

Ascension Sunday

May 12, 2024

8:00 am BCP Service

Blessed is the one whose strength is in you, O God,
Whose heart is set on the pilgrim way.

Psalm 84:5



The Rev. Roshni Jayawardena, Incumbent

The Rev. Maria Nightingale,

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***Serving God Together,
Acting with Compassion,
Proclaiming Hope***

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Participating in Leadership Roles in Today's Service

Officiant	The Rev. Roshni Jayawardena
Gospeller & Preacher	The Rev. Maria Nightingale
Reader	Michael Phillips
Responses	Olivia Phillips
Zoom Host	Olivia Phillips
Zoom Sidesperson	Howard Green

This Week at St. Peter's

Tuesday	2:00 pm – Prayer Shawl Group (Lounge & Zoom) 5:00 pm – Corporation Meeting (Zoom) 7:00 pm – Communications Committee (Zoom)
Wednesday	9:00 am – 12:00 pm - Deacon's Cupboard (Hall) 12:30 pm – Music meeting (Lounge) <i>6:30 pm – T&R Walking Tour of Port Credit (starts at Port Credit lighthouse)</i> 7:30 pm – Handbell practice (hall)
Thursday	6:30 pm – Voice for Life class (lounge) 7:00 pm – Choir practice (hall) 7:30 pm – Voice for Life class (lounge) 8:00 pm – Choir practice (hall)
Sunday	8:00 am – Day of Pentecost (BCP: Online) 9:15 am – Day of Pentecost (BAS Eucharist: In person & online) 9:15 am – Church School (In person only) & Youth Group (In person & online) 11:00 am – Day of Pentecost (BCP Communion: In person & online)

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday: Remember to wear **RED** to celebrate the birthday of the Church.

Goodbye Celebrations for Samuel Tam, Music Director & Organist: next Sunday after the 9:15am and 11:00am services. Come say thanks and farewell to Sam and have some cake!

Summer Jobs: St. Peter's has 2 job openings this summer: Administrative Assistant and Historian. These positions are funded by the Canada Summer Jobs program. Please visit our website for the job descriptions and how to apply. ***Please apply by Monday, May 13.***

Seniors' Spring Tea: Thursday, May 16 at 2pm. We will be welcoming guests from local LTC and Retirement homes for a short worship service, refreshments, and a sing-along. Older parishioners are also welcome to attend.

If you would like to volunteer by making sandwiches or sweet treats, serving, or assisting with set up and take down, please contact Rev. Maria Nightingale (associate@stpeterserindale.ca) or Lenna McLaughlin (Lennamarch@hotmail.com).

Summer Services & St. Peter's Picnic: Summer Sunday service times of 8am and 10am are beginning on Sunday June 23. After the 10am service on June 23, everyone is also invited to a potluck picnic at Erindale Park. To attend please sign up in the Narthex and indicate the food you would like to bring for the potluck or connect with Rev. Roshni by phone/email. We will share more details closer to the date but for now please save the date in your calendars & sign up! We look forward to a wonderful time together of food, games and fellowship!

Join Us for Vacation Bible Camp: July 2 to July 5: 9:00am to 4:00pm. For children ages 5-11. Fees are \$60 for the first child. \$25 for siblings. Registration forms can be found in the Narthex and on our website.

We are looking for *volunteer leaders* (ages 12-18) to help with the camp. There is no fee for volunteers. Volunteer registration forms can be found in the Narthex and on our website.

Deacon's Cupboard Winter Coats Giveaway: Wednesdays throughout November 2024. As you go through your cupboards, please put aside any winter coats, boots, hats & mitts you have for donation. Be sure they are clean and in good repair. We need winter wear for all ages. We will be collecting them October 16 to November 3, 2024. More details to follow.

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Land Acknowledgement

(written by Annie Aldworth)

We at St. Peter's, Erindale, wish to acknowledge and honour the traditional lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, the Anishnaabe Nation, the Wendat Nation and the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, on which the church is situated.

We express our gratitude to the original peoples for their stewardship of the land, water and animals over millennia. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather and work in this community.

The church wishes to acknowledge and practice the teachings of the seven Grandfathers. Wisdom, Courage, Respect, Honesty, Truth, Humility and Love.

We endeavour to act on the recommendations of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission as they apply to St. Peter's.

