

June 18, 2017

10:30 a.m. – A.A.A.W.E.!!

(Amazing, Awesome, Alternative Worship Experience!)

Welcome

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Second Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather Together

Music Before the Service

As we begin our worship observing this National Aboriginal Day, we acknowledge that this sacred land was occupied and used by the Huron/Wendat Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Mississaugas of New Credit, who are an Anishnaabe people. We offer thanks and gratitude for this gift passed on to us.

Call to Worship

Celebrant We gather to share in God's dream of abundant life for all. We gather to give and receive gifts of deep emotion, deep wisdom, and deep love. With gratitude we gather as a community to praise God, to seek transformation, and to celebrate the power of the Spirit who is always moving.

Opening Song "This Is the Day"

Text by unknown and R. Gerald Hobbs

- 1 This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.
- 2 Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,
we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God.

3 You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name.

Repeat verse 1

Opening Prayer

Celebrant There are broken relationships in our lives; in God we seek healing for all people,
and we hope for a better future.

People **Hope comes when we are able to show our sadness; our groans are not a suffering without end.**

Celebrant They are not groans of hopelessness. They begin to fill with fervent hope over
newness being born.

People **Our hope is in our loving God.**

Celebrant God, we pray for your help; bring us together as sisters and brothers.

People **Release us from our captivity of hopelessness, Lord. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

People **Lord, you have heard the persistent sound of Indigenous people crying. You are angered by the injustice done to them every day! If our hands are stained with injustice, God, forgive us, save us, rescue us! Encourage Indigenous people. Encourage our church. Help us find new ways to walk together, in peace, as your children. Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon

Celebrant The promise of God through Jesus Christ is this: we are forgiven. We praise the
God of Compassion. **Amen.**
God, in baptism you anoint us and seal us as your own forever. Give us grace to
walk in newness of life, that your gifts of healing and reconciliation may be
enjoyed by every race and nation. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Word
made flesh, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. Amen.**

We Listen to the Story

Prayer for Illumination

Celebrant Lord, open our ears, unveil our eyes and soften our hearts, by the power of your
illuminating Spirit, to hear with fresh awareness the message of God's Holy
Word.

Psalm 19:1–6

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber

Tune Hymn #224 Richmond

<p>1 The heavens above declare God's praise, The work his hands have made; Day after day his power is shown, And night by night displayed.</p>	<p>3 Forth like a bridegroom comes the sun From its appointed place, And like a hero on his course Rejoices in the race.</p>
<p>2 There is no utterance or speech, No voice is ever heard, Yet to all nations comes the sound, To every place their word.</p>	<p>4 It runs from East to farthest West To make its course complete, And nothing in the world beneath Escapes its scorching heat.</p>

Gracious creator of heaven and earth, your Word has come among us as the true Sun of righteousness, and the good news of his birth has gone out to the ends of the world. Open our eyes to the light of your law, that we may be purified from sin and serve you without reproach for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Life. Amen.

First Reading:

Philippians 4:4–9

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of

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God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Song “Halle, Halle, Halle”

Text from traditional liturgical text

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Repeat

Holy Gospel:

John 1:1–18

Subdeacon The good news proclaimed by Jesus Christ as written by John.

People **May we have ears to hear!**

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, “This

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was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

Celebrant This is the good news of Jesus Christ!

People **As we have heard, now may we live!**

We Reflect on the Story

Reflection

A time for silent reflection is kept.

We Respond to the Story

Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant Let us declare our faith in God.

People **We believe in God, the Source of all life and love, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.
We believe in God, the eternal Word of redemption, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with steadfast love.
We believe in God, the Spirit of wisdom and truth, who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Leader Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action and Prayers

Celebrant We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and Aboriginal governments to acknowledge that the current state of Aboriginal health is a direct result of Canadian government policies including residential schools.

People **Healing God, when Jesus touched a dead man, he came alive. When Jesus spoke to a lame man, he walked. He blessed a woman whose sick child was healed. The wounds of racism scar our communities. We pray for policies that**

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close the gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people and reduce the disproportionate levels of illness amongst Indigenous people. Let us work for reconciliation. Amen.

