

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.*

We praise You especially for Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by His death on the cross and rising to new life offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for His people.

*Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive praise and honour, and glory and power, for ever and ever!*

We thank You for these gifts of bread and wine, and pray that we who eat and drink them, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, believing our Saviour's word, may be partakers of His body and blood.

*To Jesus Christ who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

Come let us eat and drink in remembrance that Christ died for us, and feed on Him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

#### **BREAKING THE BREAD & PRAYER**

We break this bread and take this cup so that we can share in the life of Christ. God's gifts for God's people.

#### **COMMUNION**

Take, eat, remember and believe that the body of our Lord Jesus Christ was given for a complete remission of all our sins.

Take, drink, remember and believe that the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was shed for a complete remission of all our sins.

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

**HYMN: 530**    *"Now Let Us from this Table Rise"*

#### **THE PEACE AND THE BLESSING**

We do this to remind ourselves that God loves all of us collectively and each of us individually no matter who we are, we are all loved by God and acceptable to God. And until we meet again, may God hold us in His wonderful care.

Go in peace and may your hearts be full of His *Perfect Love. Amen.*

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## **Longueville - St. Andrew's Uniting Church**



### **THE PERFECT LOVE**

#### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**EASTER 5**

**2 May 2021**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine upon us, that Your ways may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.

May the peoples praise You, O God; may all the peoples praise You.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

May the peoples praise You, O God; may all the peoples praise You.

Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.

God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him. *Psalms 67*

**HYMN: 111** *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

## A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord, we thank You for the splendour with which You have filled all creation; for the extent of the universe, which defies our understanding; and for the beauty of our world, which is greater than our words to describe it. We praise You for the place You’ve given us in Your creation. We give You thanks for all You have done for us. **Amen.**

## INVITATION TO REPENTANCE

Lord Jesus Christ, when our words and actions reflect a reluctance to confess You publicly as Lord of our lives: **Forgive us.**

When we fear that humbling ourselves would be seen by others as weakness, or defect in our character: **Forgive us.**

When we have betrayed Your love for us through our lack of love for You, for others, and for ourselves: **Forgive us.**

*Silence*

**Lord Jesus Christ, fix Your mind in us: remake us in Your likeness; empty us of all that hinders us from following You to where pain and suffering, exploitation and injustice exist.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**HYMN: “In His Time”**

## TIME TO PRAY

*In silence, please offer your prayers to the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus.*

**HYMN: “In His Time”**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

1 John 4:7-21 (*Page 1209*)

*Chris Butters*  
John 15:1-8 (*Pages 1068-1069*)

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

**MESSAGE:** *“The Perfect Love”* **Krikor Youmshajekian**

**HYMN: 305** *“Let Earth and Heaven Combine”*

**NOTICES - Pizza/Movie Night** - Tues 4 May 6:30 pm, start at 7:15 pm. The movie will be *“Victoria and Abdul”*.

- **Elders’ & Council Meetings** Wed 26 May 12:00 noon.

**OFFERING** - *“For God loves a cheerful giver”* (2 Cor. 9:7)

**HYMN: 510** *“My God, Your Table Now is Spread”* (*Tune 342-Rockingham*)

## COMMUNION

At the heart of the Christian life is active trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and His sacrificial death for sin.

In this symbolic meal, originated from Jesus’ Last Supper with His disciples, we express and strengthen our trust in Him, as we eat and drink with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Come then with heartfelt repentance and genuine trust in the Lord Jesus, recognising the significance of sharing in this way.

## PRAYER

We do not presume to come to Your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our righteousness, but in Your boundless goodness and mercy. We are not even worthy to eat the crumbs under Your table, but You are the same Lord, always rich in mercy. Enable us by faith to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that we may be cleansed from sin and forever dwell in Him, and He in us. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **He is worthy of all praise.**

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.

Therefore, with all those gathered around Your throne in heaven, we lift our voices to praise You, saying: