



# Ascension of the Lord

8:00 & 9:30 am  
May 17, 2026



**Epiphany Anglican Church  
1290 Ogilvie Road, Ottawa  
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***Come Journey with Us!***



*Welcome to Epiphany! We are glad you are here today.*

*If you are visiting, please make yourself at home.*

*We have a vibrant children and youth program with Sunday School each week at our 9:30 am service.*

*Note that the 9:30 am service is live-streamed, recorded, and posted to social media.*

*This morning we are blessed to have the Rev. Anne Quick with us again. Rev. Simone returns from holiday on May 21.*

### ♪ **Prelude** ♪

*The Stormy Sea by Anne Crosby Gaudet, Ethan White, piano*

### **The Gathering of the Community**

Our Diocese of Ottawa was founded on the homeland of the Anishinaabe Algonquin. **May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

### ♪ **Opening Hymn** Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise (B247) ♪

Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!  
To his throne above the skies; alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!  
There for him high triumph waits; alleluia!  
lift your heads, eternal gates; alleluia!  
he hath conquered death and sin; alleluia!  
take the King of Glory in. Alleluia!  
Highest heaven its Lord receives, alleluia!  
yet he loves the earth he leaves; alleluia!  
though returning to his throne, alleluia!  
still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!  
See! He lifts his hands above, alleluia!  
See! He shows the prints of love; alleluia!  
Hark! His gracious lips bestow alleluia!  
blessings on his church below. Alleluia!

Still for us he intercedes; alleluia!  
his prevailing death he pleads, alleluia!  
near himself prepares our place, alleluia!  
he the first-fruits of our race. Alleluia!

Lord, though parted from our sight, alleluia!  
far above the starry height, alleluia!  
grant our hearts may thither rise, alleluia!  
seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia!

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!**

♪ **Glory to God** ♪

**Glory to God in the highest, 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.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

Let us pray. God unheld by word or wall: lift us from dullness and cynical contempt; make us ready for your Spirit of transforming power; and turn our hearts to the mending of the world, through Jesus Christ, the name above all names. **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### A reading from the Book of Acts (1:1-11)

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

♪ **Psalm 47** ♪

**Refrain: God has gone up with a shout.**

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy. For the Most High is to be feared; the Ruler of all the earth. **R**

Who subdues the people under us, and the nations under our feet. Who chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob beloved of God. **R**

God has gone up with a shout, the Most High with the sound of the ram's-horn. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our Sovereign sing praises. **R**

For God rules over all the earth; sing praises with all your skill. God reigns over the nations; God sits upon the highest throne. **R**

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham. The rulers of the earth belong to God, to the One who is highly exalted. **R**

**A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (1:15-23)**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

♪ Gospel Acclamation: **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah** ♪

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (24:44-53). **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Homily**

### **♪ Musical Reflection ♪**

*Trust and Obey by Daniel B. Towner (arr. Larry Dalton)*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, 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.**

## The Prayers of the People

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. *A brief silence.*

Gracious God, your Son Jesus ascended to fill all time and space and is present with all people. By your Holy Spirit, lead your church and its leaders in faith, hope, and love, and in sharing the presence of Christ. We pray for Kathryn, our Bishop; Anne, our Metropolitan; Shane, our Primate; as well as for Alongside Hope and the Anglican Foundation, our diocesan partners. We pray for the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples with Archbishop Christopher Harper, for Sacred Circle Events, and for the ministry of reconciliation. We pray for the Parish of Maberly-Lanark with the Reverend Allan Gault. We pray for our own parish of the Epiphany with Rev. Simone, our priest, all who lead ministry here, and especially for our building restoration project. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Majestic God, your Son Jesus entrusts his ministry to his followers to care for all you have created. Instill in us a commitment to sustainable ecological practices. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus sits at your right hand and rules the cosmos. Inspire national and local politicians to lead with equity and fairness, raise up advocates and activists for those seeking justice, and cultivate peace throughout the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Merciful God, your Son Jesus carries with him the scars of suffering as our wounded healer. Guide with your wisdom the work of surgeons, pharmacists, midwives, and all medical specialists, and bring your healing touch to all who are sick. Tend to those who have asked for our prayers: **Jody** (Shaw), **Pierre** (Poirier), **Ghassan, Aaron** (Blakely) **& Family**, **Fred** (Sherman), **José** (Rodrigues), **Lisa** (Van Alstine), **Rita & Colin** (Hurst), **Betiel** (Gideon), **the Douglas Family**, **Julie** (Foster), **Faith**, **Miroslav** (Slejska), **Mary** (Jonah), **Maria, Riccardo, Ambar, Shelley** (Harvey), **Tendeh, Tina** (Schmidt), **Janine & Mike**, **Linda** (Tasovac), **Ruth** (Colenutt), **Nicole** (Asite), **Don**

