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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany (Proper 4)



The Rev. William White, of the No. 2 Construction Battalion, was given the rank of Honorary Captain, making him the only black officer in the entire Canadian army during World War I. The No. 2 Construction Battalion was Canada's first and only all-black military unit. Some of the men in the battalion received great honours for their valuable service.

**10:30 a.m. – Black History Month Service**

***Welcome***

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

*There will be Sunday School today, and all children are invited to participate.*

**We Gather Together****Musical Prelude****Words of Welcome**

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**Song "Lift Every Voice and Sing"**

Text by James W. Johnson

- 1 Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,  
 ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
 Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,  
 let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
 Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
 facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
 let us march on till victory is won.
- 2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,  
 felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
 yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
 come to the place for which our parents sighed?  
 We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
 we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
 out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
- 3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
 thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
 keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
 Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
 shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,  
 true to our God, true to our native land.

**Opening Verses**

*Leader* The Lord be with you:

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

*Leader* The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:

*People* **Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.**

*Leader* I was glad when they said to me:

*People* **Let us go to the house of the Lord.**

*Leader* Praise the Lord:

*People* **The name of the Lord be praised.**

**Prayer of the Day**

*Adapted from Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**Doxology**

*Leader* Glory to the Father:

*People* **Glory to the Son.**

*Leader* Glory to the Spirit:

*People* **For ever three in One.**

*Leader* Be glorified in Canada:

*People* **Be glorified in Africa.**

*Leader* Be glorified at home:

*People* **Be glorified in the Church.**

*Leader* Be glorified on earth:

*People* **Be glorified in heaven.**

*Leader* Glory to the Father:

*People* **Glory to the Son.**

*Leader* Glory to the Spirit:

*People* **For ever three in One.**

*Leader* Hallelujah!

*People* **Amen!**

**Song #504 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"**

**We Listen to God's World**

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4–10

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

<sup>4</sup> Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

<sup>5</sup> "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,

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and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

<sup>6</sup> Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." <sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy;'

for you shall go to all to whom I send you,

and you shall speak whatever I command you.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them,

for I am with you to deliver you,

says the Lord."

<sup>9</sup> Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup> See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,

to pluck up and to pull down,

to destroy and to overthrow,

to build and to plant."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 71:1–6

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be ashamed.

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;  
incline your ear to me and save me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;  
you are my crag and my stronghold.

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, O Lord God,  
my confidence since I was young.

6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;  
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;  
my praise shall be always of you.

**Holy God, be our strength and our salvation, that we may never be ashamed to praise you for your mighty acts. We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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Second Reading: I Corinthians 13:1–13 Shirley Jean Stephen  
*Reader* A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn** “Halle, Halle, Halle” Text from traditional liturgical text

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

### **Repeat**

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:21–30 The Rev. Morning Wang  
*Deacon* A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

<sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup> He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” <sup>24</sup> And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s home town. <sup>25</sup> But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup> yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath

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in Sidon. <sup>27</sup> There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup> When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

*Deacon* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Reflection: Blacks in the Canadian Military**

**Presenter** Warrant Officer Darnel Leader, member of The Queen’s Own Rifles of Canada (QOR)

*A time for silent reflection is kept.*

**The Prayers of the People** Margie Lyttle

*Leader* We pray,  
*People* **God of all nations, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Placing our hope in God, we pray,  
*People* **Good and gracious God, who loves and delights in all people, we stand in awe before you, knowing that the spark of life within each person on earth is the spark of your divine life. Help us to see the best within ourselves, so that we may see the best in all persons. Differences among cultures and races are multi-coloured manifestations of your Light. May our hearts and minds be open to celebrate similarities and differences among our sisters and brothers. We place our hopes for racial harmony in our committed action and in your Presence in our neighbour. May all peoples live in peace. Amen.**

*From a prayer by the Augustinian Secretariat for Justice and Peace adapted by the Diocese of Springfield, Illinois.*

**Song #484** “In Christ There Is No East or West”

**Confession with Affirmation of Faith and Pardon** The Rev. Bryan Ransom

*Leader* Let us confess our sins against God and one another.  
*People* **Almighty God, Creator of all, you marvellously made us in your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbours. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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*Leader* Is the Father with us?  
*People* **He is.**  
*Leader* Is Christ among us?  
*People* **He is.**  
*Leader* Is the Spirit here?  
*People* **He is.**  
*Leader* This is our God:  
*People* **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**  
*Leader* We are his people:  
*People* **We are redeemed.**  
*Leader* Walk then always in love, as Christ has loved you.  
*People* **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Leader* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## Offertory Song #513 "Guide My Feet"

**Duet** "My Lord What a Morning" Cynthia Taitt & Orville Green

## We go Back into the World

**Prayer over the Gifts** See I Chronicles 29:10,11,14

*Leader* Let us pray.  
*People* **Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, for ever and ever. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Leader* Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,  
*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.**

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## The Life & Ministry of St. George on Yonge Anglican & Lansing United: Announcements

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries

## Closing Prayer

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*Leader* Let us pray.  
*People* **Almighty God, Holy Father, we have sat at your feet, learned from your word, and sung your praise. We give you thanks and praise for accepting us into your family. Send us out with your blessing, to live and to witness for you in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the first born from the dead. Amen.**

## The Blessing

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*Leader* All our problems:  
*People* **We send to the cross of Christ.**  
*Leader* All our difficulties:  
*People* **We send to the cross of Christ.**  
*Leader* All the devil's works:  
*People* **We send to the cross of Christ.**  
*Leader* All our hopes:  
*People* **We set on the risen Christ.**  
*Leader* Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you, always. **Amen.**

## Closing Song #507 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace as we walk our journey; reflect; pray; continue to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Parts of this service are adapted from An Order of Worship from the Anglican Church of Kenya.*