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Toronto, Ontario

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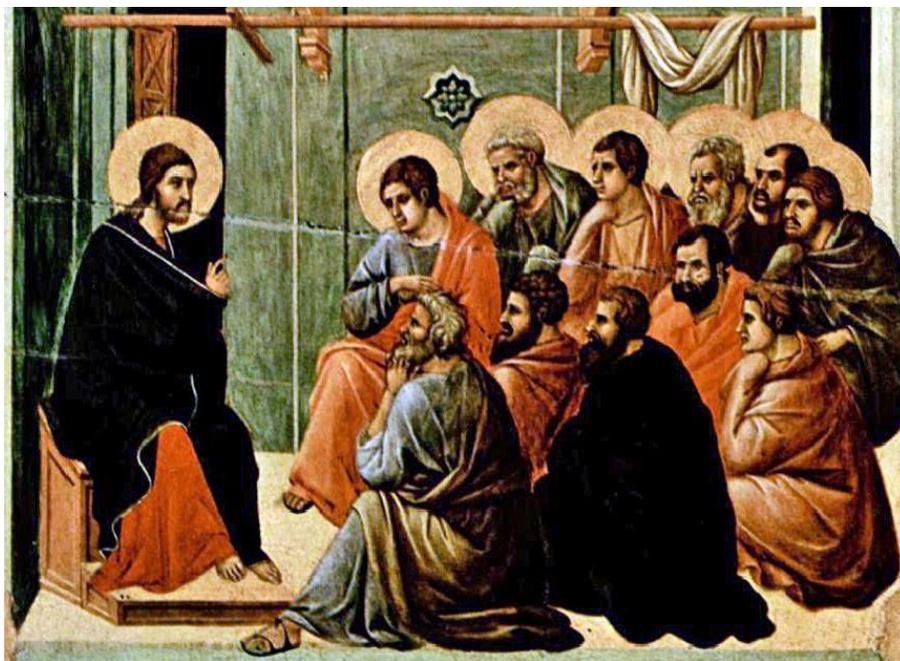
5th Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

11:00 am

Service in-church and via Zoom

Led by the Rev. Paul Kang



Join the Zoom meeting at:

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

A Time for Centering and Stillness



Responsive Call to Worship

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

Praise God, all you angels; praise God, all creatures high and low!

Rulers of the earth and all peoples, praise God's holy name!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

With voices united, let us praise the Lord!

Opening Hymn 371 Love divine, all loves excelling

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BK6wlvqzVkY>

Opening Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn 106 Let all creation bless the Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MsMnlqcN804>

Prayer for Understanding (said in unison)

O God, your Word is our source of hope and truth in a world filled with deception. Fill us with your Spirit as we listen to your Word read and interpreted, so that it satisfies our thirst for wisdom and truth.

Amen.

Scripture Lesson Psalm 148

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

Reader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Anthem "Oh a song must rise" Laura Hope / Bob Williams

<https://youtu.be/-NovrVnVKr8>

Refrain:

**Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend or song must rise once again
singing out God's praises and glory, the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.**

1. From the mountains to the valleys, from the desert to the sea, a song must rise once again. From the voices of our leaders, the voices of you and me, a must rise for the spirit to descend.
2. From poverty and riches, from the voice of young and old, a song must rise once again. From the free and the imprisoned, the timid and the bold, a song must rise for the spirit to descend.
3. From every house of worship, and every faith and tongue, a song must rise once again. From the villages and cities, and new song must be song a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

Scripture Reading Revelation 7: 9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon Rev. Paul Kang

Hymn 711 O holy city, seen of John
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ft2UTdPOH4>

Prayers of the People

The 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; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn 638 Take time to be holy
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFApbg-wcmE>

Blessing

*May the Lord bless and keep you.
May his face shine upon you.
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.*

Aaronic Benediction
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R5NUBW3vuFU>

Announcements

Laura Hope has three spring concerts coming up.

Please see the date and the link below for info, dates, time and for more information,

please get in touch with Laura.
email: hopelaura@hotmail.com
or call: 416 496-1631

VILLAGE VOICES CHOIR - Homeward Bound - Sunday, May 15th

<https://www.villagevoices.ca/upcoming-events/>

AMADEUS CHOIR - A Time to Heal - May 28th

<https://www.amadeuschoir.com/2021-2022-season/a-time-to-heal>

AMADEUS CHOIR AND RESOUND CHOIR - Braham's Requiem - June 11th at 8 pm

<https://resoundchoir.ca/>

Discover the **Ancient Christian Practice of Meditation**

Come join **Rev. Paul** and **Father Ken** every Wednesday at noon and learn how to meditate.

This meditation is 20 minutes and is a way to nurture your faith through the practice of silent prayer. God's presence embodied in Jesus is still alive through God's Spirit. However, the Spirit's presence is not simply known on an intellectual or emotional level. Rather, it can be known through faith, i.e., trust, as we open ourselves in silence and consent to this loving presence that desires to commune with us.

No experience is necessary. All that's required is an open mind and open heart.

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