek thee thou art
found,
and every place is hallowed
ground.
3. Here may we prove the power of
prayer
to strengthen faith and sweeten
care,
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heaven before our
eyes.
4. Lord, we are few, but thou art
near,
nor short thine arm, nor deaf
thine ear;
oh rend the heavens, come
quickly down

and make a thousand hearts thine
own.

Closing Song CP 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.