St. Hilda's Anglican Church, Fairbank

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

(Ascension Sunday)

Holy Eucharist

May 16, 2021

10:30am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil

(Bishop of Toronto)

Priest-in-Charge: Fr. Kenute Francis

Honorary Assistant: Fr. David Bryan Hoopes, OHC

Organist: William "Bill" Khan

Trumpeter: Jan Morgan

On Duty Today:

Reader: Suriya Hamilton **Reader & Intercessor:** Andrea Greenidge

Tech Team- William Greenidge

Matthew Harris

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of St. Hilda's Church is to be Christ-centered in our life and worship, to serve lovingly those within our family and others within our reach that the spirit of God might empower us for worship, and pastoral care.

The Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE: Hallelujah

Tune: LEONARD COHEN'S HALLELUJAH

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, you are the ground of our being and the river of life. You are everything to us and we praise you.
Unite us in worship and purpose. Help us to put aside old wounds and fears, and bask in your eternal love and faithfulness.
Let our gratitude be great, our praise be plentiful, our worship be wonderful! Through Christ Jesus our Risen and Ascended Lord.

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL: Crown Him with many Crowns

Text: Matthew Bridges; Music: George Elvey; Tune: DIADEMATA

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon the throne: hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died to be your Saviour and your matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love, who shows his hands and side those wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified.

No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Source, the End of time, Creator of the rolling spheres in majesty sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail, for you have died for me; your praise shall never, never fail through all eternity!

WELCOME: Fr. Kenute

THE GREETING

~ written by Joanna Harader (2011) and posted on Spacious Faith. https://spaciousfaith.com/2011/02/02/wednesday-worship-pieces-3/

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you. May he fill our hearts with joy.

From comfortable pews, from tricycle seats, from easy chairs in front of TVs:

God gathers us in

To give us the words to proclaim the gospel. At kitchen sinks, at laptops and blackboards, at nursing stations: Christ calls us to share

In serving all creation.
In communities gathered to pray,
in memories of those who served,
The Holy Spirit fills us with God's joy.

The Lord is risen, ascended and glorified!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
He is risen indeed!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE 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.

INTROIT: Lord I Lift your Name on High

Text & Music: Rick Founds; Tune: LORD I LIFT YOUR NAME

Lord I lift Your name on high Lord I love to sing Your praises I'm so glad You're in my life I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 (Suriya Hamilton) [Matthias chosen to replace Judas]

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said,
"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us--one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection."

So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.

Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSIVE READING: **Psalm 1** (Winston Coombes)

[The Psalmist declares that God watches over the righteous]

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning is now, and will be for ever. Amen

THE SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13 (Andrea Greenidge)

[An exploration of God's testimony of eternal life for all people]

A Reading from the First Letter of John

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son.

Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE GRADUAL: Rejoice the Lord is King

Text: Charles Wesley; Music: John Darwall; Tune: Darwall

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains
He took His seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and Heav'n,
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 17:6-19

[Our King and Saviour intercedes for his followers]

The Lord be with you And also with you

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

THE SERMON: The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

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.

Intercession (Andrea Greenidge)

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Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

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Holy God,
you call us to be your fruit-bearing church in Christ Jesus,
in whose joy the church is made complete.
Strengthen the bonds among churches.
Root us in your Word and unify us as Christ's body.
In the Anglican cycle we pray for the Anglican Church of Korea.
In the Diocesan cycle for the North Peel Deanery.
We pray for Justin, Canterbury; Linda, Canada; Andrew, Toronto;
for Kevin and Riscyla and all bishops, for Kenute and David,
for all priests, deacons and all the people of God.

Send us into the world as your loving people, ready to testify to your Spirit at work.

Hear us, O God.

For your mercy is great.

Mighty God,

the world is your handiwork, displaying your creative impulse. The earth praises you, the seas teem with life, forests reach up to magnify you, and the mystery of life lies deep in the soil. We pray for the people of India battling with ravaging effects of the Covid19 pandemic and the people of St Vincent and the Grenadines dealing with the effects of volcano. Guard and keep this world for the well-being of all your creatures. Hear us, O God.

