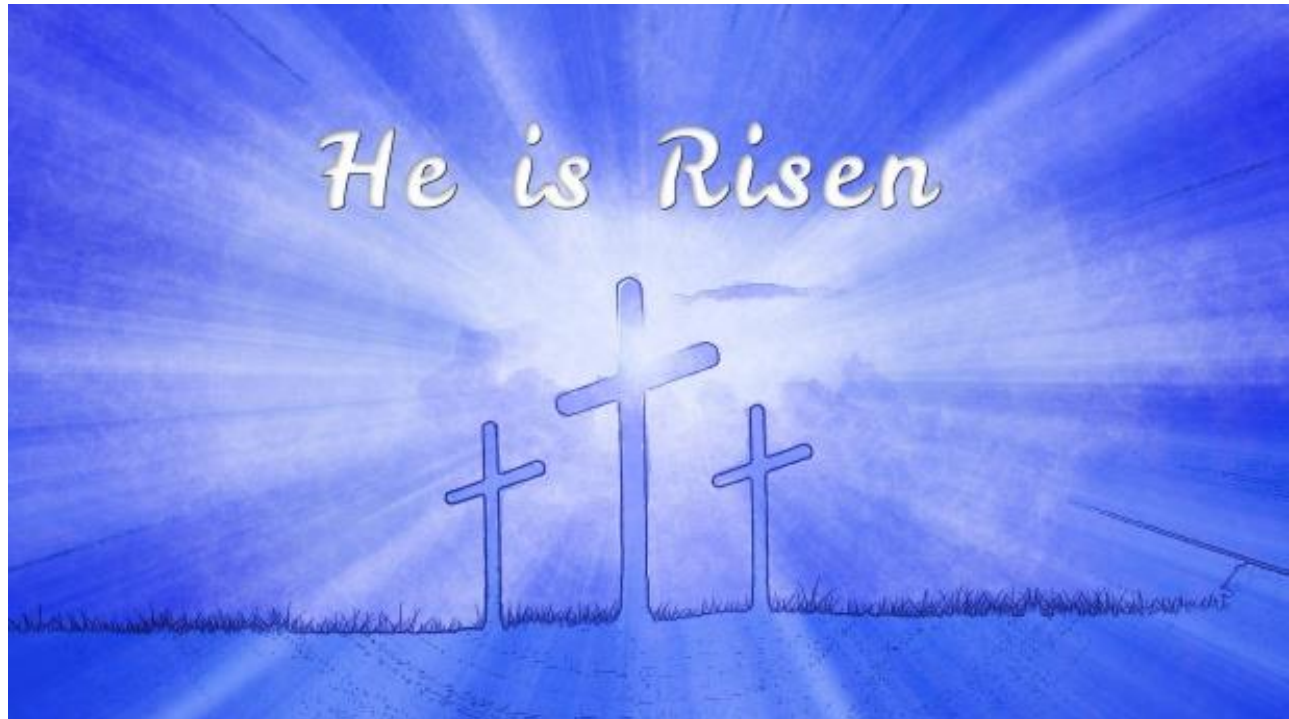


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11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Anointing

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

THE GREETING: Rev. Susan Snelling

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Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

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.**

KYRIE: **Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

THE COLLECT

All: **O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE PSALMS

Psalm 119:49-72

Remember your word to your servant, **in which you have made me hope.**
This is my comfort in my distress, **that your promise gives me life.**
The arrogant utterly deride me, **but I do not turn away from your law.**
When I think of your ordinances from of old, **I take comfort, O Lord.**
Hot indignation seizes me because of the wicked, **those who forsake your law.**
Your statutes have been my songs **wherever I make my home.**
I remember your name in the night, O Lord, **and keep your law.**
This blessing has fallen to me, **for I have kept your precepts.**
The Lord is my portion; **I promise to keep your words.**
I implore your favour with all my heart; **be gracious to me according to your promise.**
When I think of your ways, **I turn my feet to your decrees;**
I hurry and do not delay **to keep your commandments.**
Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me, **I do not forget your law.**
At midnight I rise to praise you, **because of your righteous ordinances.**
I am a companion of all who fear you, **of those who keep your precepts.**
The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love; **teach me your statutes.**
You have dealt well with your servant, **O Lord, according to your word.**

Teach me good judgement and knowledge, **for I believe in your commandments.**
Before I was humbled I went astray, **but now I keep your word.**
You are good and do good; **teach me your statutes.**
The arrogant smear me with lies, **but with my whole heart I keep your precepts.**
Their hearts are fat and gross, **but I delight in your law.**
It is good for me that I was humbled, **so that I might learn your statutes.**
The law of your mouth is better to me **than thousands of gold and silver pieces.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Colossians 1:24-2:7

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me.

For I want you to know how much I am struggling for you, and for those in Laodicea, and for all who have not seen me face to face. I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I am saying this so that no one may deceive you with plausible arguments. For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, and I rejoice to see your morale and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

'But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

‘Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.’

The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Susan Snelling

People: Amen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Hear, O Israel

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.

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (#15 Litany)

(In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, “Hear us, Lord of Glory!”)

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

People: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Reader: That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Reader: That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Reader: That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Reader: That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Reader: 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.

People: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Reader: 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.

People: Hear us, Lord of glory! Amen

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and

invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

(Silence is kept.)

Celebrant: Most merciful God,
People: **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.**

Celebrant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

THE PEACE:

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

All: **God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. Amen.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER #3:

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: 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.

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: 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,

All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this break 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. Unit 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.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Celebrant: As now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

BREAKING OF BREAD #8:

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.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD:

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

All: God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

THE DOXOLOGY:

All: Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask of imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

NOTICES:

BLESSING:

Officiant: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL:

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Assisting today:

Celebrant/Preacher: Revd. Susan Snelling

Anointing: Maggie Prentice

Bread: Revd. Susan

Chalice: Beth Steffler

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

The Diocese of Soroti (Uganda)

In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

St. Paul, Perrytown

This morning in our worship we remember in our prayers those of our family and friends who have immediate needs and concerns:

Tom Ritchie & Family; Don Hill & Family; Marie Lemoine & Family; Kristen; Nancy; Carolyn Black; Bill Canning; Linda Jenja; Deborah; Elizabeth; Sharon Murchie; Dawn Sidenberg; Jaxon Croft; Rosemary; Rose Court; Katlin; Toby; Karyn.

The names below are people in need of ongoing prayers for various reasons, so we ask you to please continue to pray for them and their continuing need of God's healing touch and grace:

Marilyn Foley; Helena Goodyer; Sophie; Owen; Jewel; Alice, Sherri Scott; Kim Middaugh; The Hubbard Family; Mae Snedden; Doug McDermid; Rev. Janet Mitchell; Livia & Neil Purcell; Sharon Zacchigna; Shirley Hatch; Chris; Nova Kennedy; Gladys Pecholcs; Dave & Diane Lawrence; June Hinkson; Kathryn; Lorraine Whitwell; Cecilia Mowat; Lequita Adkins; Garn Mennell; Barb Tomkins; Donna & Ray Wilson; Darlene Jessem; Barb Semsch; Audrey Moody; Lynda Raye; Lee & Jeannie Martin; Michelle Sinclair and mom; Jane & Ron Lewis; Bill Snow; Arlene; Joan Gough; Eunice Merrett; Jean Wallace; Nancy Dodds; Wendy Goodyer; Do Saunders; Jefferson Jr.