



**Celebrating 100 Years
in our community**
1922-2022



The Feast of St. George
Sunday, April 23, 2023
10:00 a.m.
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Eucharist

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The Gathering of the Community

Pre-service music

Opening Hymn #300 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Translation from Latin by John Mason Neale

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| 1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion’s help forever,
and her confidence alone. | 4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign. |
| 2 All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One-in-Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally. | 5 Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever three, and ever one,
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run. |
| 3 To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness,
hear thy servants as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls away. | |

Greeting and Collect for Purity

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Bishop Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Bishop May his grace and peace be with you.

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

Bishop 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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Canter Glory to God in the highest,*All* **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***Bishop* Let us pray.*All* **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**

Reading:

Revelation 21:5-7

Reader A reading from Revelation.

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life." ⁷ Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

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

Psalm 18:1–7

- Reader* 1 I love you, O Lord my strength,
O Lord my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.
- All* 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.**
- Reader* 3 I will call upon the Lord,
and so shall I be saved from my enemies.
- All* 4 **The breakers of death rolled over me,
and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.**
- Reader* 5 The cords of hell entangled me,
and the snares of death were set for me.
- All* 6 **I called upon the Lord in my distress
and cried out to my God for help.**
- Reader* 7 He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling;
my cry of anguish came to his ears.

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.

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ 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.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Holy Gospel:

Mark 8:34-38

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

³⁴ He 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. ³⁵ 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. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

A time for silent reflection is kept.

The Nicene Creed

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Bishop

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All

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.

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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Bishop

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.

Bishop

Most merciful God,

All

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.

Bishop 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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Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Church School song – My God is so Great!

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #304 “All Things Are Thine”

Text by John Greenleaf Whittier

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| <p>1 All things are thine; no gift have we,
Lord of all gifts, to offer thee;
and so with grateful hearts today,
thine own before thy feet we lay.
Thy will informed the builders' thought;
thy hand unseen amidst us wrought;
through mortal motive, scheme, and plan
thy wise eternal purpose ran.</p> <p>2 No lack thy perfect fullness knew;
for human needs and longings grew
this house of prayer, this home of rest,
where grace is shared and truth addressed.
In weakness and in want, we call
on thee for whom the heavens are small;
thy glory is thy children's good,
thy joy fulfilled in servanthood.</p> | <p>3 All things are thine; no gift have we,
Lord of all gifts, to offer thee;
and so, with grateful hearts today,
thine own before thy feet we lay.
Come now and deign these walls to
bless;
fill with thy love their emptiness;
and let their door a gateway be
to lead us from ourselves to thee.</p> |
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The Prayer over the Gifts

Bishop Let us pray.

All **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 Easter

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Bishop The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Bishop* Lift up your hearts.*People* **We lift them to the Lord.***Bishop* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.***Bishop*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise 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.

Bishop

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;

Bishop

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.

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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]

Cantor 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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Bishop Lord, we died with you on the cross.

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

Bishop We were buried in your tomb.

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

Bishop Live in us, that we may live in you.

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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Bishop The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Bishop 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 #303 “Unto Thy Temple, Lord, We Come”

Text by Robert Collyer

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| <p>1 Unto thy temple, Lord, we come
with thankful hearts to worship thee,
and pray that this may be our home
until we touch eternity;</p> <p>2 the common home of rich and poor,
of bond and free, and great and small;
large as thy love for evermore,
and warm and bright and good to all.</p> | <p>3 And dwell thou with us in this place,
thou and thy Christ, to guide and
bless.
Here make the wellsprings of thy grace
like fountains in the wilderness.</p> <p>4 May thy whole truth be spoken here,
thy gospel light forever shine,
thy perfect love cast out all fear,
and human life become divine.</p> |
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Prayer after Communion

Bishop Let us pray.

All **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.**

Blessing

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People **The maker of heaven and earth.**
Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord,
People **From this time forth for evermore.**
Bishop The blessing, mercy and grace of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy spirit,
 be upon you and remain with you always.
People **Amen.**

Dismissal

Subdeacon Alleluia! Let us go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Closing Hymn #602 "Lift High the Cross"

Text by George William Kitchin & Shirley Erena Murray

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
 till all the world adore his sacred name!

