

An Order of Service for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Prelude Music:* If Ye Love Me, set to music by Thomas Tallis,  
*sung by the Rector*

**Opening Hymn:** Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (Tune: HYFRYDOL)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone;  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes, nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er  
shall our hearts forget his promise, 'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Thou on earth our Food, our Stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

*(the recording of this verse has 4 part harmony – all sung by the Rector)*

Alleluia! King Eternal, Thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth thy footstool, Heaven thy throne:  
Thou within the veil hast entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim In the Eucharistic Feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone;  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*Presider:* In the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*People:* Amen.

*Presider:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People:*       **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
*Presider:*     May his grace and peace be with you.  
*People:*       **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

*Presider:*     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.

*Presider:*     Glory to God in the highest,  
*All:*            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.

*Presider:*     Let us pray.

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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:*   *1 John 5: 7-21*

*Reader:*            A reading from the first letter of John.

*Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his*

*commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.*

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

*The Psalm of the Day - Psalm 98:1-4*



The Lord has shown his sal - va - tion to all the na - tions.

*Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.*

*His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.*

*The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations.*

*He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.*

*All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

*Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.*

**Gospel Reading:** *John 15:9-17*

**Reader:** The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

*Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. 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. You did not choose me but*

*I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."*

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

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

*Sermon:* The Reverend Father Matt Koovisk  
*Rector*

### *The Apostles' Creed*

*Presider:* Let us confess 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 the Faithful*

*Assistant:* Knowing God's love and affection for us, let us pray to him now.

In our prayers this day, we pray for the Church, remembering our brothers and sisters in the Anglican Communion: we pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin, and for the Anglican Church of Kenya. We also remember our own Primate, Linda, Greg, our Metropolitan, as well as the Rt. Rev'd Susan Bell, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Niagara.

We also remember our brothers and sisters in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, remembering their National Bishop,

Susan, the Bishop of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod, Jason, and the dean, council, and congregations of the Winnipeg Central and North Areas of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod.

We remember our own diocesan family, praying for William, our Bishop, Larry, the Assisting Bishop, and Pelly Plains Parish: Rector: Chris Pilon; Priest Assistants: Lorraine Bonnell (Garfield); Elaine Dixon (Cameron); with Christ Church, Russell; St. Matthew's, Binscarth; Christ Church, Roblin; St. George's, Birtle; St. James and St. Stephen, Solsgirth; and St. Paul's, Shoal Lake. We also remember our own churches of St. Mary's, Virden; St. Mark's, Elkhorn; St. John's, Reston; and Christ Church, Melita; praying especially for Matt and Anna, our priests, and Jacob, our seminarian.

Father, wherever there is friction and conflict in the Church, and communities are divided and weakened; give us a greater longing for your healing and a deeper commitment to forgiving love.

*Lord, in your mercy:*

*People:* **hear our prayer.**

*Assistant:* Father, wherever tangled political situations seem impossible to solve, wherever conflicted interests threaten peace; wherever the ears of the powerful remain insulated against the cries of the oppressed; give us ears to hear your guidance. *Lord, in your mercy:*

*People:* **hear our prayer.**

*Assistant:* Father, wherever families are dysfunctional or children are in danger; wherever the daily living conditions are damaging to health and self-respect; let your kingdom come. *Lord, in your mercy:*

*People:* **hear our prayer.**

*Assistant:* Father, wherever the ill and injured need comfort and assistance; wherever the elderly and housebound sit each day for hours alone; may we bring your love and help. *Lord, in your mercy:*

*People:* **hear our prayer.**

*Assistant:* Father, wherever people are travelling that last journey of death, may they be surrounded by your love and welcomed into your heaven, and may those who mourn be comforted.

*Lord, in your mercy:*

*People:* **hear our prayer.**

*Assistant:* Father, wherever the beauty of creation reflects your love, may our hearts be lifted to you in thanks and praise.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers, both those spoken and those deep in our hearts for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

### *Confession and Absolution*

*Presider:* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider:* 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.**

*Presider:* 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.**

### *The Peace*

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

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

**Music During the Preparation of the Altar: I Come With Joy**

*(Tune: LAND OF REST)*

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

##### *Prayer over the Gifts*

*Presider:* 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.**

##### *Eucharistic Prayer (from the Episcopal Church in Scotland)*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*Presider:* Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life. Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light. Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath

is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love. As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

*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.**

*Presider:* Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever. Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: **"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."**

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: **"Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."**

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves a single, holy living sacrifice. Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom. Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow

together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

*People:* Amen.

### *The Lord's Prayer*

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



1 Our Fa - ther in heav - en, we hal - low your Name! Most  
2 Our dai - ly bread give us, ful - fil ev - ery need; grant  
3 Then, from all temp - ta - tion, come lead us a - way; from

ho - ly and glo - ri - ous, ev - er the same! Es -  
food for both spir - it and bod - y, we plead. As  
on - slaught of e - vil, de - liv - er, we pray! For

tab - lish your king - dom, your pur - pose ful - fill. On  
we for - give oth - ers, our debts please for - give; with  
yours is the king - dom, the glo - ry and power in

earth as in heav - en, may all do your will!  
all re - con - ciled and at peace may we live.  
past and in fu - ture, this day and this hour!

### *The Breaking of the Bread*

*Presider:* Lord, we died with you on the cross.

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

*Presider:* We were buried in your tomb.



## THE BLESSING

*Presider:* May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God almighty: the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Announcements, ending with the Closing Hymn: What A Friend We Have in Jesus**

*(Tune: CONVERSE)*

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.

*Presider:* Alleluia! This service has ended, and our service has just begun. Let us go to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Postlude Music: Christ Be Magnified, *by Cody Carnes*

### **Service Participants**

*Presider & Preacher:* The Rev'd Fr. Matt Koovisk  
*Assisting Priest:* The Rev'd Anna Sproule  
*1<sup>st</sup> Reading:* Pat Forbes  
*Intercessions:* Pat Rutherford  
*Responses:* Lt Jacob Friesen

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