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## All Saints' Westboro



*An Eastern Phoebe at Mud Lake, Ottawa  
Photo by Christopher Dunn*

### **Third Sunday of Easter**

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**9:30 am**

**Zoom service that will also be recorded**

The Ven. Christopher Dunn  
The Rev. Simone Hurkmans  
The Rev. Deacon Dr. Jarrett Carty  
Music: Edith Troup  
Children and Youth: Julie Newlands

Officiant: Dear friends, as we gather virtually, we acknowledge with gratitude the land that has been inhabited and cared for by Indigenous peoples from the beginning, and, in particular, the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people. We also recognize the contributions that Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples have made in shaping and strengthening our communities.

**All: May we walk gently together on this land, seeking renewed relationship based on honour, respect, and peace.**

Officiant: We join with your people of all the ages to praise you.

**All: Glory be to God.**

Officiant: We join with the people of this faith community and faith communities near and far to worship you.

**All: Praise be to God.**

Officiant: We join with those who speak different languages and read other sacred scriptures to honour you.

**All: The One God is our God.**

Officiant: We join with all those who seek the ways of love—

**All: love that is beyond limits, beyond words, beyond time. This is our loving God.**

Officiant: 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.**

Officiant: Wounded God, disabled and divine:

**All: give us faith to perceive you pierced and embodied, standing here among us feeding us forgiveness, beautifully broken; through Christ, the suffering servant. Amen.**

## **The First Reading is from Acts (3:12-19)**

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 4**

One: Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;

**All: you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**

One: "You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory;

**All: how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"**

One: Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful

**All: and will hear me when I call.**

One: Tremble, then, and do not sin;

**All: speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

One: Offer the appointed sacrifices

**All: and put your trust in the Lord.**

One: Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!”

**All: Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.**

One: You have put gladness in my heart,

**All: more than when grain and wine and oil increase.**

One: I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;

**All: for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

### **The Second Reading is from 1 John (3:1-7)**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness #397**

Praise the one who break the darkness  
with a liberating light.

Praise the one who frees the prisoners,  
turning blindness into sight.

Praise the one who preached the gospel,  
healing every dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands  
with the very bread of peace.

Praise the one who blessed the children  
with a strong yet gentle word.

Praise the one who drove out demons  
with a piercing two-edged sword.

Praise the one who brings cool water  
to the desert's burning sand.  
From this well comes living water,  
quenching thirst in every land.

Praise the one true love incarnate:  
Christ who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose for many  
that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory,  
praise the One who makes us one.

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according  
to Luke (24:36b-48)

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

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Jesus said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when Jesus had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, Jesus said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and Jesus took it and ate in their presence. Then Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then Jesus opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily: Dr. Patricia Bays

Officiant: Let us make an affirmation of faith. We believe in God:

**All: who befriended a wandering people, calling them from slavery into freedom; yet who in Rahab, Tamar, Ruth, Bathsheba, Cyrus, Darius and many others called outsiders to be agents of God's purpose.**

Officiant: We believe in Jesus,

**All: who was revered by Persian sages, sought and found asylum in Egypt, preached the love of God to Syrians, attracted Greeks to his cause, found his first evangelist in a Samaritan, saw incomparable faith in a Roman, had his cross shouldered by a Libyan, and ascended above his native land that he might be present in all places.**

Officiant: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

**All: who at Pentecost proved that heaven has no favoured mother-tongue; who, in the baptism of an Ethiopian, denied racism a foothold in faith; and who, in the ancient and modern worlds, founded churches in different cultures.**

Officiant: We believe that God is supremely known in Jesus.

**All: Yet we affirm that God is present among people who do not own Christ as their Lord.**

Officiant: We believe that the kingdom of God is bigger than the Church, and that the love of God is beyond our understanding.

**All: Therefore, we celebrate that God's ways are not our ways, that God knows whom God chooses, and reserves the right to surpass all human expectation.**

Prayers of the People

*(prepared by Patricia Fox)*

One: Holy One, the risen Christ opened the minds of the disciples to understand the Scriptures, and gave them power through the Holy Spirit to walk boldly in this world; so, we come before you now in his name to pray for the needs of the world, saying, hear us, O God,

**All: your mercy is great.**

One: Wounded God, as Christ Jesus showed his wounded hands and feet to the terrified apostles, reveal to your church, and to all people of prayer, the wounds of our neighbours and the fears of individuals and families; give wisdom, courage, and faith to all those who seek to minister to the needs of others. Hear us, O God,

**All: your mercy is great.**

One: We pray for all who are called to serve you in your church in every land. In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray for Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; and Shane, our Bishop. In our own community, we thank you for Chris, Simone, and Jarrett, our clergy, and Brian, pastor of First United. We pray that you will sustain and bless them, and all those who share in their ministry, as they continue to seek and find new ways to lead and support your people in their faith journey during these difficult times. Hear us, O God,

