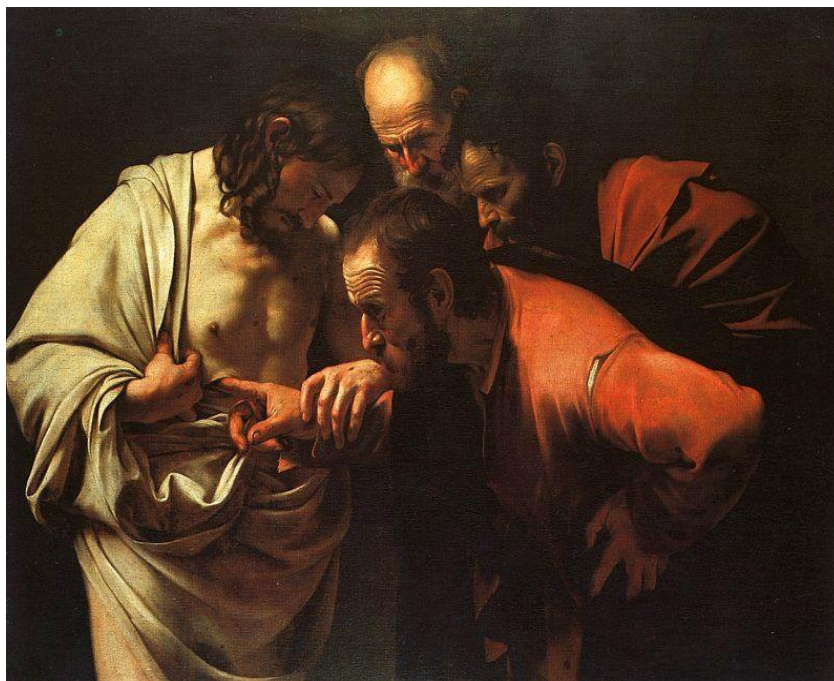


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Second Sunday of Easter



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**The Gathering of the Community**

*Leader:* Sego everybody

**All: Sego**

*Leader:* We gather today on the traditional homeland of the Anishinaabe Algonquin people.

**All: May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

**Opening Hymn** – 220 - *Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen* (Verses 1, 4)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSx8sVCAzFw> (no vocals)

1 Christ is risen, Christ is risen!

Tell it with a joyful voice.

Christ has burst the three days' prison;

Let the whole wide earth rejoice.

Death is conquered, we are free;

Christ has won the victory.

2 Come, you sad and fearful hearted,  
With glad smile and radiant brow.  
Death's dark shadows have departed,  
All our woes are over now;  
Through the passion that he bore,  
Sin and pain have pow'r no more.

3 Come with high and holy hymning;  
Chant our Lord's triumphant might.  
Not one gloomy cloud is dimming  
That bright glorious morning light  
Breaking o'er the purple east,  
Symbol of our Easter feast.

4 Christ is risen, Christ is risen!

And has opened heaven's gate.

We are free from evil's prison,

Risen to a holier state;

And a brighter Easter beam

On our longing eyes shall stream.

*Leader:* Lord, open our lips.

**All: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Leader:* O God, make speed to save us.

**All: O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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

**Invitatory**

*Leader:* Alleluia! The Lord is Risen indeed.

**All: O come let us worship**

**Venite** – (Sung) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aNj-NgZ4gho>

O Come, let us sing unto the LORD;

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving;  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.  
For the LORD is a great God;  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are all the corners of the earth;  
and the strength of the hills is his also.  
The sea is his, and he made it;  
and his hands prepared the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and fall down,  
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.  
For he is the Lord our God;  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.  
  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen.

### **Repeat The Invitatory**

*Leader:* Alleluia! The Lord is Risen indeed.

***All:* O come let us worship**

### **Psalm 56**

*(Wendy Taylor)*

Be gracious to me, O God, for people trample on me;  
all day long foes oppress me;  
my enemies trample on me all day long,  
for many fight against me. O Most High,  
when I am afraid,  
I put my trust in you.  
In God, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust; I am not afraid;  
what can flesh do to me?  
All day long they seek to injure my cause;  
all their thoughts are against me for evil.  
They stir up strife; they lurk;  
they watch my steps,  
as they hoped to take my life.

Do not deliver them for any reason;  
in wrath cast down the peoples, O God!  
You have kept count of my tossings;  
put my tears in your bottle.  
Are they not in your record?  
Then my enemies will retreat  
in the day when I call.  
This I know, that God is for me.  
In God, whose word I praise,  
in the Lord, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust; I am not afraid.  
What can a mere mortal do to me?  
My vows to you I must perform, O God;  
I will render thank offerings to you.  
For you have delivered my soul from death  
and my feet from falling,  
so that I may walk before God  
in the light of life.

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

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

**First Reading**    *Isaiah 51: 1-16*

*(Vic Wootton)*

*Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah*

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will

wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Listen to me, you who know righteousness, you people who have my teaching in your hearts; do not fear the reproach of others, and do not be dismayed when they revile you. For the moth will eat them up like a garment, and the worm will eat them like wool, but my deliverance will be forever and my salvation to all generations. Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord! Awake, as in days of old, the generations of long ago! Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces, who pierced the dragon? Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep; who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to cross over?

So, the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with rejoicing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. I, I am he who comforts you; why then are you afraid of a mere mortal who must die, a human being who fades like grass? You have forgotten the Lord, your Maker, who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth. You fear continually all day long because of the fury of the oppressor, who is bent on destruction. But where is the fury of the oppressor? The oppressed shall speedily be released; they shall not die and go down to the Pit, nor shall they lack bread. For I am the Lord your God, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—the Lord of hosts is his name. I have put my words in your mouth and hidden you in the shadow of my hand, stretching out the heavens and laying the foundations of the earth and saying to Zion, “You are my people.”

