

February 19, 2023

Last Sunday after Epiphany (Proper 7)

10:00 a.m. – Black History Month Service

Welcome

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



There is no Sunday school today; the entire family is invited to join in the service.

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The Gathering of the Community

Musical Prelude: Drumming and Song by the Niyongere family

Opening Hymn #484 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Text by John Oxenham

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| 1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in Christ no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth. | 3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
who serves my God in truth and love
is surely kin to me. |
| 2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find,
whose service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind. | 4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in Christ meet south and north;
all faithful souls are joined in one
throughout the whole wide earth. |

Words of Welcome

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.**

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.

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- 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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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:

Leviticus 19:1–2,9–18

Reader A reading from the Book of Leviticus.

¹The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

⁹When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God.

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¹¹ You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. ¹² And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord.

¹³ You shall not defraud your neighbour; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning. ¹⁴ You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling-block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

¹⁵ You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord.

¹⁷ You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:33–40 (He)

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber
Tune Hymn #96 Conditor Alme Siderum

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| 1 | Eternal Lord, teach me your way
And I will follow for my part;
Enable me to know your law
Which I shall keep with all my heart. | 3 | Endow me, in your ways, with life,
And turn my eyes from sin and shame;
Establish now the promise, Lord,
You make to those who fear your Name. |
| 2 | Engage my feet upon the path
Of your commandments, hear my plea;
Expel all love of unjust gain,
Incline my heart to your decree. | 4 | Expose me not to dread reproach,
For all your judgments, Lord, are right;
Eternal God, preserve my life,
For your commands are my delight. |

Second Reading:

I Corinthians 3:10–11,16–23

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

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

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¹⁸ Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written,

“He catches the wise in their craftiness,”

²⁰ and again,

“The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise,
that they are futile.”

²¹ So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, ²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, ²³ and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

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

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 5:38–48

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.**

³⁸ [Jesus said,] “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ ³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; ⁴⁰ and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; ⁴¹ and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴² Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if

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you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect . . . ”

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.
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.**

Liturgical Dance

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #513 "Guide My Feet"

Text from African-American spiritual

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| <p>1 Guide my feet
while I run this race.
Guide my feet
while I run this race.
Guide my feet
while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!</p> | <p>4 I'm your child
while I run this race.
I'm your child
while I run this race.
I'm your child
while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!</p> |
| <p>2 Hold my hand
while I run this race.
Hold my hand
while I run this race.
Hold my hand
while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!</p> | <p>5 Search my heart
while I run this race.
Search my heart
while I run this race.
Search my heart
while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!</p> |
| <p>3 Stand by me
while I run this race.
Stand by me
while I run this race.
Stand by me
while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!</p> | <p>Repeat stanza 1</p> |

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Merciful God, accept all we offer you this day. Lead us to love you with all our heart, and to love all people with your perfect love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #2

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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 We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise 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.**

Michael Leach

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the

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Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, 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 #4

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Celebrant "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

People **Give us this bread for ever.**

Celebrant "I am the vine, you are the branches."

People **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

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**

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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.

Song “The Lord’s My Shepherd” (tune Happy Wanderer)

- 1 The Lord’s my Shepherd I’ll not want, He makes me down to lie, in pastures green He leadeth me the quiet waters by

Chorus:
He lives, He lives, He lives,
I know that my redeemer lives, He lives, He lives,
He lives within my heart
- 2 Yey though I walk through death’s dark veil, yet will I feel no ill for thou are with me and thy rod and staff me comfort still. (chorus)
- 3 My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes my head thou doest with oil anoint and my cup overflows (chorus) Goodness and mercy all my life will surely follow me and in God’s house forever more my dwelling place shall be. (chorus)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Gracious God, in the eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. Grant that strengthened by these holy gifts, we may show your love in our lives, and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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.**

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Recessional Hymn #371 "To God Be the Glory"

Text by Fanny Crosby

1 To God be the glory, who great things
has done!
God so loved the world, freely sending
the Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for
sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go
in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear God's voice.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son,
and give God the glory,
who great things has done!

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of
blood,
to every believer the promise of God:
that when the offender, repenting, believes,
through Jesus' atonement, God's pardon
receives.

Refrain

3 Great things God has taught us, great things
God has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the
Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our gladness when Jesus we
see!

Refrain

Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments following the service.

Today's Scripture Readings

Black History Month Service

Leviticus 19:1–2,9–18
Psalm 119:33–40 (He)
I Corinthians 3:10–11,16–23
Matthew 5:38–48

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

First Sunday in Lent

Gen 2:15-17,3:1-7
Psalm 32
Rom 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

Cliff O / Azibola O / Godfrey O / Damiana P / Randall P

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Celebrant	The Rev. Leonard Leader	Liturgical Dancer	Tattianna Pompey-Happi
Preacher & Subdeacon	Fr. Pierre Niyongere	Videographer	Egan Done
Intercessor	Margie Lyttle	Altar Guild	Maggie Sumner
Readers	Clavel Lyttle	Usher	Ann-Marie Waithe Powell
	Abra Ilera	Duty Warden	Ravi Andrews
Organist	Michael Leach	Coffee Hour Hosts	Colette Lyttle and Team

Planning Committee: Colette Lyttle, Margie Lyttle, Felicity Leader, Ann-Marie Waithe-Powell, Clavel Lyttle, Jeanine Kankindi

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.