

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Christ has gone up on high. **Alleluia.**

God raised Christ from the dead  
and **enthroned him at his right hand  
in the heavenly realms.**

God put all things in subjection beneath his feet  
and **gave him as head over all things to the Church.**

We died, and our life lies hidden with Christ in God.

**We set our minds on things above.**

When Christ, who is our life, is revealed,  
**we too will be revealed with him in glory.**

*cf Ephesians 1.20,23; Colossians 3.1-4*

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### *Final hymn:*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;  
the prisoner leaps to lose their chains;  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all the humble poor are blest.

To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like incense shall arise  
with every morning sacrifice

Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honours to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the long amen.

## CHRIST CHURCH SHOOTERS HILL



*Seventh Sunday of Easter  
24th May 2020*

## The Gathering

### Introit Hymn      Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Alleluia, sing to Jesus,  
his the sceptre, his the throne.  
Alleluia, his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now.  
Alleluia, he is near us;  
faith believes, nor questions how;  
though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget His promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### Prayers of Penitence

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world  
and knows our every word and deed.  
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Alleluia, bread of angels,  
thou on earth our food, our stay;  
alleluia, here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day.  
intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
alleluia, born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heav'n thy throne;  
thou within the veil hast entered  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
thou on earth both priest and victim  
in the Eucharistic Feast.

### Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, 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.**

*Then we pray together:*

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### The Dismissal

May the Spirit,  
who hovered over the waters when the world was created,  
breathe into you the life he gives. **Amen.**

May the Spirit,  
who overshadowed the Virgin  
when the eternal Son came among us,  
make you joyful in the service of the Lord. **Amen.**

May the Spirit,  
who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,  
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us  
**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.**

### *Breaking of the Bread*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
 because we all share in one bread.**

### *Agnus Dei*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
 Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
 Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

### *Giving of Communion*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
 Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
 but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Quiet music is played: Crown him with many crowns*

Lord Jesus, you suffered a cruel death on the cross for our redemption, yet we have forgotten your pain and stayed in the realm of the evil you defeated.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you were raised from death to bring us new life, yet we have preferred the comfort of the familiar, and the empty promises of a sinful world.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you have ascended to your Father and our Father, your God and our God; plead there at the right hand of God for our forgiveness and entry into the fullness of his presence.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

### *Absolution*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *We sing the Peruvian Gloria*

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.  
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.**

To God be glory forever. **To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, amen.

**Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.  
**Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.**

To God be glory forever. **To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, amen.

**Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.  
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.**

To God be glory forever. **To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, amen.

**Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.**

### *The Collect*

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

Let us pray

*Silence*

O God the King of glory,  
 you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
 with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
 we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
 but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
 and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
 do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup  
 and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

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.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself  
 made once for all upon the cross;  
 we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
 we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
 and with this bread and this cup  
 we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of  
 thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
 in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit,  
 inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son,  
 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy  
 Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we  
 worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
 be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
 always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
 holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 For he is our great high priest  
 who has entered once for all  
 into the heavenly sanctuary,  
 evermore to pour upon your Church  
 the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.  
 He is the one who has gone before us,  
 who calls us to be united in prayer  
 as were his disciples in the upper room  
 while they awaited his promised gift,  
 the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.

Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing  
 as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
 through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
 and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
 these gifts of bread and wine may be to  
 us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
 took bread and gave you thanks;  
 he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*First Reading*      Ezekiel 36: 24-28

Thus says the Lord GOD: I will take you from the nations, and  
 gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own  
 land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean  
 from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse  
 you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within  
 you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give  
 you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you  
 follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then  
 you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you  
 shall be my people, and I will be your God.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Second Reading*      Acts 1: 6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, '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 towards heaven, suddenly two men  
 in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do  
 you stand looking up towards 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.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the  
 mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's  
 journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the  
 room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James,  
 and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James

son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### *The Gospel*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Go, and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord, and remember I am with you always to the end of the age.

**Alleluia.**

*Matthew 28.19,20*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 17: 1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I

### *Offertory Hymn*

1. Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendour,  
first-begotten from the dead,  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia, alleluiah,  
Jesu, true and living bread!

2. Here our humblest homage pay we;  
here in loving reverence bow;  
here for Faith's discernment pray we  
lest we fail to know thee now,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
thou art here, we ask not how.

3. Though the lowliest form doth veil thee,  
as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee,  
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
We in worship join with them.

4. Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  
once for all when thou wast slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall for evermore remain,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
cleansing souls from every stain.

5. Life-imparting heavenly manna,  
stricken rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
risen, ascended, glorified!

### *Prayer at the preparation of the altar.*

Lord of all and source of our joy, receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Keep us in the love of Christ and bring us to the vision of his glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### *The Eucharistic Prayer*

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 thanks and praise.**

We thank you for the *fruit* of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.

Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *breath* of your Holy Spirit,  
given us by the risen Lord.  
We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed,  
in the joy of eternal life.

Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

Generous God,  
you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan,  
and upon the disciples in the upper room:  
in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,  
**hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

### *The Peace*

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.  
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

*cf Galatians 5.22,23*

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

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world,  
but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.  
All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in  
them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the  
world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your  
name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are  
one.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### *Sermon*

### *The Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father (and the Son,)  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### *Prayers of Intercession*

*We pray especially for all those who live in Eglinton Hill River Heights  
and for Reg McKee and all those whose year's mind falls at this time.  
We also pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the  
world; for the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Revd Justin Welby,  
and all primates and bishops; for members of the Anglican Consultative  
Council; for the Secretary General, The Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-  
Fearon, for the staff at the Anglican Communion Office in London and  
the UN offices in Geneva and New York.*

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.  
Generous God,  
we thank you for the *power* of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.

Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *wisdom* of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.

Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *peace* of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to keep us confident of your love  
wherever you call us.

Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *healing* of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness  
where there is division, sickness and sorrow.

Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *gifts* of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.

Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**