Collect for Purity

Officiant: ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Great Commandment

Officiant: OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it:

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write both these thy laws in our hearts,
we beseech thee.**

**Lord have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us,
Lord have mercy upon us.**

Officiant: The Lord be with you;

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Collect for the Day

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Prayer for Jerusalem Sunday

(Written by the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz - edited with prayer by Canon Jim Ferry)

Officiant: O God, we give thanks that your dear Son has gathered us in the embrace of his redeeming love and sent us to make that love known to the ends of the earth. We pray your continued blessings on the steadfast witness of the Church in Jerusalem and throughout the Middle East. Give your deep joy to those who welcome the pilgrims seeking to know this land and its many peoples. Grace those who proclaim the Gospel. Guide all who teach a new generation of young people. Draw near to those who are sick and bless those who tend them. Sustain the hope in all who long and labour for a just and lasting peace in the land of The Holy One. We pray especially for the people of the Holy Land, that people of compassion and justice may be raised up to find a way forward to peace and harmony. And may the companions of Jerusalem be many and faithful. We pray in the name of our merciful Saviour, Friend, and Brother, our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

Lesson **Acts 1:1-11**

Reader: The Lesson is written in the 1st chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the 1st verse.

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 over the course of 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 towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards 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.'

Reader: Here endeth the Lesson.

Gospel Luke 24:44-53

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel is written in the 24th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning at the 44th verse.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Homily The Rev. Maria Nightingale

The Creed

Together: I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man,

Together: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe in One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you;
People: And with thy spirit.

Offertory

Offerings can be made by the giving of your time, talent or skill, and financially through:

- PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving): Forms can be found on our website and on the table in the narthex
- Canada Helps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/13043>
- email bank transfer to giving@stpeterserindale.ca
- offertory envelope/cheque mailed to or dropped off at the church.

**All: All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.**

In Our Prayers This Week

ACC The Rt. Rev. William Cliff, Bishop, and the clergy
and people of the Diocese of Ontario

Our Diocese The Diocese of Jerusalem

Our Deanery St. John the Baptist – The Rev. Daniel Brereton

Our Parish Health & Safety Program – Ken Baxter

The flowers by the altar are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Patricia, the most loving wife & mother. You are ever present around us & forever in our hearts. Given by Fred Standen, Chad & Tracey, Shawna, Mark & family.

The flowers at the chancel steps are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Christopher Beggs. We love you & miss you. Given by Shiela & family.

On this Mother's Day, a donation has been made to the Deacon's Cupboard in loving memory of Mum/Mom, Lillian Lindsay and Eva Duncan. Always in our hearts, Margo & Doug Duncan & family.

The Intercession

Officiant: ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy
Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and
supplications, and to give thanks, for all people:

Officiant: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant CHARLES our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servants *Linda our Primate, Anne our Metropolitan, Andrew our Diocesan Bishop and Kevin our Area Bishop*, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments:

Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Officiant: And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, *especially those for whom our prayers are desired.*

Our Friends Sam & family, Norine & Merril, Rupert, Debra, Douglas, Rosalie & Stella, Marg, Aysha, Ann, Bill, Sonali, the Russo Family, Julia, Chris & Mary, Elizabeth & Caroline, Bob, Lewis, Margaret & Peter, Roberta & Peter, Bill, Vera, Sandra, Marion, Adriana, Mary, Princess, Matthew, Prue, Lyn, Bryan, Maureen, Bob, Nadine, Marg, Christeen, Pam, Beron, Lucky, Carol, Dolores, Lucy, Valerie, Suzanne, Chris, Diana, Jack

Officiant: We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

The Departed Sheila, sister of Virginia Hart

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

All: Amen.

The Confession

Officiant: YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

**Together: ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people:
We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty.
We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

Priest: ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: Let us pray.

Together: **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.**

The Gloria

All: **Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards all.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy
great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the
Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son,
Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have
mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of
the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at
the right hand of God the Father, have mercy
upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the
Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art
most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

A Prayer for Mothers

Celebrant: We pray for those for whom Mother's Day brings happiness, for those for whom Mother's Day brings grief, and for those for whom this day is bittersweet. May God's nurturing care and love sustain us all.
Amen.

The Blessing

Priest: The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Dismissal

Officiant: Let us depart in peace. Alleluia!

People: **In the name of the Lord. Alleluia!**