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**Sixth Sunday of Easter– 9:00 AM**  
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Love for One's Neighbour

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Thank you for joining us in worship today! Please have your Candles already lit and Prayer Spaces ready before we begin.

*We gather today on the traditional territory of the Algonquin people. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace. For those who maybe be watching this from beyond our parish, we invite you to acknowledge the traditional territory you are on today.*

## **The Gathering of the Community**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

May his grace and peace be with you.

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

### **Hymn 702. Glory to God**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**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 our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

## The Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
riches beyond imagination.  
Pour into our hearts such love toward you,  
that we, loving you above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

A reading from the book of Acts.

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.

*ACTS 10: 44-48*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
**for he has done marvellous things.**

With his right hand and his holy arm  
**has he won for himself the victory.**

The Lord has made known his victory;  
**his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.**

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,  
**and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
**lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
**with the harp and the voice of song.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
**shout with joy before the King, the Lord.**

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,  
**the lands and those who dwell therein.**

Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
**when he comes to judge the earth.**

In righteousness shall he judge the world  
**and the peoples with equity.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

*PSALM 98*

## Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**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*

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Sermon

## **The Prayers of the People**

Transformed by the life-giving power of the empty tomb, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need saying, “Your mercy is great.”

Sent to represent Christ in the world, let us pray for the church to be light in a world. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya; In the Canadian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Susan Bell, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Niagara; In our diocese, we pray for Shane<sup>+</sup>, our Bishop; Church of the Ascension, Ottawa. The Reverend Rhonda Waters; Julian of Norwich. The Reverend Monique Stone, Deacon Elizabeth December; For all Church Musicians serving in the Diocese of Ottawa. Hear us, O God...

**Your mercy is great.**

Sent to be fruitful in obeying God’s word, let us pray for reforestation efforts that seek to reclaim desolate and barren lands. Hear us, O God...

**Your mercy is great.**

Sent to work for peace and justice for all people let us pray for the safety and well-being of all who serve in the military, remembering all who have given their lives in service. Hear us, O God...

**Your mercy is great.**

Sent to bring compassion and encouragement to all who are hurting, let us pray for the mentally ill, those bound by addiction and all who are troubled in body or spirit remembering Isabel, Wayne, Julie, Marion, Margaret, Cyndi, Martina, Al, Colleen and any others we pray for, silently or aloud, this morning... (brief Silence) ...

Hear us, O God...

**Your mercy is great.**

Sent to use our gifts for the betterment of the world, let us pray for scientists and scholars who ponder life's mysteries and search for new solutions and possibilities. Hear us, O God...

**Your mercy is great.**

Sent to live a new life in Christ, let us pray for the dying and those who mourn, rejoicing that at the end we will be united with them.

Hear us, O God...

**Your mercy is great.**

Hear our prayers, gracious God, and grant all that we need to live as your Spirit-filled people, in the name of the risen Christ.

**Amen.**

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Hymn 209. Walk Softly in Springtime**

Walk softly in springtime, to hear the grass sing  
its whispering carols to Jesus our king;  
to see the new flowers bright colours display;  
to tell all the children of glad Easter day.

Sing gently in springtime, and join with the birds,  
who warble their music, a song without words,  
that floats through the air and that reaches the sky,  
a message of love to the Father on high.

Praise gladly in springtime when earth seems to glow  
with new life and colour in all things that grow;  
for all nature's children are happy to say,  
"Rejoice, for the Saviour is risen today."



# The Celebration of the Eucharist

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.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
we give you thanks and praise  
for the glorious resurrection of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord;  
for he is the true paschal lamb  
who has taken away the sin of the world.  
By his death he destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again  
he has won for us eternal life.

Therefore, joining our voices  
with the whole company of heaven,  
we sing our joyful hymn of praise  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh,  
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us  
out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
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.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death,**  
**we proclaim his resurrection,**  
**we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation,  
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
that they may be the sacrament  
of the body of Christ  
and his blood of the new covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ,  
and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has 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 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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

Lord, we died with you on the cross.  
**Now we are raised to new life.**  
We were buried in your tomb.  
**Now we share in your resurrection.**  
Live in us, that we may live in you.

## **The Communion**

The gifts of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Dear friends, wherever you may be, receive Christ; in communion with the saints and the gathering of God's people, unseen yet present with us now.

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have put your life into our hearts;  
now we put our lives into your hands.  
Take us, renew us and remake us.  
What we have been is past;  
what we shall be, through you,  
still awaits us.  
Lead us on. Take us with you.  
In your name we pray. Amen.**

*Following a time of silence, the people physically present receive communion in one kind, receiving the bread while the chalice remains upon the Altar. Finally, the celebrant should reverently consume the wine.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

**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.**

## Dismissal

The peace of God which passes all understanding  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be among you  
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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