(Raymond) & **Family, Kathy & Family, Jonathan** (René de Cotret), **Rob** (W), **Jestina** (Agbaje) & **Family, Bobby, Saindass** (Aeri), and any others we name aloud or in our hearts. *A brief silence.* Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Caring God, your Son Jesus reveals the depths of your love and gathers all people to himself. Accompany us in our work and play to make your presence known in all that we do. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, by his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus destroyed death forever. With thanksgiving we remember those who rest from the labours, assured of your promise of everlasting life. The flowers this morning are given by Gillian and Derek Keane in loving memory of their parents: Jean Haunts & Derek Whittaker and Claire & Basil Keane. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*We remember to share the Peace with those worshipping online.*

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

### **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

♪ **Offertory Hymn** Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord (B405) ♪

**Refrain** Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;  
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,  
He is the king of creation **Refrain**

Spread the good news o'er all the earth,  
Jesus has died and has risen **Refrain**

We have been crucified with Christ;  
now we shall live forever **Refrain**

Come let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Saviour **Refrain**

## **The Prayer over the Gifts**

*You are invited to place your financial gift*

*on the collection plate near the baptismal font before or after service.*

Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of Heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore we praise you with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name. ♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.** ♪

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command, **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;** and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

at 8:00 am

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

at 9:30 am

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we sing:

♪ **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen, amen.** ♪

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**therefore, let us keep the feast.**

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

♪ **The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.** ♪

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion in bread and/or wine. If you'd prefer not to receive, cross your arms over your chest for a blessing. Let Rev. Anne know if you need a gluten-free wafer. The sidespeople will direct you to the altar.*

## ♪ **Communion Hymn** A the Name of Jesus (B375) ♪

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
'Tis his Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season to receive a name  
From the lips of sinners unto whom he came,  
Faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

Name him, Christians, name him, with love as strong as death,  
But with awe and wonder, and with bated breath;  
He is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,  
Ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
All that is not holy, all that is not true;  
Crown him as your Saviour in temptation's hour;  
Let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
With his Father's glory, with his angel train;  
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
And our hearts confess him King of glory now.

### **The Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray. Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God, **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Blessing & Announcements**

♪ **Closing Hymn** Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun (B383) ♪

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
doth its successive journeys run,  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honours to our King,  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### **Announcements**

**Fundraising Tea for the Middle East** On Saturday, May 23 between 2 and 5 pm, Epiphany and St. Elias Orthodox Church will be combining forces to host a fundraising tea for people impacted by the recent war in the Middle East. We'll need volunteers and contributions of delicious desserts! RSVP by scanning the QR code or by emailing the office. See you there!



**Coping with Grief Presentation and Discussion** On Thursday, May 21, Epiphany's Thursday Evening Study Group will be holding a special session on grief and loss. Our own Roy Moffett of our pastoral care team will be making a presentation and there will also be time for discussion. We begin as always at 6 pm with a light potluck supper (sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/3jyfwzbt>). The presentation will begin at 6:30 pm. Please email [epiphanystudygroup@gmail.com](mailto:epiphanystudygroup@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Epiphany's New Indigenous-Focussed Lending Library** The Outreach Committee is preparing to launch a new Indigenous-focussed lending library in Epiphany's narthex. We would love to borrow your books written by Indigenous authors and about Indigenous issues. The books would be offered to be lent out to parishioners during the months of May, June and July. Please speak with Valerie Maier or email the office if you can contribute.

**Looking for Multilingual Readers for Pentecost Sunday** May 24 is the Day of Pentecost, where we hear the famous story from the book of Acts where "all of [the apostles] were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." If you are fluent in another language, would you consider reading a line or two in your other language? Please email [office@epiphanyanglican.ca](mailto:office@epiphanyanglican.ca) to let Cindy know.

**Epiphany Study Group May 21** We focus each week on the upcoming Sunday readings and reflect on how we can apply this to our daily lives as Christians. We meet on Thursday evenings at 6 pm in the worship space for a light meal followed by our study. All are welcome! See Dianne Woods or Sylvie Pelletier with questions & email [epiphanystudygroup@gmail.com](mailto:epiphanystudygroup@gmail.com) to be added to our contact list.

**Creative Connections** Tuesdays between 10 am & noon. All are welcome to come and enjoy a cup of coffee and join in a friendly game of cards, chess, join the group at the crafting table, or work on a jigsaw puzzle. The more the merrier!

**Get in Touch & Get Involved!**  
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## Assisting in Ministry Today

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<b>Crucifer</b>	Doug Sherman
<b>Sidespeople</b>	Bill Eggleton, Duncan Hayes
<b>Readers</b>	James Menard, Margaret Moffett
<b>Psalmist</b>	Gillian Keane
<b>Prayer Leader</b>	Rose Dennis
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Heather Howley, Cindy Hurst Boyd
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	James & Sandy Menard, Susan Liddle
<b>Lock Up</b>	Jos Cleary

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Are you new to Epiphany? Have you moved or changed coordinates, or would you like a name tag? How about becoming involved in a particular way or have ideas for our parish and community? Use the form below and place it on the offering plate.

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