

**ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE  
ANGLICAN CHURCH  
PERTH  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 10 a.m.



The Reverend Canon Kenneth O. Davis,  
Incumbent

THE RIGHT REVEREND SHANE A.D. PARKER,  
BISHOP  
THE DIOCESE OF OTTAWA

# THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST

(Book of Alternative Services)

*(Offerings may be placed in the plate located near the west entrance before the service or on your way up to Communion)*

## **The Gathering of the Community**

Organ Prelude: Largo from “Xerxes” – G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

*Welcome one and all to this place of worship, fellowship, and service! After a time of greeting one another and picking up a service booklet everyone is encouraged to take a moment for quiet prayer and reflection.*

*We stand together to sing:*

## **Processional Hymn #7 New Every Morning Is the Love**

(tune: Melcombe)

*New every morning is the love our wakening and up rising prove; through sleep and darkness safely brought, restored to life and power and thought.*

*New mercies, each returning day, hover around us while we pray; new perils past, new sins forgiven, new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.*

*If on our daily course our mind be set to hallow all we find, new treasures still of countless price God will provide for sacrifice.*

*Old friends, old scenes will lovelier be, as more of heaven in each we see; some softening gleam of love and prayer shall dawn on every cross and care.*

*The trivial round, the common task, will furnish all we ought to ask: room to deny ourselves, a road to bring us daily nearer God.*

*Only, O Lord, in thy dear love fit us for perfect rest above; and help us, this and every day, to live more nearly as we pray.*

*The presiding celebrant offers the land acknowledgment:*

*“We acknowledge that we are worshipping today on unceded ancestral territory of the Algonquin people. God grant us to live in peace and friendship with all the peoples of this land.”*

*and greets the community, saying:*

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen

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

Priest: May his grace and peace be with you.

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

*Priest: 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.**

Glory to God

*All: 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.**

## The Collect

*Priest:* Let us pray.

**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 Proclamation of the Word

### 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)

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:24-30



My praise is of him in the great as-sembly;  
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!"

1 - All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the **Lord**,  
4 - and all the families of the nations **bow\_be**-fore\_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 **be**-fore\_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 un**-born  
the saving deeds that **he\_has** done.

A READING FROM THE FIRST 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)

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand for the Gospel.*

**The Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John

***People:* Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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)

*Priest:* The Gospel of Christ.

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

**The Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia***

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

*Priest:* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

***All:* 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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from 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.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He 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 the People

*We offer each petition saying,*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

*Response: "Hear our prayer."*



## Confession and Absolution

*Priest:* Dear friends in Christ...confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept*

*Priest:* Most merciful God,

**All: 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.**

*Priest:* Almighty God have mercy upon you...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

## The Peace

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

(We greet one another in gesture and word without physical contact.)

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### The Preparation of the Gifts

### Offertory Hymn #482 Come and Journey with a Saviour

(Tune: Beach Spring)

*Come and journey with a Saviour who has called us from our birth, who has washed us in the waters, and who loved us on the earth.*

*Refrain: Come and journey, come and journey with a Saviour who has come. We are all God's sons and daughters; in the Spirit we are one.*

*Come and journey, journey inward, come and seek him deep within, where he meets us in our living, in our striving and our sin. Refrain.*

*Come and journey, journey outward, telling others of his name, telling others of his glory, of his cross and of the shame. Refrain.*

*Come and journey, journey outward, where that cross calls us to care, where injustice and where hunger and the poor call us to share. Refrain.*

*Come and journey, journey upward. Sing his praises, offer prayer. In the storm and in the stillness find his presence everywhere. Refrain.*

*Come and journey, journey onward; all our gifts we now shall bring to the building of a city that is holy, Christ its King. Refrain.*



You may make an offering via the collection plate, by going to <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/27635?v1=true> or by e-transfer to [stjamesperth@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesperth@gmail.com). Thank you for donating to the ministry of St. James the Apostle Anglican Church!!

### Prayer over the Gifts

**Gracious God, you show us your way  
and give us your divine life. May everything we do  
be directed by the knowledge of your truth.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen  
Lord. Amen**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Priest:* We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,...Now with all creation we raise our voices 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.**

*Priest:* Holy and gracious God,  
accept our praise,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
who on the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
took bread and gave you thanks,  
saying, "Take, and eat:  
this is my body which is broken for you."  
In the same way he took the cup,  
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.  
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."  
Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we offer you this bread and this cup,  
giving thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit

upon the offering of your holy Church.  
Gather into one  
all who share in these sacred mysteries,  
filling them with the Holy Spirit  
and confirming their faith in the truth,  
that together we may praise you  
and give you glory  
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.  
All glory and honour are yours,  
Father and Son,  
with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church,  
now and for ever.  
People: **Amen.**

#### The Lord's Prayer (*newer version*)

*Priest:* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**All: Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in  
heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our  
sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from  
the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the  
kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and  
for ever. Amen**

#### *Silence*

#### The Breaking of the Bread

*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 Communion

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Agnus Dei

*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.**

## Communion

*All Baptised Christians are invited and encouraged to come to the Lord's Table to receive the bread and wine of communion. We will be offering the holy sacrament in both "kinds", sanitizing our hands before receiving the bread and the wine and afterward. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please indicate your desire to receive the sacrament by extending your hands in front of you and when the chalice is offered, touch only the base with your hands and guide it to and from your lips. Communicants may choose to receive both bread and wine or only the bread, or, come forward for a blessing. If you require a gluten free wafer, please inform Canon Ken of this when you arrive at the Altar Rail.*

## Communion Hymn #635 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

(Tune: Bridegroom)

*Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her  
flight, like the vigour of the wind's rush, like the new flame's  
eager might: come, Holy Spirit, come.*

*To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the vine, to  
the church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.*

*With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond  
compare: come, Holy Spirit, come.*

**#56 I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life** (Tune: Picket Wood)

*I am the bread, the bread of life; who comes to me will never hunger. I am the bread, the bread of heaven; who feeds on me will never die. And as you eat, remember me—my body broken on the tree: my life was given to set you free, and I'm alive forevermore.*

*I am the vine, the living vine; apart from me you can do nothing. I am the vine, the real vine; abide in me and I in you. And as you drink, remember me— my blood was shed upon the tree: my life was given to set you free, and I'm alive forevermore.*

*So eat this bread, and drink this wine, and as you do, receive this life of mine. All that I am, I give to you, that you may live forevermore.*

**#553 Ubi Caritas et Amor**

(Tune: Ubi Caritas)

*Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.*

*Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell with you.*

*Repeat*

Communion Anthem: As the Deer

Martin Lystrom Arr. Larson

Prayer after Communion

Priest: Let us pray.

**God of love,  
in this eucharist we have heard your truth  
and shared in your life.  
May we always walk in your way,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

## Doxology

*Priest:* Glory to God,

**All: 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.**

## Blessing

A word from the Rector

## Recessional Hymn #425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

(Tune: Hymn to Joy)

*Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays; stars and angels sing around thee, centre of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father and our Mother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

## Dismissal

*Priest:* Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord. Alleluia!

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude: Handel: Courante from Keyboard Suite in A Major

*Please join us for coffee hour in the GSH following the service.*

## Prayers this Week

We pray for our sisters and brothers in the land of the Holy One.

In our worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for our sisters and brothers in The Church of Bangladesh.

We pray for Justin of Canterbury, Linda our Primate, Anne our Metropolitan, Shane our Bishop, Kenneth our priest, for all who serve in our telephone ministry; for our wardens: Mary, Steve, David and Brenda, and all who lead and serve in this parish.

In our diocese of Ottawa family we pray for the staff of Ascension House, the members of St. Barnabas, Deep River with Archdeacon Patrick Stephens; members of the Licensed Lay Readers' Association and their warden, Canon Bob Albert; and for Liana Gallant and Karen McBride preparing for ordination.

We pray for all the members of our parish family; for all able to worship with us "in person" and for all who are worshipping with us remotely.

In the town of Perth we pray for all the retired priests and pastors.

We pray for Charles, our King, Princess Catherine and all the Royal Family, and for all in authority, for Justin our Prime Minister, Doug our Premier and Judy our Mayor.

We pray that God would prosper and guide the CHIP affordable housing initiative, with favourable response by town and county leaders and an open partnership with neighbours.

We pray for all who are in need of God's help & our care: Elaine, Cheryl, Dorothy, Shirley, Lauren, Sylvie, Roy, Jan & Peter, John and Hilary; The O'Neill family as they travel, and all others who are in our hearts today. We pray for peace in Haiti, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Iran, Syria, and Sudan, for the peace of Jerusalem, Palestine & Israel and for all those who are in danger or afraid. \*\*

We pray for the Peace and Rest of.... and all who died this past night.

We give thanks for the birthdays of Ruth and Greg Soucy.



