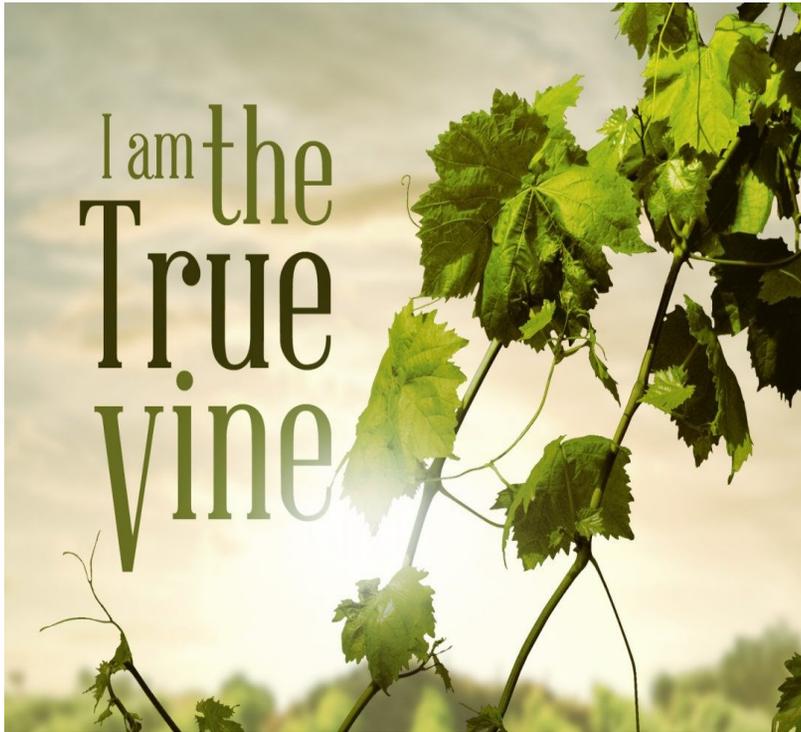


THE PARISH OF CAMPBELLFORD,
HASTINGS AND ROSENEATH



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 2ND, 2021 ~ 10:00AM
MORNING PRAYER

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The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit. *John 15.5*

HYMN # 352 **AMAZING GRACE** NEW BRITAIN

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 Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

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

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.

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

Leader Let us remember before God our selfish ways, the things we have done wrong, the sorrows we have caused, the love we have not shown.

Silence for reflection is kept.

All **Most merciful Father, forgive us our sins against you and against each other. Strengthen us to overcome our weaknesses, that we may live in love as you would have us live, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. 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.

Celebrant Cast your burden upon the Lord,
People And he will sustain you.

Celebrant Create in me a clean heart, O God,
People And renew a right spirit within me.

Celebrant Cast me not away from your presence.
People And take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Celebrant Give me the joy of your saving help again
People And sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Celebrant Blessed be the Lord day by day,
People The God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.

VENITE *(Sung)*

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.

Today, O that ye would hear his voice: 'Harden not your hearts as in the Provocation, and as in the day of Temptation in the wilderness; When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with that generation, and said, "It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways"; Unto whom I swear in my wrath, that they should not enter into my rest.'

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.

We Listen to God's Word

Reader A reading from the book of *Acts*

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The

eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. ACTS 8:26-40

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Reader A reading from **Psalm 22**

My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

Father, your tortured Son felt abandoned, and cried out in anguish from the cross, yet you delivered him. He overcame the bonds of death and rose in triumph from the grave. Do not hide your face from those who cry out to you: feed the hungry, strengthen the weak, and break the chains of the oppressed, that your people may rejoice in your saving deeds. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen. PSALM 22:24-30

SEEK THE LORD *ISAIAH 55.6-11*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; call upon him when he draws near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways and the evil ones their thoughts;

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens and return not again, but water the earth,

Bringing forth life and giving growth, seed for sowing and bread for eating,

So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; it will not return to me empty;

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, and prosper in that for which I sent it. Amen.

Reader A reading from the 1st letter of John

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. 1 JOHN 4:7-21

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN # 435
TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE MOZART

(Please stand)

Reader A reading from the Gospel of John

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. JOHN 15:1-8

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SERMON Nancy DeKuyper

A Moment for Quiet Reflection

Anthem BLEST ARE THE PURE IN HEART FRANCONIA



We Respond to God's Word

THE CREED

Creed from Abbey of the Way in Arizona

Leader Let us affirm our faith.

All **We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who works in others and us through the Spirit. We trust in the Creator. We are called to be, to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and to resist injustice, to seek out models for hope and peace. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Let us pray.