For your mercy is great.

Faithful Saviour,

you conquer the world, not with weapons but with undying love. You promise that those who follow your ways are like trees planted by streams of water. Plant your word in the hearts of the leaders of nations and localities and give them your Spirit, so that the peoples of the world may live in peace. Herein we remember Justin our prime Minister, Doug our Premier, John our Mayor and all who serve in municipal, provincial and federal governments.

Hear us, O God.

For your mercy is great.

Caring Healer,

you forget no one and accompany the sick, suffering, poor, lonely, outcast. Be present with those who are sick or suffering, especially, Petrona Levy, Gilda Davis, Ruth Andrews, Don Krasnovich, Doraline Alexander, Helen Hancock, Mark Hancock, Gloria and Ancille Parsons, Pablo Velasquez, Barbara Gordon, Hyacinth Brooks, Mary Engels, Hermon Lobban, Wilton Holas, Len Green, Marcia Sealy, Geane Goodman, Sophia Goodman, Jeffrey Legair, Hubert Adlam, Anthony Black, Amanda Blackman, Jasoda Sugrim and Allison Turner. Remember all those infected by the Covid19 virus.

Grant healing and love to all in need.

Give them tangible signs of your steadfast love.

Hear us, O God.

For your mercy is great.

Creator God,

You know us better than we know ourselves.

You know what is in our hearts and what is in our best interests.

If it comports with Your will, grant us the desires we raise to You now and those which we keep in our hearts.

Here in this community we share the gift of praying, learning, and supporting one another.

Give us thankful hearts as we claim the gifts that are unique to us and keep us from being envious of others with different gifts. Hear us, O God.

For your mercy is great.

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Saving God,

your wonderful promise is the gift of eternal life in Jesus.

Through the witness of those who have died in you, strengthen us now in this gift of life.

We cherish the memory of your saints who died this year, especially Norma Elcock, Joyce Myers and Lucille Calder. Hear us, O God.

For your mercy is great.

Make holy all for which we pray the poor, the infirm, the church, the world for holiness and wholeness come from you.
Receive these prayers both spoken and unspoken
as we trust in your never-ending goodness and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins God is faithful and just to forgive us of all our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us therefore confess our sins,

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY: Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

Text: George H. Bourne; Tune: ST. OSMOND

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour, first begotten from the dead, thou alone, our strong defender, liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Jesus, true and living bread!

Paschal Lamb, thine offering finished once for all when thou wast slain, in its fullness undiminished shall forevermore remain, Alleluia! Alleluia! cleansing souls from every stain.

Life imparting heavenly manna, stricken rock with streaming side, heaven and earth with loud hosanna worship thee, the Lamb who died. Alleluia! Alleluia! risen, ascended, glorified!

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Source of all joy, receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Keep us in the love of Christ and bring us to the vision of his glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.Page **13** of **21**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

(Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 3)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name,

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.

We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray,

a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE 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 AGNUS DEI

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 INVITATION

The gifts of God for the People of God Thanks be to God.

DURING COMMUNION Our God Reigns

Text & Music: Leonard E. Smith Jnr; Tune: OUR GOD REIGNS

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him Who brings good news, good news Announcing peace, proclaiming News of happiness. Our God reigns; our God reigns!

Our God reigns! Our God reigns! Our God reigns! Our God reigns!

He had no stately form; He had no majesty, That we should be drawn to Him. He was despised, and we took no account of Him, Yet now He reigns With the Most High. *[chorus]*

Out of the tomb He came with grace and majesty; He is alive, He is alive. God loves us so see here His hands, His feet, His side. Yes, we know! He is alive! *[chorus]*

ABLUTION

Bind Us Together Lord

Text & Music: Bob Gillman; Tune: BIND US TOGETHER

Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together, Bind us together with love.

There is only one God,
There is only one King;
There is only one Body,
That is why we sing: *(refrain)*

Made for the glory of God,
Purchased by His precious Son;
Born with the right to be clean,
For Jesus the victory has won. *(refrain)*

You are the family of God, You are the promise divine; You are God's chosen desire, You are the glorious new wine. *(refrain)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God,

may we who share Christ's banquet be one with him as he is one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended Lord.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

As you go your separate ways,

May the God the crucified, risen and ascended Christ, bless to you,
every thought you weigh
every word you say
every prayer you pray.

