



St. George on Yonge Anglican

November 26, 2023

Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Reign of Christ

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

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Seven Works of Mercy (with Christ as one of the recipients).
Master of Alkmaar. Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam

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The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #379 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Text by Charles Wesley

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| 1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice! | 4 He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice, again I say, rejoice! |
| 2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice! | 5 Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus, the judge, shall come
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice! |
| 3 His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of earth and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice, again I say, rejoice! | |

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 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

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Destitute King,

**one with the hungry, the naked, and the scorned:
may our faith be proved not in dogma and piety
but in serving you in the last and the least;
through Jesus Christ, the stranger's Lord. Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Ezekiel 34:11–16,20–24

Reader A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their

shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: the Lord himself is God; He himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; Give thanks to him and call upon his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; And his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was, in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading:

Ephesians 1:15–23

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia**The Holy Gospel****Matthew 25:31–46***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.**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

The Nicene Creed

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Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

People **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* Lord, in your mercy,*People* **Hear our prayer.****Confession and Absolution**

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Celebrant Dear Beloved 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 #594 "Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendour"

Text by Henry Scott Holland

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| <p>1 Judge eternal, throned in splendour,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
with your living fire of judgment
purge this land of bitter things;
comfort all its wide dominion
with the healing of your wings.</p> | <p>3 Crown, O God, your own endeavour;
cleave our darkness with thy sword;
cheer the faint and feed the hungry
with the richness of your word.
Cleanse the body of this nation
through the glory of the Lord.</p> |
| <p>2 Weary people still are longing
for the hour that brings release,
and the city's crowded clamour
cries aloud for sin to cease;
and the countryside and woodlands
plead in silence for their peace.</p> | |

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Eternal God,

by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #3

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. You exalted him as Lord of all creation that he might present to you an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace.

Therefore at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow as heaven and earth 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.ⁱ

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

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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

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.**ⁱⁱ

The Breaking of the Bread #7

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Celebrant We break this bread,

People **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Celebrant Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

People **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Lamb of God

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.**ⁱⁱⁱ

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 #505 “Be Thou My Vision”

Text from Irish hymn; translation by Mary Elizabeth Byrne; versified by Eleanor H. Hull

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| <p>1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.</p> | <p>3 Riches I heed not, nor the world’s empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.</p> |
| <p>2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.</p> | <p>4 High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.</p> |

Hymn #583 “When God Restored Our Common Life”

Psalm 126; paraphrase by Ruth Duck

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| <p>1 When God restored our common life,
our hope, our liberty,
at first it seemed a passing dream,
a waking fantasy.
A shock of joy swept over us,
for we had wept so long;
the seeds we watered once with tears
sprang up into a song.</p> | <p>2 We went forth weeping, sowing seeds
in hard, unyielding soil.
With laughing hearts we carry home
the fruit of all our toil.
We praise the one who gave the
growth,
with voices full and strong.
The seeds we watered once with tears
sprang up into a song.</p> |
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- 3 Great liberating God, we pray
for all who are oppressed.
May those who long for what is right
with justice now be blessed.

We pray for those who mourn this day,
and all who suffer wrong;
may seeds they water now with tears
spring up into a song.

Hymn #60 "I Come with Joy"

Text by Brian Wren

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| <p>1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.</p> <p>2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.</p> <p>3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.</p> | <p>4 The spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.</p> <p>5 Together met, together bound,
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.</p> |
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Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Almighty God,
**you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world
may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Doxology

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.^{iv}**

Blessing

Recessional Hymn #355 “All Creatures of Our God and King”

Text by Francis of Assisi; translation by William Henry Draper

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| <p>1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
 alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun and golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
 alleluia, alleluia,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>5 All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
 alleluia, alleluia!
All you that pain and sorrow bear,
sing praise and cast on God your care:
 alleluia, alleluia,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> |
| <p>2 Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
 O sing now, alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice;
stars nightly shining, find a voice,
 alleluia, alleluia,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>6 And even you, most gentle death,
waiting to hush our final breath,
 O sing now, alleluia!
You lead back home the child of God,
for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 alleluia, alleluia,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> |
| <p>3 Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
 alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
 alleluia, alleluia,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>7 Let all things their creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
 alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
 alleluia, alleluia,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> |
| <p>4 Earth ever fertile, day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
 O sing now, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
God’s glory let them also show:
 alleluia, alleluia,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | |

Dismissal*Subdeacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.*****Please join us for refreshments following the service.***

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

First Sunday of Advent

Isiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7,16-18

1 Cor 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

Jiranee A / Anne, Lorraine & Kathy B / Daniel B, Priya S & Joey / Daniel B / Julius B

Celebrant & Preacher	Fr. Ian LaFleur	Usher	Ann-Marie Waithe Powell
Subdeacon	Margie Lyttle	Altar Guild	Maggie Sumner
Intercessor	Doug Heyes	Welcome Desk	Ravi Andrews
Reader	Craig Robertson	Coffee Hour Hosts	Colette, Clavel & Carter Lyttle
Music	Michael Leach	Counters	Richard Snider,
Videographer	Egan Done		Carolyn Poonwoo, Colette Lyttle

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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.

ⁱ Michael Leach

ⁱⁱ Ibid

ⁱⁱⁱ Ibid

^{iv} Ibid