Celebrant We call upon the federal government to investigate the causes of, and remedies for, the disproportionate victimisation of Aboriginal women and girls.

People **God of love and care, you know what it is to lose a child to violence and murder. We pray for missing women; for violated women; for abused women; and for murdered women, whose families need the truth. Let us work for reconciliation. Amen.**

Celebrant We call upon churches and other faith and interfaith social justice groups to formally adopt and comply with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a framework for reconciliation.

People **Creator God, the kingdom Jesus preached about challenged the political, economic, and social values of the dominant culture. Give us ears to hear our brothers and sisters. Give us eyes to see you in our neighbours. Give us strength to work together to realise the world you would have us build here and now. Let us work for reconciliation. Amen.**

Celebrant We call upon churches to develop ongoing education strategies to ensure that their respective congregations learn about their church's role in colonisation and in residential schools, and why apologies are necessary.

People **God of reason and understanding, we love to talk about theology, but sometimes our talk leads to actions of violence, not love. Sometimes our practices divide rather than reconcile. Lead us to face the truth of the past and to work for peace in the future. Remind us that confession from the heart leads to healing of the heart; that words of truth build trust. Stir us to respond to your longing for a new creation to heal and restore the circle of your people. Let us work for reconciliation. Amen.**

Celebrant We call upon church parties to the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, in collaboration with Survivors and representatives of Aboriginal organisations, to establish permanent funding to Aboriginal people for projects that will further community-controlled healing and reconciliation, culture and language revitalisation, education and leadership development.

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People **Almighty God, we ascribe to you power and might, but we like to take power in our own hands. You govern with justice and mercy; but too often we control and limit, believing we are being faithful to you. Sharpen our vision so we may catch a glimpse of you in the places we prefer to ignore or forget and when you are fully among the people we are tempted to dismiss. Let us work for reconciliation. Amen.**

Hymn #612 "Healer of Our Every Ill"

Text by Marty Haugen

Refrain: Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing.
Spirit of compassion: fill each heart.

Refrain

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We Share the Meal together

Offertory Song #407 "Many and Great"

Offering Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation. Feed us with the Bread of Life, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2 (S2)

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to God.**

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Celebrant Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

People **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness.

You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first. Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and singing:

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 Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

People **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Celebrant At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

People **Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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Celebrant Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

People **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Celebrant Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer [*from The New Zealand Prayer Book*]

People **Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, 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.**

Communion

Celebrant Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. The gifts of God for the family 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.

Songs during Communion

#61 "As We Gather at Your Table"

#62 "Come, Let Us Eat"

Prayer after Communion

People Great Creator, you have fed us with bread from heaven. Continue to renew us in your truth, to give light to our minds strength to our bodies, and seal us with your Holy Spirit. We ask this in Christ’s name. Amen.

We go Back into the World

Blessing

Celebrant Empower us by your Spirit to love fiercely, to give and receive forgiveness fully, to pray daily, to serve cheerfully, to live simply, and to leave everything else to God. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you, those whom you love and all you serve, this day and always.
Amen.

The Life & Ministry of St. George on Yonge: Announcements

Closing Song “This Little Light of Mine”

Text from African-American spiritual

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| <p>1 This little light of mine
I’m gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine
I’m gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine
I’m gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.</p> <p>2 Ev’rywhere I go,
I’m gonna let it shine,
Ev’rywhere I go,
I’m gonna let it shine;
Ev’rywhere I go,
I’m gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.</p> | <p>3 Jesus gave it to me,
I’m gonna let it shine,
Jesus gave it to me,
I’m gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me,
I’m gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.</p> |
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Dismissal

Subdeacon Go out, bringing into the world the love and justice of our Lord. May you always walk upon the Creator’s road. And may the Creator always bless your footsteps until we meet again. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Music After the Service

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

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

Interim Priest-in-Charge	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Honorary Associate	The Rev. Canon Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD
Associate, Mandarin Ministry	Morning Wang
Organist & Director of Music	Michael Leach
Parish Administrator	Craig Gustafson
Custodian	Philip Ikhuoria
Churchwardens	
People’s Warden	Max Wynter
Rector’s Warden	Aili Maki