



**Holy Eucharist Service**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 5, 2024**

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All Songs – CCLI #3172991

## HOLY EUCHARIST – 2:30 pm

### **Celebrant – The Rev. Malcolm Kern**

I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. *John 15.15*

### **The Gathering of the Community:**

*Minister:* Alleluia! Christ 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.**

**Collect for Purity:** Almighty God, 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.

### **Opening Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

words: Joseph M. Scriven  
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music: Charles C. Converse  
CCLI # 27714

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

**Collect of the Day:** God of abiding love, you dare to call us friends. Take our fragmented hearts, command them to love, and make whole our joy, which is our life, reborn in Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for us and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word of God –**

### **A Reading from the Book of Acts (Acts 10:44-48)**

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

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

### **Psalm 98**

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.

**With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.**

The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

**Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.**

Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.

**In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.**

## A Reading from the First Letter of John (1 John 5:1-6)

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

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

## Song of Response: Trust and Obey

words: John H. Sammis

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music: Daniel B. Towner

CCLI Song # 22094

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,  
what a glory he sheds on our way!

While we do his good will, he abides with us still,  
and with all who will trust and obey.

*Refrain:*

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
but our toil he doth richly repay;  
not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross,  
but is blest if we trust and obey. *[Refrain]*

But we never can prove the delights of his love  
until all on the altar we lay;  
for the favor he shows and the joy he bestows  
are for them who will trust and obey. *[Refrain]*

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,  
or we'll walk by his side in the way;  
what he says we will do, where he sends we will go -  
never fear, only trust and obey. *[Refrain]*

## **The Holy Gospel** – *remain standing*

*Gospeller:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Gospeller:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
(*John 15:9-17*)

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

*Gospeller:* The Gospel of Christ

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

**The Sermon:** (*all sit*)

## **The Affirmation of Faith:** (Apostles' Creed)

Let us confess together the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession:**

Sisters and brothers, as those who follow the Risen Christ, let us pray for our needs and the needs of people everywhere. (Silence is kept)

Holy God, as your children, we have been appointed to bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that you may be glorified in granting our requests. Guide your church in the path of discipleship, so that, as you have blessed us, we may

be a blessing for others, bringing the promise of the kingdom near through our words and deeds. We ask this for your entire church throughout the world, including all those churches who gather together in and around Strathmore, especially the Strathmore Alliance Church, along with all the Christian churches in South America, and in our Worldwide Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil; our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands; the Diocese of Niagara; and in our own Diocese, we ask for your presence with our Archbishop, Greg; with the Administration and Finance Committee; and with the people of the parish of Christ Church, Elbow Park, along with their clergy, Brandon Witwer, Adam Bedford, C. McPhail Jones, and Robert T. Pynn.

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for peace in our troubled world. Wherever nations are at war and people are hostile toward each other we pray for true reconciliation. Protect all Christian people in the nations of the world, and help them to influence their country for the good of all.

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

Father God, we pray for all families whose homes are disrupted by anger and bitterness and where relationships are breaking up. We thank you for the gift of your Son, our saviour, who walks with us on our life's journey and, as he gladdened the hearts of his friends when they saw him raised from the dead, may he travel alongside all who are struggling.

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, comfort the sick and suffering with your living presence. Heal and strengthen weak bodies, calm confused minds and reassure the lonely with your company. We raise before you those we know with particular needs we have been asked to pray for. *(Leave time for names to be voiced).*

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

We remember before you those who have died in the hope of the resurrection. Unite us with them in your undying love. Help us to always remember that death could not hold your Son Jesus Christ and that new life for him means new life for all who believe in Him.

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, for the sake of your own glory, grant that we may abide in Christ's risen life and so be the true friend so Jesus, bearing the lasting fruit of love for one another and knowing the fullness of joy. **Amen**

**Confession and Absolution:** Dear friends in Christ, in baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life. Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith (*Silence is kept*)

Most merciful God, **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.**

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. **Amen.**

**The Peace** (*please stand*)

*Presider:* The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

## Preparing the Table: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

words: Elisha A. Hoffman

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music: A. J. Showalter

CCLI Song # 31779

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain:*

*Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. *[Refrain]*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. *[Refrain]*

## The Celebration of the Eucharist:

### Prayer Over the Gifts:

God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**



## The Great Thanksgiving

*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.**

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 raise our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.**

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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."

Father, we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption. **Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.**

Father, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this table may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your name. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer:**

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

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread:**

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

**Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Communion Reflection: Friend of God**

words and music: Israel Houghton / Michael Gungor,

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*performed by Phillips, Craig and Dean*

Who am I that You are mindful of me,  
That You hear me when I call?  
Is it true that You are thinking of me?  
How You love me; it's amazing!

I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God.  
I am a friend of God; He calls me friend.

God Almighty, Lord of Glory,  
You have called me friend.

## **Prayer After Communion:**

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

**Glory to God, 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 and Announcements:**

### **Song of Sending: Here I Am, Lord**

words and music: Daniel L. Schutte, © 1981, OCP Publications

*performed by Collin Raye*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Chorus:*

*Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?*

*I have heard You calling in the night.*

*I will go, Lord, if You lead me.*

*I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? *[Chorus]*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? *[Chorus]*

**Dismissal:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today:** Coffee following the service.

**Weds.:** 10:00 am Prayer Group and Morning Prayer

**Sunday:** 2:30 pm Worship here at St. Michael & All Angels  
Baby Bottle Campaign begins

**May 14-16:** Clergy conference in Waterton

**May 19:** 2:00 pm Worship at Wheatland Lodge for Pentecost Sunday

**May 26:** 2:30 pm Worship here at St. Michael & All Angels  
Palliser Deanery Clergy exchange Sunday