

February 26, 2017

Eighth Sunday after Epiphany (Proper 8)

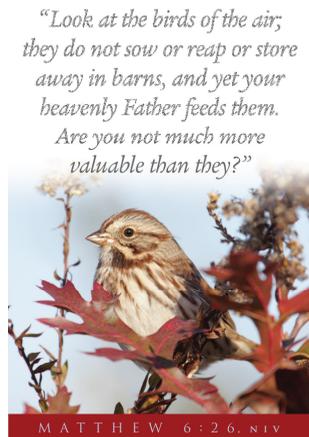
8:00 a.m. – Said Eucharist

## Welcome

*Large Print service leaflets are available*

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan

Readers: Elvine Jin, Doug Heyes



## The Gathering of the Community

### Greeting

*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

### Hymn #403 “Let All Things Now Living”

Text by Katherine K. Davis

- 1 Let all things now living  
a song of thanksgiving  
to God the creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
Love’s banners are o’er us;  
God’s light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished  
and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into Light.
- 2 God’s law still enforces  
the stars in their courses  
and causes the sun in its splendour to shine;  
the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean in praises combine.  
We too should be voicing  
our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise  
till all things now living  
unite in thanksgiving:  
“To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!”

**Collect for Purity**

*Celebrant* 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. **Amen.**

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **God of tender care, like a mother you never forget your children, but comfort and quiet those who are restless and fearful; like a father you know already what we need. In all our anxiety, give us the spirit of trust; in all our worry, give us faithful hearts; so that, in confidence and trust, we may seek the kingdom of Christ where your holy will of peace and justice has been made known. Amen.**

**Collect for Vestry Sunday**

*Celebrant* Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in this annual vestry meeting for St. George on Yonge for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honour and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Proclamation of the Word**

First Reading:

Isaiah 49:8–16a

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

<sup>8</sup> Thus says the Lord:

In a time of favour I have answered you,  
 on a day of salvation I have helped you;  
 I have kept you and given you  
 as a covenant to the people,  
 to establish the land,  
 to apportion the desolate heritages;  
<sup>9</sup> saying to the prisoners, "Come out,"  
 to those who are in darkness, "Show yourselves."  
 They shall feed along the ways,  
 on all the bare heights shall be their pasture;

<sup>10</sup> they shall not hunger or thirst,  
 neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down,  
 for he who has pity on them will lead them,  
 and by springs of water will guide them.

<sup>11</sup> And I will turn all my mountains into a road,  
 and my highways shall be raised up.

<sup>12</sup> Lo, these shall come from far away,  
 and lo, these from the north and from the west,  
 and these from the land of Syene.

<sup>13</sup> Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;  
 break forth, O mountains, into singing!  
 For the Lord has comforted his people,  
 and will have compassion on his suffering ones.

<sup>14</sup> But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me,  
 my Lord has forgotten me."

<sup>15</sup> Can a woman forget her nursing-child,  
 or show no compassion for the child of her womb?  
 Even these may forget,  
 yet I will not forget you.

<sup>16a</sup> See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands . . .

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 131

- 1 O Lord, I am not proud;  
 I have no haughty looks.
- 2 I do not occupy myself with great matters,  
 or with things that are too hard for me.
- 3 But I still my soul and make it quiet,  
 like a child upon its mother's breast;  
 my soul is quieted within me.
- 4 O Israel, wait upon the Lord,  
 from this time forth for evermore.

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**God of earthquake, wind, and fire, may we know you also in the voice of silence. Teach us the way of quiet, that we may find our peace in your presence, in the pattern of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Second Reading: I Corinthians 4:1–5

*Reader* A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries. <sup>2</sup>Moreover, it is required of stewards that they should be found trustworthy. <sup>3</sup>But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. <sup>4</sup>I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. <sup>5</sup>Therefore do not pronounce judgement before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:24–34

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said,] “No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

<sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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<sup>34</sup>“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today . . .”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

*A time for silent reflection is kept.*

### The Nicene Creed

*People* **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, 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 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.**

### The Prayers of the People

**Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

*Silence is kept.*

*People* **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and 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.**

*Celebrant* 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. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

**The Celebration of the Eucharist****The Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Merciful God, your word inspires us to bring an offering of our love. May we always be ready to work according to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving****Eucharistic Prayer A**

Proper Preface Epiphany

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, in substance of our mortal flesh, manifested forth his glory, that he might bring us out of darkness into his own marvellous light.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

*People* **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

*People* **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

*Celebrant* And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that

by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:  
*People* **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 Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*All are invited to share in Communion. If you would rather not receive the bread and wine, please feel free to come forward for a blessing.*

**Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
*People* **Faithful God, as we are nourished by heavenly food, may we live according to your will and show the fruits of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

**Doxology**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,  
*People* **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.**

**Announcements**

Services		
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Said Eucharist (BAS 1962)
	9:00 a.m.	Mandarin Fellowship
	10:30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (BAS)
		3rd Sunday of the month (AAWE)
BAS 1962 (Book of Alternate Services) uses the 1962 rite which is the traditional language as in the BCP (Book of Common Prayer)		
Mandarin Fellowship is offered in the Sanctuary. We hope our Mandarin Fellowship can be a “harbour for love,” where we seek truth together, while experiencing and receiving the abundant grace of God.		
衷心欢迎您来到圣乔治教会大家庭，我们的国语团契每周日上午9点举行主日聚会。		
盼望国语团契可以成为一个爱的港湾，在这里我们一起寻求上帝的真理，一起经历上帝的同在，一起领受上帝的恩典。		
BAS (Book of Alternate Services) uses contemporary, inclusive-language		
AAWE (Amazing, Awesome, Alternate Worship Experience) is a Communion service that is more informal with alternative music and prayers		

Incumbent	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Assistant Curate	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Honorary Associate	The Rev. Canon Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD
Associate, Mandarin Ministry	Morning Wang
Student Intern	James Yu
Organist & Director of Music	Michael Leach
Parish Administrator	Craig Gustafson
Custodian	Philip Ikhuoria
Churchwardens	
People’s Warden	Max Wynter
Rector’s Warden	Aili Maki