Let us join through prayer with everything that lives. Let us acknowledge to God the one life we share, saying: O God, who makes us one, hear our prayer.

O God, your Holy Spirit is alive in all the earth. Your Spirit that moved and shaped land and sea, trees and beasts still moves and shapes us into creation. Through Christ we know your one Holy Spirit, for you are God of all. That all the world may know your Spirit, we pray: O God, who makes us one,

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open your world before our eyes, so that we

see far and near. Show us newly what lives around us, over and behind. and within. Give us the mind of Christ. O God, who makes us one,

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring us to one another, that we may hear and understand each other. Bring trust and sympathy between the peoples of the world. Make all nations one household with many rooms. O God, who makes us one,

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Heal us who are sick especially Al, Barry, Bill, Bob, Brian, Bryce, Caroline, Dave N. Dianne, Don, Ed, Eileen, Gayle, Jack, Jennifer, John, Kelly, Lawrence, Linda, Margaret, Marie-Eve, Ottley, Ruth, Sheldon Wayne and **[Names in Parish]**. Cheer us who are guilty. Love us who are alone. Join us who are distant. Call all the world to yourself. O God, who makes us one,

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Enliven the church with the Spirit of Christ. Through us give your loving Spirit to a world in need of comfort. Make our many gifts one offering for the world. O God, who makes us one,

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Today in our Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray St. Francis of Assisi, its Christmas

hampers, support of local food security programs and the Pikangikum water project; for St. George Memorial, Oshawa, its monthly community lunch offering toiletries and gently-used clothing, participation in the Mary Street school breakfast program and St. Vincent soup kitchen, prayer shawl ministry to the community and St. Michael's Hospital, crafts for overseas and weekly Fill in the Gap drop-in from November through March; and for St. George on Yonge, its work as a pick-up centre for Out of the Cold programs, its monthly distribution of gift cards and TTC tokens, ESL classes, its support of the local food bank and local community housing. O God, who makes us one,
People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor In our own Deanery of Peterborough we offer our prayers for Peterborough Regional Health Centre, Chaplain and Parish Volunteers. O God, who makes us one,
People **hear our prayer.**

O God, keep our minds inside your love, for we are many parts and need to be one. We beg for this unity which only your Spirit can give, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COVID PRAYER this Sunday and others at:

<https://www.miltonanglican.org/prayers-for-the-covid-19-crisis.html>

<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/covid-19-resources>

<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/coronavirus-prayers> Copyright WCC 2020

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Intercessor Almighty God,

your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Said)

Intercessor And 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.**

GRACE

All

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.

THE BLESSING

~DISMISSAL~



BENEDICTION HYMN

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you
To shine upon you and be gracious
And be gracious unto you
The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon
You
And give you peace, and give you peace.
Amen.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!



Today's Readers

1st Lesson OT	Sandy Philp
Psalm	Irene Fulton
2nd Lesson	Alden Mitchell
Gospel	Nancy DeKuyper
Prayers	Ann Chambers

Next Weeks Readers May 9th, 2021

1st Lesson OT	Allen McCracken
Psalm	Irene Fulton
2nd Lesson	June Seaborn
Gospel	Alden Mitchell
Prayers	Nancy DeKuyper

If you wish to add anybody to the Prayers or make changes, please send me an email.
Thank you.

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Episcopal Leadership Working Group Report and Conversation

In June of 2020, following the announcement of the retirement of the Rt. Rev. Peter Fenty, Bishop Andrew Asbil, the 12th Bishop of Toronto, announced the formation of the Episcopal Leadership Working Group (the ELWG) with a mandate to consider and report to him on alternative models for the exercise of episcopal leadership, oversight, and pastoral ministry within the Diocese of Toronto. Read the Report, watch a video from Bishop Asbil, give your feedback and sign up for Town Hall meetings in May to discuss the Report with Bishop Asbil.

If you're wondering why this is of interest to local parishioners, this conversation will inform how episcopacy (the role of bishops) is exercised in the Diocese of Toronto. Since 1980 we have had an Area system with a Diocesan Bishop and four Suffragan Bishops, each one of which is responsible for one of the areas (e.g. we are in the Trent-Durham Episcopal Area). After 40 years of using the present model, considering the momentous changes to the demographics of the church over the past four decades and the impact of the pandemic, this may be a transformational moment in the life of the Diocese.

The report is available on the Diocesan website
www.toronto.anglican.ca

Next Sunday May 9th, 2021, 10:00am
Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe
6th Sunday of Easter ~ Morning Prayer
Readings

ACTS 10:44-48

PSALM 98

1 JOHN 5:1-6

JOHN 15:9-17

Bible readings are taken from The New Revised Standard Version.

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