1 Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
 If we are silent, even stones cry out.

Refrain

2 Jesus, you wept to see our human strife:
 teach us compassion for each human life.

Refrain

3 Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme:
 let peace be our passport, peace a living dream.

Refrain

4 Great is the cost of walking on this road,
 to follow and suffer with the Son of God.

Refrain

5 Worlds to be born and children yet to be,
 come, take up this song into eternity.

Refrain

***Please join us for our Potluck Lunch following the service
downstairs in the Parish Hall.***

*Thank
You*

Thank you to our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil, and Mrs. Mary Asbil for celebrating with us on the occasion of our 100th anniversary; and for leading our worship today.

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of St. George on Yonge from Rudy Powell, Ravi Andrews, Anna Siu, Geraldine and Alan Sperling, and Laura and John Pummell.

Thank you to all our volunteers who work so diligently in many different ministries. We will be doing our volunteer appreciation immediately after the service today in the sanctuary.

We have two items being blessed by the Bishop today during the service.

Thank you to Elizabeth Beecham for donating a pair of candle screens she created to mark the centenary of St. George on Yonge, in remembrance of those who came before, and in celebration of those who carry on. One candle screen features the Holy Spirit, the other the Eucharist. Each candle screen has been constructed of stained glass in a geometric design that represents the individuals, couples, and families who founded and expanded the church known as St. George's Willowdale, and those who faithfully worship, work, volunteer, and thrive in its community.

Thank you to Geraldine Sperling, ODT, for donating two brass candle sticks. These came from the deconsecrated church of St. Stephen's Anglican, Grand'Mère, QC, Diocese of Quebec. This was Geraldine Sperling's home parish for 21 years, where her father Ted served as layreader and her uncle George as Rector's warden.

Thank you to our 100th Anniversary planning team.

<p>Today's Scripture Readings</p> <p>Third Sunday of Easter Revelation 21:5-7 Psalm 18:1-7 Ephesians 6:10-17 Mark 8:34-38</p>	<p>Next Sunday's Scripture Readings</p> <p>Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10</p>
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We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle
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<p>Celebrant and Preacher Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil Bishop's Chaplain Margie Lyttle Assisting Clergy The Rev. Canon Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD The Rev. Leonard Leader Fr. Pierre Niyongere Subdeacon Doug Heyes Intercessor Geraldine Sperling, ODT Readers Hazel Perkin, Laura Pummell</p>	<p>Server Truman Jian Videographer Egan Done Organist Michael Leach Trumpeter Jeff Chong Altar Guild Maggie Sumner Usher Ann-Marie Waithe Powell Duty Warden Craig Robertson Potluck Lunch Hospitality Team</p>
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YONGE STREET TRAGEDY

Today is the 5th anniversary of the Yonge Street tragedy that happened on April 23, 2018. St. George on Yonge joins the Willowdale community in remembering the lives that were lost and those who were injured in the attack.

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.



St. George 23 April

Patron Saint of England, Martyr, 4th century — Commemoration

Few saints have been as widely popular as the martyr named George, a Roman soldier who suffered for the faith in the early fourth century.

The circumstances of his martyrdom are obscure, but we know that the Roman authorities were worried by the number of soldiers who were secret Christians and took harsh measures against them. The situation was all the more remarkable because at that time soldiering was still one of the careers which the Church did not allow its members to follow — so that George was not baptized when he died. It was not unusual for people in his circumstances to delay baptism until they had retired from active service. But the Church believed that, by his martyrdom, George had (if anything) a better kind of baptism, because he shared in the suffering and death of Christ himself.

In later centuries, as his cult spread westwards, George became the model of a perfect Christian warrior — just the sort of figure that appealed to medieval English kings when they placed their wars of conquest under his protection. That is how St. George came to be invoked as the patron saint of England. But another and far more widespread tradition has seen him as the pattern of what it means to be a Christian in the world — as an image of every Christian's daily warfare against the forces of sin, ignorance, fear, and injustice.

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