

April 29, 2018

George (Patron Saint of England, Martyr, 4th century)  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

## Welcome

*Hearing Assistive Devices and Large Print service leaflets are available  
Please ask an usher for assistance*

*Please ask an usher for a copy of the service music*



## The Gathering of the Community

*Please gather outdoors on the front steps as you are able.*

**Processional Hymn #300** “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

### Reflection on the Yonge Street Tragedy

#### Greeting and Collect for Purity

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*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* May his grace and peace be with you.

*People* **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

*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.**

#### Glory to God [Hymn #686]

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*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,

*People* **and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

#### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Almighty God, who called your holy martyr George to bear before the rulers of this world the banner of the cross, grant that we may be strong in every battle against sin, and attain to the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Revelation 12:7–12

*Reader* A reading from the Revelation to John.

<sup>7</sup> And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup> but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup> The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

<sup>10</sup> Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

“Now have come the salvation and the power  
and the kingdom of our God

and the authority of his Messiah,

for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,  
who accuses them day and night before our God.

<sup>11</sup> But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb

and by the word of their testimony,

for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice then, you heavens

and those who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea,

for the devil has come down to you

with great wrath,

because he knows that his time is short!”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 18:1–7

*Refrain:*



1 I love you, O Lord my strength,  
O Lord my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.

2 My God, my rock in whom I put my trust,  
my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge;  
you are worthy of praise.

*Refrain*

3 I will call upon the Lord,  
and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

4 The breakers of death rolled over me,  
and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.

*Refrain*

5 The cords of hell entangled me,  
and the snares of death were set for me.

6 I called upon the Lord in my distress  
and cried out to my God for help.

*Refrain*

7 He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling;  
my cry of anguish came to his ears.

*Refrain*

**Praise to you, God of our salvation; you come to our help and set us free. May your strength be our shield and your word be our lamp, that we may serve you with pure hearts and find victory through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Second Reading:

Ephesians 6:10–20

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces

of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup> As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

#### Gradual Hymn #715 “Alleluia”

Holy Gospel:

Mark 8:34–38

*Subdeacon* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

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

<sup>34</sup> [Jesus] called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

*Subdeacon* The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

*A time for silent reflection is kept.*

#### The Nicene Creed

*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*People* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### Commissioning for Lay Ministries in the Church

*The people to be commissioned stand before the Celebrant.*

*Celebrant* Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good.

Our purpose today is to recognize and affirm the ministries for which these people have offered themselves.

*The Celebrant describes the ministries.*

Is it your will that these people fulfil these ministries?

*People* **It is.**

*The Celebrant addresses those to be commissioned.*

*Celebrant* You have been called to this ministry. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with care, to the honour of God and the benefit of the Church?

*Answer* I will.

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation.*

*Celebrant* Will you uphold them in this service?

*People* **We will.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Blessed are you, gracious God, our creator and redeemer. In every age you call people to minister in your name. May the work of your servants so build up your Church, that we may faithfully serve you and show your love in all the world. Blessed are you, O God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord enable and uphold you in this ministry.

### The Prayers of the People

*Leader* Let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

### Confession and Absolution

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*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,

*People* **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Peace

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

*People* **And also with you.**

### Reading of *Si Quis* for Morning Wang

#### Appreciation of Thanks to Diocesan Administration Team

#### Presentation of the "Order of St. George on Yonge" Award

#### Presentation to the Newly Baptised and Confirmed Members of the Mandarin Ministry

#### Blessing of Glass Mosaic in Thanksgiving for Sr. Connie's Years of Ministry

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Offertory Hymn #432 "Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult"

### The Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **O God, behold the needs of your Church and give aid to our weakness, that your mercy may attend our praise and our hearts may render you thanks. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Eucharistic Prayer #3

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Proper Preface A Martyr

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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 are glorified in the assembly of your saints. All your martyrs bless you and praise you, confessing before the powers of this world the great name of your only Son. Therefore we join our voices with theirs, and with all who have served you in every age, 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 #8**

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*Celebrant* Lord, we died with you on the cross.

*People* **Now we are raised to new life.**

*Celebrant* We were buried in your tomb.

*People* **Now we share in your resurrection.**

*Celebrant* Live in us, that we may live in you.

**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**

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*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 Hymns**

#304 "All Things Are Thine"

#303 "Unto Thy Temple, Lord, We Come"

**Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Lord God, who gave to your martyr George the reward of service under Christ, grant us by this holy banquet so to persist in the way of baptism, that we may vanquish the works of sin and enter the gates of victory. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Doxology** [Arranged by Michael Leach]

*People* **Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more, infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever, for ever and ever. Amen, Amen.**

**Blessing**

**Announcements**

**Recessional Hymn #529 "God, My Hope on You Is Founded"**

**Dismissal**

*Subdeacon* Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

***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)
Wednesday	12:00 noon	Worship at Midday

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。

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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