



St. George on Yonge
Anglican

January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany (Proper 4)

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

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

The
Beatitudes

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The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #356 “Ye Boundless Realms of Joy”

Psalm 148; paraphrase by Nahum Tate & Nicholas Brady

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| 1 | Ye boundless realms of joy,
exalt your Maker’s fame,
his praise your song employ
above the starry frame;
your voices raise,
ye cherubim
and seraphim,
to sing his praise. | 3 | Let them adore the Lord,
and praise his holy name,
by whose almighty Word
they all from nothing came;
and all shall last
from changes free;
his firm decree
stands ever fast. |
| 2 | Thou moon, that rulest the night,
and sun, that guidest the day,
ye glittering stars of light,
to him your homage pay.
His praise declare,
ye heavens above,
and clouds that move
in liquid air. | 4 | United zeal be shown
his wondrous fame to raise,
whose glorious name alone
deserves our endless praise;
earth’s utmost ends
his power obey:
his glorious sway
the sky transcends. |

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.**

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.

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Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on 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 **Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Micah 6:1–8

Reader A reading from the Book of Micah.

¹ Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ² Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³ “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.” ⁶ “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber

Tune Hymn #116 Irish

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| <p>1 Lord, who may dwell within your house
Or on your holy hill?
Those who do good and speak the truth,
Whose lives are blameless still;</p> <p>2 Who have no guile upon their tongues
Nor harm their neighbor's life,
But honor those who fear the Lord
And turn away from strife;</p> | <p>3 Who do no wrong, but keep their
word
And seek no bribe or gain;
All those who do such things shall live
And safe from harm remain.</p> |
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Second Reading:

I Corinthians 1:18–31

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

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #324 “Hallelujah”

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 5:1–12

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.**

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you . . .”

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

*A time for silent reflection is kept.***The Apostles’ Creed**

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Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Leader Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

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.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #527 "How Firm a Foundation"

Text by John Rippon

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the
Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath
said,
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not
dismayed!
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause
thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

- 3 “When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to
bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
- 4 “When through fiery trials thy pathway
shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply:
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to
refine.
- 5 “The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for
repose
I will not—I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour
to shake,
I’ll never—no, never—no, never forsake!”

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God of steadfast love, may our offering this day, by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #3

Proper Preface Lord’s Day 1

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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 the source of light and life for all your creation, you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices 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.**

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.

Michael Leach

Celebrant

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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 [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 #6

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Celebrant We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.*People* **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.****Lamb of God** [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.****Prayer for Spiritual Communion***Celebrant* Dear friends, if you are present or elsewhere and are unable to receive the sacrament at this time, I invite you to join me and the whole church in spiritual communion to receive Christ, who is present in this Sacrament of the Altar. Let us pray.*People* **Lord Christ, present in the Sacrament of the altar and in your people, gathered in spirit, come and abide in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; transform my life and actions that they may reflect the image of your holiness; and, by the power of your liberating love, overthrow all that threatens or disrupts the justice and truth of the reign of God. In your name I pray. Amen.***All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.***Communion Hymn #617 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"**

Text from Latin; translation by Edward Caswall

1 Jesus, the very thought of thee,
with sweetness fills the breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.

2 No voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
nor can the mind recall
a sweeter sound than Jesus' name,
the Saviour of us all.

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- 3 O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek;
to those who ask, how kind thou art,
how good to those who seek!
- 4 But what to those who find? Ah, this
nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love of Jesus, what it is
none but his lovers know.
- 5 Jesus, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be;
in thee be all our glory now,
and through eternity.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Source of all goodness, in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine. May these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Doxology [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

Dismissal

Subdeacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn #537 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Text by John Bowring

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me:
lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance
streaming
adds more lustre to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

Repeat verse 1

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

<p>Today's Scripture Readings</p> <p>Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12</p>	<p>Next Sunday's Scripture Readings</p> <p>Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Is 58:1-9a, (9b-12) Psalm 112:1-9,(10) 1 Cor 2:1-12,(13-16) Matthew 5:13-20</p>
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We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .
<p>Congregation Cycle Gerry L & Carolyn P / Carrie L / Hope L / Margie & Clavel L & Carter / Colette L</p>

<p>Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Leonard Leader</p> <p>Subdeacon Fr. Pierre Niyongere</p> <p>Intercessor Geraldine Sperling</p> <p>Reader Craig Robertson</p> <p>Videographer Egan Done</p> <p>Organist Michael Leach</p>	<p>Altar Guild Nancy Dodsworth</p> <p>Usher Ann-Marie Waithe Powell</p> <p>Duty Warden Ravi Andrews</p> <p>Coffee Hour Hosts Craig Robertson</p> <p>Pearl & Sumedh James</p> <p>Counters Richard Snider</p> <p>Carolyn PoonWoo</p>
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Territorial Acknowledgement

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee) and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

Instructions

The Common Cup is an important symbol in our Anglican tradition. It has been emphasized that receiving the consecrated bread alone is complete in itself, so those who aren't comfortable drinking from the Common Cup don't need to. The cup is now being offered to people who wish to return to drinking from the Common Cup.

For the time being, the parish leadership has decided to continue contact tracing, and ask that we continue wearing masks for the safety of others.

Please follow the Priest's and Usher's instructions for the service; and be respectful of everyone's comfort level with physical distancing and contact.

Thank you for joining us. Stay Safe