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*This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase, Treaty 13 of 1805, and the Williams Treaties of 1923. Today, our community is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.*

*We gather by these territorial lands and waters to worship, listen, learn, share, and heal together in the name of our Creator, the Holy One of Blessing.*

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, RICHMOND HILL**

# *The Resurrection Of Our Lord*

**MARCH 31, 2024**

PRELUDE *Ethan Kwan*

RESURRECTION RESPONSORY

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Let us praise our God who has given us life and hope  
by raising Jesus from the dead.

**Let us rejoice, then, even in our distress.**

We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.

O God, you have claimed us as your own

**and called us from our darkness into the light of your day.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**HYMN ELW #365 JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY**

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pain which He endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation hath procured, Alleluia!

Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!**  
**Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!**  
**Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!**  
**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!**

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We thank you, risen Christ,

For these waters where you make us new,

**Leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.**

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us

in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,

like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls,

like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

**Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.**

Clothe us with mercy and forgiveness.

Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

**Make us one, risen Christ.**

**Cleanse our hearts.**

**Shower us with life.**

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### GREETING

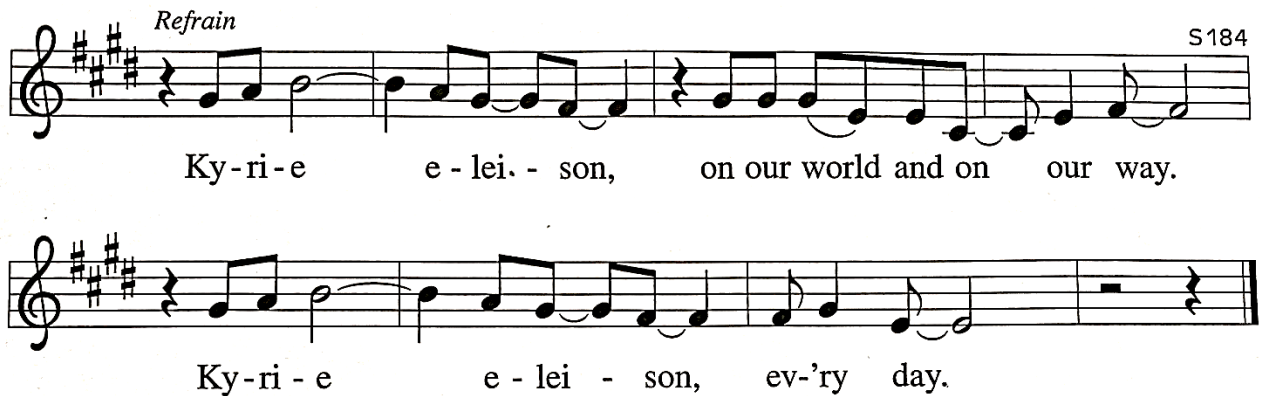
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# KYRIE

## Congregation:

*Refrain* S184



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-ry day.

## Leader:

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity all;

For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,

Let us pray to the Lord. Let us pray to the lord. **Refrain**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;

That we may live out truth and justice and grace,

Let us pray to the Lord. Let us pray to the lord. **Refrain**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;

For life and for love, for our work and our play

Let us pray to the Lord. Let us pray to the lord. **Refrain**

For your Spirit to guide, that you center our lives in the water and the word;

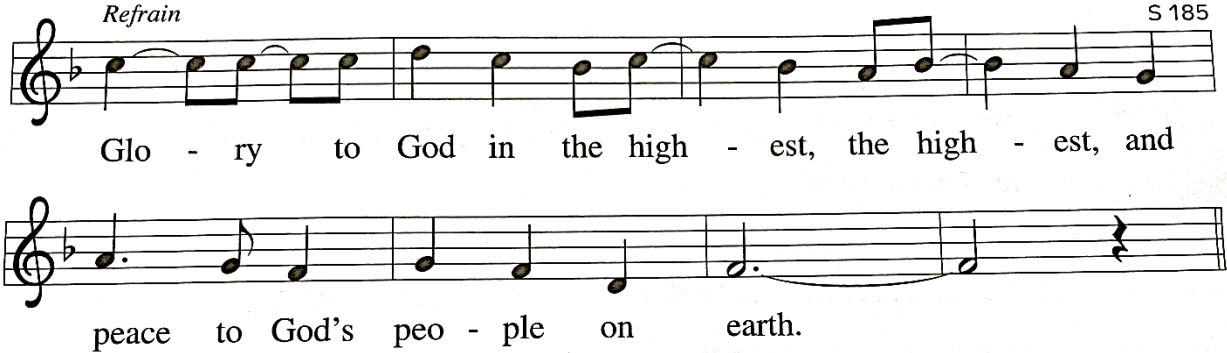
That you nourish our souls with your body and blood,

Let us pray to the Lord. Let us pray to the lord. **Refrain**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### Congregation:

*Refrain* S 185



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### Leader:

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you,  
We give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. ***Refrain***

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. ***Refrain***

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. Amen. Amen. ***Refrain x 2***

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### WORD

#### ACTS 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118

O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;  
God’s mercy endures forever!

**Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”**

The Lord is my strength and my song; and has become my salvation.

**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

**“The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly;**

the right hand of the Lord is exalted!

The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly.”

**I shall not die, but I shall live, and declare the works of the Lord.**

The Lord indeed punished me sorely but did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness;**

**I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter.

**I give thanks to you for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

By the Lord this has been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26


If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

S 188



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: MARK 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid..  
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

**HYMN: ELW # 364 CHRIST HAS ARISEN, ALLELUIA**

**Christ has arisen, alleluia,  
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.  
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,  
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.**

***Refrain:* Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;  
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**For three long days the grave did its worst  
Until its strength by God was dispersed.  
He who gives life did death undergo;  
And in its conquest His might did show. *Refrain***

**The angel said to them, "Do not fear!  
You look for Jesus who is not here.  
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;  
Only the grave cloths are lying there." *Refrain***

**"Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;  
He has arisen this world to save.  
Jesus' redeeming labors are done;  
Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain***

**Christ has arisen; He sets us free;  
Alleluia, to Him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. *Refrain***

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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.  
*A brief silence.*

Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**



Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace. Cultivate our care for what you have made.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings. We pray for those in positions of authority and power, and for the peoples they are meant to nurture and protect. Call all hearts and imaginations to works of compassion and healing. We pray for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Haiti, South Sudan, Israel, Palestine, and all places where corruption and violence rules.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve; today we remember especially all we name before you.....

*pause*

Assure them of your promises.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the joy of your resurrection! Fill this assembly with joy as we are called your beloved in baptism. Multiply that joy so that we share it at home, at work, and in our community.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

*The offering will now be received and may God bless the gifts of your life*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, Holy Love, Holy Wonder,

out of silence and emptiness you created the heavens and the earth.

The oceans sing your praise. The rivers chant your glory.

Out of Abraham and Sarah's dead end, you made promises,  
you granted laughter,

you brought forth descendants to continue your story.

Out of the deathly power of oppression and slavery you  
liberated your people and blessed them with water, bread, wine.

Out of their lifeless wandering from your justice and mercy  
you sent them prophets who sang poems that serenaded them back to you.

In your great compassion for every tribe and nation, you sent Jesus,  
to bring everyone out of the tomb of hatred and sin  
and into the life of your love.

He fully embodied your compassion,

lifting up the poor, raising up the lowly,

forgiving the sinner, suffering and dying

so that no one need suffer injustice and fear any more.

Out of the death of his own tomb,

you raised him up so your story of love will not end.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body,  
given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together with one voice, we celebrate the paschal mystery of faith:

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

Send your Spirit to fill us with the joy of the resurrection.  
Grant us hope beyond our comprehension.  
Bless these gifts of bread and wine,  
so that the endless life and love of Jesus may dwell in us,  
and flow from us through acts of love for our neighbours.  
Holy God, Holy Love, Holy Wonder,  
we give you more praise than we can utter,  
as we await that great day when the feast of your love has no walls,  
no exceptions, no end,  
when we gather with Christ, by the Spirit, and know life in you:  
love that cannot die,  
love that enlivens our weary bones,  
love that exceeds every hope and dream,  
love, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.....

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.  
Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

*you are invited to eat your bread and drink your wine as you hear the words  
"the body of Christ given for you" "the blood of Christ shed for you"*

#### **TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ strengthen us  
and keep us always in his grace. **Amen.**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you  
send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of  
heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus'  
resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through  
Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life  
fill you with great joy.

Almighty God , Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**HYMN: ELW # 385 GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS REJOICE AND SING**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!**

**Now is the triumph of our King!**

**To all the world glad news we bring:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The Lord of life is ris'n this day;**

**Death's mighty stone is rolled away;**

**Let all the earth rejoice and say:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise we in songs of victory**

**That love, that life which cannot die,**

**And sing with hearts uplifted high:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord,**

**And sing today with one accord**

**The life laid down, the life restored:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Amy Ho*