

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, METCALFE, ON.  
A SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER  
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We acknowledge our presence on the ancestral lands of the Algonquin Anishinaabe nation.

**All: We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.**

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**  
In your resurrection, O Christ,  
**let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.**

Blessed are you, God of our salvation, to you be praise and glory for ever. As once you ransomed your people from Egypt and led them to freedom in the promised land, so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the loving reign of the risen Christ. May we, the first fruits of your new creation, rejoice in this new day you have made and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

**He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah (forever).**

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

**God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Acts (C1, vs 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." Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Reader: The Responsoy Death is swallowed up in victory.

**Where, O death, is your sting?**

Christ is risen from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**Death is swallowed up in victory.**

The trumpet will sound, and the dead shall be raised.

**Where, O death, is your sting?**

We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed.

**Death is swallowed up in victory.**

**Where, O death, is your sting?**

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)

**Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free.**

**You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of your servant David.**

**Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us, to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.**

**This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship you without fear, holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way, to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.**

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also, with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the Blessed St. Luke (C24:vs 44-53)

Then he 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 worshiped 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.**

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope.

Celebrant: 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**

Reader: Let us offer our intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings, saying, 'Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.'

May we live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross.

**Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.**

May all people receive the good news of Christ's victory. We pray for Shane, our Bishop; Anne, our Metropolitan; Linda, our Primate. We also pray for our Community Ministries: Belong Ottawa (Centre 454, St. Luke's Table, The Well/La Source); Centre 105 (Cornwall); Cornerstone Housing for Women; Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre; and our Refugee Ministry

We pray for the Parish of Mattawa (St. Alban's, Mattawa, St. Margaret's, Rutherglen), and their Priest, David Shields.

**Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.**

May those who suffer pain and anguish find healing and peace in the compassion of Christ. We pray especially for those in our community who have asked for our petitions, especially Kelly, Liesa, Marilyn, Marjorie, Randy, Richard, Deb, Louise, Howard, Irene, Beth, Jeanette, Cheryl, Zachariah and those who are known to you alone.

**Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.**

May we be united in Christ's undying love with all who have passed through the gates of death.

**Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.**

Amazing God, you have fulfilled the word of your promise and have poured out upon your church the gift of the Holy Spirit: open our hearts and renew our will. We pray to receive the fullness of your grace and power; that our lives and that of our parishes would be strengthened for the service of your kingdom to which we are being called. Kindle in us the fire of your love that we may be transformed into the image of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Rejoicing in God's new creation and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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 for ever.**

**Amen.**

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Worship follows Morning Prayer in the Book of Alternative Services.**

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