



# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

*2nd Sunday of Easter*

*April 11, 2021*

*The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit  
calls us  
together as the  
people of God.*

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We wish to acknowledge this land on which St. Philip's Lutheran Church is located. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. We are grateful to have the opportunity to meet, worship, and serve on this land.

### WELCOME

### PRAYER

### PRELUDE

*"This is the Feast"*

## WORD

*God speaks to  
us in scripture  
reading,  
preaching, and  
song*

### GOSPEL

#### **John 20: 19 - 31**

*The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.*

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with



them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**SERMON**

Bishop Michael Pryse

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

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*"Touch that Soothes and Heals"*



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that  
 2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it  
 3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's  
 4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the  
 ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and  
 peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of  
 wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:  
 shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.  
 kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.  
 tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

*Refrain*



"See my hands and feet," said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. "Be my hands and feet," said Je - sus, "live as



ones I died to save."

# THANKSGIVING

*In everything  
Give  
Thanks.  
1 Thessalonians  
5:18*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

LORD'S PRAYER

## SENDING

*God blesses us  
and sends us in  
mission to the  
world.*

HYMN

ELW 548 verses 1,3,4

### Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,  
3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture  
4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



from this meal of love and grace;  
God has called us to re - ceive;  
cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion  
pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,  
mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.  
Spir - it - ed then let us live.  
from this day and un - to death.

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



God, the won - der of our days.  
Spir - it, grace by whom we live.  
Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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**BLESSING**

**DISMISSAL**

**SENDING**

**POSTLUDE**

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## ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

### SERVING TODAY

Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Bishop Pryse	Preacher
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Dave Pascoe	Videographer
Pauline Klemencic and George Ivan	Prayers of the People
Dallas O'Reilly	The Lord's Prayer
Doris Pascoe	Sending
Anne Bindernagel, Lauren Voorpostel, Jamie Musselwhite	Additional Music
Katie Clark	Trumpet

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

Gus Berndt, Kevin Cartwright, Rodney Erlandson, Michelle Horrigan, Al Jacksteit, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Sydney Ross, Helen Scollnik, and Elga Smidt.

#### PASS THE OFFERING PLATE PLEASE

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Even while our doors are closed, our hearts and hands are open and busy. Our ministries need your support. Details for how to give are on [stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/](http://stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/).

#### WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- Add your name to the readers for worship services: contact Pastor Tuula.
- Participate in the Virtual Worship: play an instrument or sing, provide a Children's Message, lead the prayers, or tell a Faith Story. Or something else? Please contact Pastor Tuula.
- Join in the Virtual Coffee Hour @ 11:00 am
- 50+ connecting in new ways in 2021! Watch for the next event. Contact Doris Pascoe for details.