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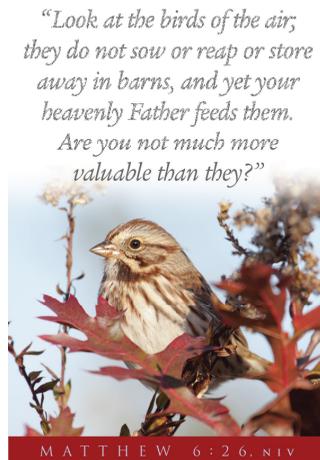
Eighth Sunday after Epiphany (Proper 8)

10:30 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

*Hearing Assistive Devices and Large Print service leaflets are available
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The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn #447 “Lord, We Hear Your Word”

Text by Margaret Clarkson

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| <p>1 Lord, we hear your word with gladness:
you have spoken—we rejoice:
words of love and life and freedom—
help us make their truth our choice!
Now in holy celebration
for your Word we worship you;
spoken, written, known in Jesus,
ours today to prove anew.</p> <p>2 May we hear with understanding,
by your Spirit taught and led;
may the springs of all our being
by your living Word be fed;
may our hearts accept with meekness
all the grace your light makes known;
may obedience mark our footsteps
till we make each word our own!</p> | <p>3 You have spoken; yours the fullness,
ours the wealth of this your Word;
debtors, then as living letters,
we must make our gospel heard!
By your Spirit’s power transform us;
shed your saving light abroad
till our lives by love in action
show our world the truth of God!</p> |
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Greeting and Collect for Purity

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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 also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

People **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your 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.****Calling the Meeting of Vestry to Order**

- ✦ Appointment of Vestry Clerk
- ✦ Reading and signing of the Declaration re: Vestry
- ✦ Acknowledgement of the Pastoral Letters from Archbishop Johnson and Bishop Robertson
- ✦ Acceptance of Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of Sunday, February 28, 2016
“That the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, and that the minutes of the meeting of Vestry on Sunday, February 28, 2016 be adopted and confirmed.”
- ✦ Acceptance of Incumbent’s, Wardens’, and Committee reports
“That the reading of the reports to Vestry be dispensed with, and that they be accepted as presented in the written Vestry report.”

The Proclamation of the Word*Celebrant* We give you thanks, O God of sacred stories, for the witness of Holy Scripture. Through it you nurture our imaginations, touch our feelings, increase our awareness, and challenge our assumptions. Bless, we pray, our hearing of your word this day. Speak to us; and grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may be hearers and doers of your word. **Amen.**

First Reading:

Isaiah 49:8–16a

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.⁸ 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;
⁹ 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;
¹⁰ 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.

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

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

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ But Zion said, “The Lord has forsaken me,
 my Lord has forgotten me.”

¹⁵ 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.

^{16a} 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.

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.

Gradual Hymn #715 "Alleluia"

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!

1 The Word of the Lord lasts forever.
What is the Word that is living?
It is brought to us through his Son Jesus Christ.

Refrain

2 God brings the world to himself,
now through his Christ reconciling;
he has trusted us with the news of redeeming
love.

Text by Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker

Refrain

3 The Word of the Lord is alive,
the Word of God is active—
it can judge our thoughts, bring us
closer to the Father.

Refrain

Holy Gospel:

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

²⁴ [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.

²⁵ "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? ²⁶ 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? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ 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? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today . . ."

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

A time for silent reflection is kept.

Video: "St. George on Yonge – A Year in Review"

✚ Table Discussions

In small groups, discuss what social and fellowship events you would enjoy participating in as a regular part of our life here at St. George on Yonge.

How would you be willing to assist in making these happen?

Praying for the Various Ministries of St. George on Yonge*Leader* We pray to you, Lord.*People* **Lord, have mercy.****The Peace***Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.*People* **And also with you.**

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The Celebration of the Eucharist**Offertory Hymn #450 "You Call Us, Lord, to Be"**

Text by Jane Manton Marshall

- 1 You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart,
to feel with thoughtful mind and think with tender heart.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.
- 2 You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbour too,
to take the risk, and dare to show what love can do.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.
- 3 You call us, Lord, to be good stewards of the earth;
to tend it as a place of blessedness and worth.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.
- 4 You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live,
to know we best receive when joyfully we give.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

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.****Eucharistic Prayer #3**

Proper Preface Epiphany

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.*People* **We lift them to the Lord.***Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.***Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation, and have shown your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of all peoples.

Therefore with angels and archangels we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

*People***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**Arranged by
Michael Leach**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***Celebrant*

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
People **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.
 We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
 In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;
 by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer [Arranged by Michael Leach]

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

People **Our Father in heav'n, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And 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 Breaking of the Bread #2

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Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Lamb of God [Arranged by Michael Leach]

People **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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.

Communion Hymn #458 "Seek Ye First"

Text by Karen Lafferty

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| 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia. | 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto
you.
Allelu, alleluia. |
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Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Allelu, alleluia.

Refrain

Communion Hymn #87 "Strengthen for Service, Lord"

Text from the Liturgy of Malabar; translation by Charles W. Humphreys; adaption by Percy Dearmer

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| 1 Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands
that holy things have taken;
let ears that now have heard thy songs
to clamour never waken. | 3 The feet that tread thy holy courts
from light do thou not banish;
the bodies by thy body fed
with thy new life replenish. |
| 2 Lord, may the tongues which "Holy" sang
keep free from all deceiving;
the eyes which saw thy love be bright,
thy blessed hope perceiving. | |

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.**

Closing Hymn “Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)”

Words by Marty Haugen

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God’s children dare to seek
to dream God’s reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God’s grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Refrain

3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space,
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Refrain

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they’ve known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God’s face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Refrain

5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Refrain

Break to get coffee and have lunch before the meeting continues.

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 (AAawe)

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

AAawe (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