Living God, we thank you that through the resurrection of Jesus our lives and ministries are transformed. Give us humble and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have made known to us. May we be bold in serving you and bringing your Good News to our communities. Help us to share of ourselves and our possessions with one another and especially with people in need. Amen.

*\*\*(This prayer list will be offered each Sunday and weekday. At the end of each month, names will be removed unless otherwise requested.) Please make use of the weekly red prayer binder for all other prayer requests. Please let us know about members on their birthdays.*

**Leaders in our Worship Today**

Altar Guild: Flora Cobus

Organist: Peter Woodwark

Pianist: Val Leavitt

Server and Crucifer: Casey Cerson

Readers: Alan Preston, Sandra Beacock

Prayers: Gill Davis

Chalice Bearers: Jackie Morris, Barb Yorke

Sidespeople: Noelle Reeve, Barrie Curtis, Laurel Price

Godly Play: N/A

Coffee: Al and Marion Schoots

Sound: Sean O'Malley

Camera and Editing: Samuel Davis

Duty Warden: David Kroetsch

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Ken Davis

Preacher: Liana Gallant

Honorary Assistants: The Ven. John Fowler,  
The Rev. Peggy Kuzmicz

Pastoral Assistant: Liana Gallant

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## Announcements

### **Readings for May 5<sup>th</sup> Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

### **This week at a glance**

**Daily prayer and scripture reading takes place Tuesday through Friday in the worship space at 9 a.m.**

Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 6-9 p.m.: Men of the Tay in the Nave

Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m.: Connections in GSH, MR, kitchen

Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.: Pastoral care meeting in AW room

Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m.: Men's fellowship group in MR

Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 8 p.m.: AA in the crypt

Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 9:30 a.m.: Ken and Liana in the Nave

Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 2 p.m.: PCCC service

Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 6-9 p.m.: Women of the Tay in the Nave

Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 9-1 p.m.: ConnectWell Good Food for Healthy Babies group: Annex, kitchen. CANCELLED

Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 7-9 p.m.: Choir rehearsal Nave and AW

Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 8 p.m.: AA in the Crypt

Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 8 p.m.: Al Anon in the MR

The next Parish Guild meeting is Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the MR.

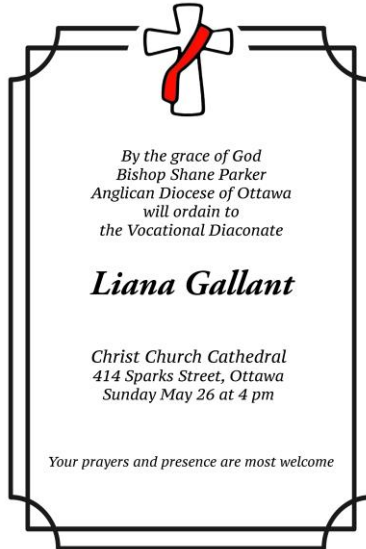
### **The Table Good Food Bank**

Next Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> (and the first Sunday of every month), please remember to bring your *healthy* food donations! We look for foods that are low fat, low sodium, minimally processed, limited packaging, and less than 5 ingredients on the label.



**THANK YOU:** The risers have risen to the balcony. Thank you to Steve, Felice, Ron, and Bob for taking care of this task

# Ordination



If anyone can offer a ride or needs a ride to the cathedral, please let Ken know.



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*You are warmly invited to join  
Canon Ken and the parishioners  
of St. James the Apostle Anglican  
Church when Liana serves as  
Deacon for the first time.*

*Sunday June 2, 2024  
10 am  
12 Harvey Street, Perth*

*Reception to follow.*

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**Volunteers Needed** – “Community Meal May 11th. Looking for help to prep, set up, serving, and clean up. Also looking for lemon poppy seed cakes. If you would like to help please contact Karla or Nick at [nkdibdin@gmail.com](mailto:nkdibdin@gmail.com) or 613-222-7506.”

*Down the Garden Path*  
*Plant Sale*

Annuals   Bulbs   Shrubs  
Perennials  
Vegetables   House Plants   Tubers

**St. James Anglican Church**  
54 Beckwith Street  
**INDOOR SALE**  
25th May 9:00 until 1:00

**"NEW TO YOU" SALE**

Tools: Every man needs more  
Toys: Almost free  
Yard Stuff: Best deals in town  
books: Great selections  
Clothing: Wow unbelievable  
Antiques: at bargain prices  
Bric a Brac: We're practically giving it away

Please drop off your items and plants on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the GSH. Sandi will be here between 9-1 p.m. to accept your plants. She asks if you can please label your plant and bring them in clean containers.