*Reader:* This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn** - 219 - *Our God Reigns*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZylJQS6KITM>

1 How lovely on the mountains  
are the feet of him

Who brings good news, good news:  
Announcing peace,  
Proclaiming news of happiness.  
Our God reigns, our God reigns!

*Our God reigns! Our God reigns!  
Our God reigns! Our God reigns!*

2 He had no stately form, He had no  
majesty

That we should be drawn to Him.  
He was despised and we took no  
account of Him,  
Yet now He reigns with the Most High.

*Our God reigns! Our God reigns!  
Our God reigns! Our God reigns!*

5 Out of the tomb He came with grace  
and majesty;  
He is alive, He is alive.  
God loves us so, see here His hands, His  
feet, His side.

Yes, we know He is alive.  
*Our God reigns! Our God reigns!*  
*Our God reigns! Our God reigns!*  
*Our God reigns! Our God reigns!*  
*Our God reigns! Our God reigns!*

**The Holy Gospel**     *John 20: 19-31*

*(Deb Donoghue)*

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

***All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ***

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again, Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas also known as Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So, the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name

*Reader:* This is the Gospel of Christ

***All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ***

**Affirmation of Faith**

*Leader:* Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your

strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

**Prayers of the People**

Litany # 15 Easter

(David Picklyk)

*Leader:* In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, “Hear us, Lord of glory!”

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

*Leader:* **We pray for** The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

**We pray for** *Shane*, our Bishop, *Anne*, our Metropolitan and Acting Primate, and *Nash*, our priest.

**We pray for** the staff at Ascension House

**We pray for** St. Barnabas, Deep River and *The Venerable Patrick Stephens*.

**We pray for** the Licensed Lay Readers' Association and their warden, *Reverend Bob Albert*

In our community, we pray for *Nyla, Dhru, and Patrick Staulus, Chris and Mary Collin, Diane Manryk, Georges De Roy, Joyce Clark, Phyllis Harris, Barbara Harvey-*

*Harris, Denyse, Talia Wootton, Jean Nidy, Lianne Stevens, Caide Murray, Mike Bula, Marilyn, Richard Racine, Rob and Kim Green, Vera Guy and family, Fred, Penelope Foster, Larry O'Brien, Bonnie Lynn Perry, Amber Wiseman, Heather Buckle, Grace Earle, Julie Porter and for those who are known to you alone. Are there others?*

In our parish cycle, **we pray for** *Phyllis Harris*

In our neighbourhood, **we pray for** *the residents, staff, guests, and visitors of the Ottawa Rotary Home and the Bridlewood Retirement Residence.*

In our parish memorial cycle, **we remember** *Elma & George Kemp. Amen.*

### **Collect**

*Leader:* Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn** - 224 - *Awake, Arise, Lift up Your Voice* (Verses 1, 5)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cxflKB6X8DI>

1 Awake, arise, lift up your voice,  
let Easter music swell;  
rejoice in Christ, again rejoice,  
and on his praises dwell.

2 Oh, with what gladness and surprise  
the saints their Saviour greet;  
nor will they trust their ears and eyes  
but by his hands and feet:

3 those hands of liberal love indeed  
in infinite degree,

those feet still free to move and bleed  
for millions and for me.

4 His enemies had sealed the stone  
as Pilate gave them leave,  
lest dead and friendless and alone  
he should their skill deceive.

5 O Dead arise! O Friendless stand  
by seraphim adored!  
O Solitude again command  
your host from heaven restored!

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

**All:** God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Reflection**

*(Reverend Nash Smith)*



## The Lord's Prayer (said)

*Leader:* As Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray together:

**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.

## Announcements

**Next Parish Council Meeting** – Sunday, May 11, 2025 following the service.

**Next White Gift Sunday and Coffee Hour** – May 4, 2025 (**Next Sunday**). Please remember those in need with donations of non-perishable food for the Pavilion Food Bank. For Coffee Hour, we welcome light lunch items. Carole Ladouceur will be our host.

**Next Bridlewood Service** - Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

**Closing Hymn** - 231 - *That Eastertide with Joy Was Bright*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nBwRmgggqLhY>

1 That Eastertide with joy was bright:  
the sun shone out with fairer light

Alleluia, Alleluia

when to their longing eyes restored,  
the apostles saw their risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

2 His bade them see his hands, his side,  
where yet the glorious wounds abide;

Alleluia, Alleluia

the tokens true which made it plain  
their Lord indeed was risen again.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

3 from every weapon death can wield  
thine own redeemed for ever shield.

Alleluia, Alleluia

O Lord of all, with us abide  
in this our joyful Eastertide;

Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

4 O Jesus, King of gentleness,  
do thou thyself out hearts possess

Alleluia, Alleluia

that we may give thee all our days  
the tribute of our grateful praise.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## **Blessing**

*Leader:* Let us bless the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Leader:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*Leader:* May the God of peace, joy, hope and love enable us to do his will in every kind of goodness, working in us what pleases him, through the Risen Christ, the Victor over death, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Dismissal Song** – *Go Now in Peace*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MT63OTp2qeU>

Go now in peace, never be afraid  
God will go with you each hour of every  
day

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and  
true

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love and show you believe  
Reach out to others, so all the world can  
see

God will be there watching from above  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

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**Next Service:** Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am

First Reading – Acts 9:1-6 - *Betty Nakimbugwe*

Psalm 30 – *Cyrille Djina*

Second Reading – Revelation 5:11-14 - *David Picklyk*

Gospel – John 21:1-19 – *Reverend Nash Smith*

Prayers of the People – *Mike Thomas*

Communion Server – *Carole Ladouceur*