May God bless through you
every path you take
every gesture of love you make
every hope you awake.

and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

RECESSIONAL All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

Text: Edward Perronet; **Music:** Oliver Holden & James Ellor; **Tune:** Coronation & Diadem

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall, Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball, To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!

POSTLUDE: SIYAHAMBA (We are Marching in the Light of God)

South African Traditional

WELCOME

We welcome all who have joined us for worship – whether you are present in church to help with airing the service, or you have joined us now on line or will watch us later. Special welcome:

- ✓ to our Bishop the Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil. It's a joy to have him share in our worship and visit with our parish.
- ✓ to our trumpeter Jan Morgan.

We are happy you are here and pray that our offerings of worship and service will be a blessing to you. Please let us know how best we can serve you.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- Today, 12noon Kids for Jesus (K4J) (Facebook page, website & YouTube)
- Tuesday, May 18, 12noon Bite & Sip Mid-Day devotion: (Facebook live St. Hilda's Fairbank Anglican Church)
- Wednesday, May 19, 7:30pm Compline (on Zoom you can join via the website) Reading for reflection Luke 10:17-24
- Thursday May 20, 12noon Bite & Sip Mid-Day devotion (Facebook live St Hilda's Fairbank Anglican Church)

NOTICES

- Monday, May 24, 7pm Bible Study Via Zoom (Luke 18:15-43) Please see zoom information below for joining. Meeting ID 834 5394 5753; Passcode 569873 Call: 1647-374-4685 or 1647 -558-0588 or go to our website and click on the link.
- Stay at Home orders: The Government of Ontario requires the Province and therefore the Diocese of Toronto in its entirety to abide by a "stay-at-home" order. As a Church, we are committed to doing our part to support efforts to contain and combat this insidious disease and the spread of the pandemic. Effective Monday, April 19 our churches are limited to 10 people present for all worship services, indoors or outdoors. Until otherwise directed access to our church buildings is limited primarily for the provision of livestreaming worship services, to a maximum of 10 people present.

Guidelines are still in effect, including mask wearing and physical distancing. Please also remember that we offer online worship on Sundays. Please be safe.

• Offerings: can be mailed in to the church, or parishioners can use the drop box at the church on Saturdays and Sundays 10am-12noon or better yet we are invited and encourage to sign up for PAR Pre- Authorised Remittance. Please speak with Richard Morris.

ST. VINCENT APPEAL!

We are accepting donations to assist the people of St. Vincent. You can make your donations through St. Hilda's and mark the envelop "St. Vincent Appeal".

• York- Fairbank Centre for Seniors: is working with St. Hilda's Anglican Church, British Methodist Episcopal Church, York-West Active Living Centre, local City of Toronto Councillors, City of Toronto Departmental Staff and other community agencies and organizations, in outreaching to vulnerable older adults, disabled adults and seniors, providing assistance in the vaccine roll-out plan. We are in the process of working with local agencies, Humber River Hospital and City of Toronto Public Health Unit Staff in a possible vaccination clinic at our location or at any of our surrounding accessible venues.

If you require additional information on COVID-19 vaccines, Ontario's vaccine roll-out plan, public health measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 or would like to discuss your vaccine hesitancy, please feel free to call us at 416-651-8300. If you are having problems navigating the on-line booking system, please make an appointment with our office. We would be happy to book your appointment at any of the present hospital vaccination sites, offer translation and interpretation services and offer transportation to and from your scheduled vaccination appointment booked through our office.

York Fairbank Community for Seniors Staff and volunteers are here to support and assist in building local community capacity to promote COVID-19 immunization and increase vaccine confidence. They will also be making routine follow-up phone calls to ensure that information letters have been received, and if any assistance is needed through our office.

You are also welcome, to contact them at 416-651-8300 or yorkfairbank@on.aibn.com and discuss your concerns or comments on Vaccinations.

Readings for Next Sunday, May 23 – The Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday)

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104: 25–35, 37b Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15