



St. George's Anglican Church

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The Ascension Day

being the **Fortieth Day after Easter**

sometimes called **Holy Thursday**

May 18, 2023



The Ascension of Christ. (c. 1510-1520). Adriaen van Overbeke (-1529). Oil on panel.

Welcome!

Who are we? In response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Parish of Saint George offers a unique combination of traditional Anglican worship and a commitment to Inner-City Ministry. Open to the community that surrounds it, Saint George's dares to be shaped by the Inner City, yet seeks to transform our neighbourhood by preaching, in Word and action, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Come join us in worship, fellowship and outreach ministry.

7 pm Choral Holy Communion

Celebrant: Father Nicholas Hatt, Rector

Preacher: Ben MacDonald

Mass setting: Missa Octavi toni– Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

Creed & Gloria: John Merbecke (1510-1585)

Processional Hymn 174 HAIL the day that sees him rise

Llanfair

The Introit Psalm 47: 1-7

tone VIII.2



O CLAP YOUR hands together, all ye *peo*-ples; /

O sing unto God with the *voice* of me-lo[^]dy.

For the Lord Most High is to be *fear*-èd; /

he is a great King o-ver all the[^]earth.

He subdued the peoples *un*-der us, / and the nations *un*-der our feet.

He chose our heritage for us, /

even the glorious land of Jacob, *whom* he lov-èd.

God is gone up with a merry *noise*, / the Lord with the sound of the trum-pet.

O sing praises, sing praises unto our *God*; /

O sing praises, sing praises *un*-to our King.

For God is the King of all the *earth*: / sing ye praises with *un*-der-stand-ing.

Glory be to the Father, and to the *Son*, / and to the Ho-ly[^]Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever *shall* be, / **world with-out end. A-men.**

Please kneel

The Lord's Prayer and Collect for Purity

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The Summary of the Law

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The Kyrie

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Kyrie eleison,

Lord have mercy upon us,

Christe eleison,

Christ have mercy upon us,

Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy upon us.

The Collect

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Please sit

The Epistle (Acts 1:1)

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Please stand

The Gradual Psalm 68:17-20

tone V.3



THE CHAR-IOTS of God are ten thousands, yea, even thousands upon *thou*-sands; /
and the Lord is among them, as in the holy place of Si-nai.

**Thou art gone up on high, thou hast led captivity captive,
and received gifts among men, /
yea, even among the rebellious, that the Lord God might dwell with^them.**

Blessèd be the Lord, who daily beareth our *bur*-den, /
even the God who *is* our sal-va^tion.

**He is our God, even the God of whom cometh de-liv-er^ance; /
and God is the Lord by whom *we* es-cape death.**

The Holy Gospel (St Mark 16:14)

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The Paschal candle is extinguished and moved to the font, where it will remain until Maundy Thursday. The Paschal candle, lighted and in the sanctuary, has represented for us the presence of the Risen Lord among the disciples for the forty days after His Resurrection. The extinguishing of the candle and its removal from the sanctuary represents the departure of the bodily presence of our Lord on the day of the Ascension. For the 10 days between the Ascension and Pentecost, the ready-to-be-born Church awaited the coming of the Comforter, the Holy Spirit.

The Sermon

Ben MacDonald

Offertory Hymn 367 CROWN him with many crowns

Diademata

After the biddings, please kneel

The Prayer of Intercession & Invitation to Confession

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The Confession

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The Absolution, Comfortable Words, & Thanksgiving

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The Sanctus and Benedictus

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Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of

the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration & Pax

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The Prayer of Humble Access

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The Agnus Dei

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*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis. (bis).*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us. (*repeat*).

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Holy Communion

The Anglican Church of Canada welcomes communicant members of all Churches who have been baptized with water in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, to receive Holy Communion in faith, hope and charity. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to come to the altar rail to receive a blessing. To indicate that you wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest when you come to the altar rail.

Communion Motet O Rex Gloriam– G. P. da Palestrina (1525-1594)

*O Rex gloriae, Domine virtutum,
qui triumphator hodie super omnes coelos
ascendisti;
ne derelinquas nos orphanos,
sed mitte promissum Patris in nos,
spiritum veritatis.
Alleluia.*

O King of glory, Lord of all power,
Who ascended to heaven on this day
triumphant over all;
Do not leave us as orphans,
But send us the Father's promise,
The spirit of truth.
Alleluia.

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The Gloria in Excelsis p. 86

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 392 REJOICE, the LORD is King Darwall

Voluntary Praeludium in D, BWV 532 – J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please join us at the back of the church for a small reception.

About this evening's preacher:

Dr Ben MacDonald recently (and very successfully!) defended his doctoral degree in theology at Wycliffe College, under the supervision of Dr Ephraim Radner, a noted Anglican scholar, priest, and theologian. Ben is a gifted speaker and preacher who has worshiped often with us at St George's during the past year. More recently, he has served as Director of Youth Ministries at Deep Water Church in Halifax. His doctoral dissertation was on the theological concept of kenosis. Not sure what that is? Ask him after today's service!