**All: your mercy is great.**

One: Prince of Peace, we pray for peace in our troubled world: peace among the nations, peace throughout communities, peace within families, and peace in our hearts as we continue to live with the limitations and anxieties of the pandemic. We pray especially for all those in positions of authority, for all medical personnel who are faced with the overwhelming needs of so many, and for all essential workers in our society. Hear us, O God,

**All: your mercy is great.**

One: Healer of our every ill, we pray for all who are in need; for refugees, the homeless, the hungry, the lonely, and those who have lost their livelihoods because of the pandemic. We pray especially for those who have asked for our prayers:

**All:** **Betty-Joan** (Hagerman); **Cheryl** (McTeer); **Brayden** (Turtle); **Michele** (Pollesel); **Carran** (Taylor); **Nancy** (Irvine); **Randy** (Brown); **Charlie** (Cuffari); **Barbara** (Hill); **Ernest** (Betancourt); **David** (Nador); **Bart** (Beglo); **Dan** (Gates); **Steve** (Jodoin); **Meghan** (Case); **Tony** (Fisher); **Chris** (Livers); **Nic** (Chop); **Helen** (Miller)

One: and those whom we name silently or aloud. . . . Hear us, O God,

**All:** **your mercy is great.**

One: You command us to bring to you our deepest desires, O God; and we pray now for all those people and concerns that lie on our hearts, also remembering all those who have died, especially those whom we name silently and aloud . . . and those who mourn them. Hear us, O God,

**All:** **your mercy is great.**

One: Trusting in your abundant mercy, O God, we commend into your care ourselves and all for whom we pray. Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord, for it is only you who makes us dwell in safety. We ask all these things in the name of Jesus the Christ, our Risen Lord.

**All:** **Amen.**

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour, 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, 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 Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

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

**All: And also with you.**

**Hymn: Lord of the Dance**

**Red Hymnal #106**

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun;  
and I came down from heaven  
and I danced on the earth—at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Refrain:*

Dance then wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he;  
I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
I will lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
They came with me and the dance went on. *Refrain*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
the holy people said it was a shame;  
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
And they left me there on a cross to die. *Refrain*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black—  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone—  
but I am the dance and I still go on. *Refrain*

They cut me down and I leapt up high:  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me—  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

*Refrain*

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we say,

**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.**

Officiant: 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.**

Officiant: In the presence of the risen Christ, we will be joyfully surprised.

**All: Disillusion will become hope, fear will end and there will be reassurance,**

Officiant: uncertainty will be replaced by confidence,

**All: loneliness will shrivel up in the face of friendship, integrity will overcome injustice,**

Officiant: sorrow will fall away as patient support takes its place,

**All: and we will know and welcome the risen Christ.**

Officiant: And the blessing . . . .

### *Announcements*

Officiant: Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

### **Readings for Next Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23;

1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

Please pray this week for

- all those worshipping and ministering at
  - Good Shepherd, Barrhaven;
  - St. George's, Clayton; and
  - St. Peter's Church, Birzeit, West Bank—in our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem and The Middle East;
- those in our pastoral care: Grace Clarke-Wilker, Laurie Hunter, and Pamela Cloughton; and
- St. Matthias Community Meals.

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

Readers: Sally Lees, Eric Bays

Intercessor: Patricia Fox

*Credits:*

*Opening and closing prayers from Responsive Prayers: For Every Week of the Church Year, David Sparks, Year B*

*Collect from Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

*Readings from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.*

*Psalm reprinted from A Liturgical Psalter, General Synod 2016 edition, the psalter of the Book of Alternative Services emended for contemporary liturgical use*

*Liturgical texts from The Book of Alternative Services*

*Affirmation of faith from A Wee Worship Book*

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*April flowers—The Keukenhof, Lisse, the Netherlands  
Photo by Helen Norman*

# Saints Alive!

Weekly News from All Saints' Westboro

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## This Week

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Monday	10:00 am to 1:00 pm		Food Bank
Tuesday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	7:00 pm	Parish Council	Zoom
Thursday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	5:00 to 7:00 pm		Food Bank
	7:00 pm	Theophany Project	Zoom
Friday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom

## Upcoming Events

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### Morning Prayer

#### **Tuesday to Friday (until Pentecost), at 9:00 am, via Zoom**

Join Simone for Morning Prayer and start your day off right! Due to the popularity of Morning Prayer during Lent, these sessions will continue until Pentecost (Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>). The Zoom link is the same as for the Lenten sessions, and Chris will continue sending the link in his emails.

### Theophany Project

#### **Thursdays, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm, via Zoom**

On Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, join us for the third of the final four sessions of the very popular Theophany Project: "Experiences of God's Presence in Scripture." Begun in December of 2019, this is an opportunity to examine texts in depth.

As we explore the scriptures we will also engage with art, music, poetry, and prayer. Led by John Wilker-Blakley and Linda Privitera, the sessions will be broadcast over Zoom; so watch Chris's emails for more information and the Zoom link. "There are many ways that God makes God's self known."