



St. George on Yonge Anglican

October 22, 2023

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 29)

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

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The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #350 "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

Text by James Montgomery

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| 1 Stand up and bless the Lord,
you people of God's choice;
stand up and bless the Lord of hosts
with heart and soul and voice. | 4 God is our strength and song,
who makes salvation ours;
then be God's love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers. |
| 2 Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear God's holy name,
and laud and magnify? | 5 Stand up and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless the glorious name
henceforth for evermore. |
| 3 O for the living flame,
from God's own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought! | |

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.

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.

Almighty and everliving God,

People **increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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:

Exodus 33:12–23

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.' Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen." I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

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

Psalm 99

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber

Tune Hymn #155 Puer Nobis Nascitur

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| <p>1 The Lord is King; let people quake;
He sits above the cherubim;
In Zion God the Lord is great;
Let nations stand in awe of him.</p> <p>2 He is the Holy One, his Name
Is awesome, great, let all confess;
“Lover of justice, mighty King,
You have established righteousness.”</p> <p>3 Proclaim God’s greatness and bow down
And worship him, the Holy Lord;
Moses and Aaron, Samuel,
They called on God and heard his word.</p> | <p>4 Out of the cloud he spoke to them,
They kept his law and his decrees;
O Lord, you answered and forgave,
Yet punished all their evil deeds.</p> <p>5 Proclaim God’s greatness and bow down,
Worship him on his holy hill;
He is the Lord, our God and King,
The Holy One, our Saviour still.</p> |
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Second Reading:

I Thessalonians 1:1–10

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

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 22:15–22

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.**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

Sermon

*A time for silent reflection is kept.***The Apostle's Creed****Hymn #44** "I Believe in God Almighty"

Paraphrase by Sylvia G. Dunstan

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| <p>1 I believe in God almighty,
 Father of all things that be,
 maker of the earth and heavens,
 keeper of the sky and sea.
 I believe in God's Son, Jesus,
 now for us both Lord and Christ,
 of the Spirit and of Mary
 born to bring abundant life.</p> | <p>2 I believe that Jesus suffered,
 scourged and scorned and crucified;
 taken from the cross, was buried—
 true life there had truly died.
 I believe that on the third day
 Christ was raised up from the grave,
 then ascended to God's right hand.
 He will come to judge and save.</p> |
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- 3 I believe in God's own Spirit,
 bonding all the saints within
 one Church, catholic, and holy,
 where forgiveness frees from sin;
 in the body's resurrection,
 for the breaking of death's chain
 gives the life that's everlasting:
 this the faith that I have claimed.

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.**

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #380 "O Worship the King"

Text by Robert Grant

- 1 O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of
Days,
pavilioned in splendour, and girded with
praise.
- 2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
his chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds
form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the
storm.
- 3 The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
- 4 Thy bountiful care what tongue can
recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the
plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.
- 5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the
end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.
- 6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their
lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.
Eternal God,

People **your word inspires our faith. May we who offer you our praise trust you in all things. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #3

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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; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this first day of the week

overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

In our unending joy we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

People

Michael Leach

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. 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 #2

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Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

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 Hymns

Hymn #337 “God, Your Glorious Presence”

Text by Gerhard Tersteegen; translation by Frederick William Foster, John Miller, and William Mercer

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| <p>1 God, your glorious presence
draws us to adore you,
and with awe appear before you.
In your holy temple
all keep mystic silence,
prostrate lie with deepest reverence.
You alone
God we own,
you our God and Saviour:
praise your name forever.</p> <p>2 In God’s glorious presence
hear the harps resounding!
See the hosts the throne surrounding!
“Holy, holy, holy,”
hear the hymn ascending,
angels, saints, their voices blending!
Bow your ear
to us here:
hear, O Christ, the praises
that your church now raises</p> | <p>3 Fount of endless blessing,
purify my spirit,
trusting only in your merit.
Like the holy angels
who behold your splendour,
may I ceaseless worship render.
Let your will
ever still
rule your church terrestrial,
as the hosts celestial</p> |
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Hymn #344 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

Psalm 117; paraphrase by Isaac Watts

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| <p>1 From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator’s praise arise:
alleluia, alleluia!
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung
through every land, in every tongue:
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>2 Eternal are thy mercies, Lord:
eternal truth attends thy Word;
alleluia, alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to
shore
till suns shall rise and set no more:
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> |
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Hymn #504 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.

[Refrain]

2 Neighbours are rich men and poor,
neighbours are black men and white,
neighbours are nearby and far away.

[Refrain]

3 These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love.
All men are neighbours to us and you.

[Refrain]

4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.

[Refrain]

Prayer after Communion*Celebrant* Let us pray.*People* God of peace,

**you have nourished us in this sacrament with the body and blood of Christ.
May we who have taken holy things keep faith in our hearts and lives, 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**Recessional Hymn #591 "Our Cities Cry to You, O God"**

1 Our cities cry to you, O God, from out
their pain and strife; you made us for
yourself alone, but we choose empty
life.

Our goals are pleasure, gold, and
power; injustice stalks our earth; in
vain we seek for rest, for joy, for sense
of human worth.

2 Yet still you walk our streets, O Christ!

We know your presence here, where
humble Christians love and serve in
godly grace and fear.

O word made flesh, be seen in us! May all
we say and do affirm you god incarnate still
and turn sad hearts to you!

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3 Your people are your hands and feet to serve your world today; our lives, the book our cities read to help them find your way.

O pour your sovereign Spirit out on heart and will and brain: inspire your church with love and power to ease our cities' pain!

4 O healing Saviour, Prince of Peace, salvation's source and sum, for you our broken cities cry – O come, Lord Jesus, come!

With truth your royal diadem, with righteousness your rod, O come, Lord Jesus, bring to earth the city of our God.

Dismissal

Subdeacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

<p>Today's Scripture Readings</p> <p>Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22</p>	<p>Next Sunday's Scripture Readings</p> <p>Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6,13-17 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46</p>
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We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

Joy U / Izunna U / Stephen P & Ann-Marie W P and family / Yaowei W / Norma W

<p>Celebrant & Preacher Fr. Ian LaFleur</p> <p>Subdeacon & Intercessor Margie Lyttle</p> <p>Reader Aili Maki</p> <p>Videographer Egan Done</p>	<p>Organist Michael Leach</p> <p>Usher Ann-Marie Waithe Powell</p> <p>Altar Guild Nancy Dodsworth</p> <p>Welcome Desk Doug Heyes</p> <p>Coffee Hour Hosts Ann-Marie Waithe Powell, Colette Lyttle, Clavel Lyttle</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.