



# St. George on Yonge Anglican

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February 25, 2024

Second Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

## *Welcome*

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*[Jesus] said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me . . .”*

Mark 8:34

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### The Gathering of the Community

**Processional Hymn #173** – Creator of the earth and skies (Tune: Rockingham #303)

Text by Donald Hughes

1. Creator of the earth and skies,  
to whom the words of life belong,  
grant us your truth to make us wise;  
grant us your power to make us strong.
2. We have not known you: to the skies  
our monuments of folly soar,  
and all our self-wrought miseries  
have made us trust ourselves the more.
3. We have not loved you: far and wide  
the wreckage of our hatred spreads,  
and evils wrought by human pride  
recoil on unrepentant heads.
4. For this, our foolish confidence,  
Our pride of knowledge, and our sin,  
We come to you in penitence;  
In us the work of grace begin.
5. Teach us to know and love you, Lord,  
And humbly follow in your way.  
Speak to our souls the quickening  
Word,  
And turn our darkness into day.

#### **Greeting**

*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* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

#### **Collect for Purity**

*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.**

#### **Kyrie Eleison** [Michael Leach]

*Cantor* Kyrie eleison.

*People* **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

*Cantor* Christe eleison.

*People* **Christe eleison. Christe eleison.**

*Cantor* Kyrie eleison.

*People* **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

**Collect of the Day***Celebrant* Let us pray.*People* **Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.****The Proclamation of the Word**

First Reading:

Genesis 17:1–7,15–16

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you . . .”

<sup>15</sup>God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.****Psalms 22:22–30**

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber

Tune Hymn #431 Breslau

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| 1 O praise the Lord, you that fear him,<br>O Israel’s offspring, stand in awe;<br>All you who are of Jacob’s line<br>Give glory always to the Lord.      | 3 The poor shall eat and have their fill;<br>Those who seek God shall give him praise;<br>All nations shall turn to the Lord<br>And bow before His throne always. |
| 2 The Lord does not despise the poor,<br>But when they cry, he hears their plea;<br>I will praise God and make my vows,<br>I will perform them publicly. | 4 Kingship belongs to God the Lord,<br>He rules the nations from his throne;<br>All those who sleep within the earth<br>Bow down to worship him alone.            |

5 My soul shall live for him, my heirs  
 Shall serve the Lord at his command,  
 To people yet unborn make known  
 The saving deeds of his right hand.

Second Reading:

Romans 4:13–25

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup> Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn #360 “Bless the Lord, My Soul”**

Psalm 103:1–2; paraphrase by Taizé Community (France)

Bless the Lord, my soul,  
 and bless God’s holy name.  
 Bless the Lord, my soul,  
 who leads me into life.

***Repeat as needed.***

Holy Gospel:

Mark 8:31–38

*Subdeacon* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

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

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

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

*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* We pray to you, Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

**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 #564 "Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us"**

Text by James Edmeston

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| <p>1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us<br/>o'er the world's tempestuous sea;<br/>guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,<br/>for we have no help but thee;<br/>yet possessing every blessing<br/>if our God our Father be.</p>                    | <p>3 Spirit of our God, descending,<br/>fill our hearts with heavenly joy,<br/>love with every passion blending,<br/>pleasure that can never cloy;<br/>thus provided, pardoned, guided,<br/>nothing can our peace destroy.</p> |
| <p>2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;<br/>all our weakness thou dost know;<br/>thou didst tread this earth before us,<br/>thou didst feel its keenest woe;<br/>lone and dreary, faint and weary,<br/>through the desert thou didst go.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

## The Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name. 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, because you bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism and renewed in the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love.

Therefore we raise our voices to you in 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.**

Hymn  
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**Blessed is the One 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."

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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 #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** [Hymn #690]

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*People* **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us 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. If you would rather not receive the bread and wine, please feel free to come forward for a blessing.*

**Communion Hymn #450 "You Call Us, Lord, to Be"**

Text by Jane Manton Marshall

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| <p>1 You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart,<br/>to feel with thoughtful mind and think with tender heart.<br/>Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.</p> | <p>2 You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbour too,<br/>to take the risk, and dare to show what love can do.<br/>Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.</p> |
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- 3 You call us, Lord, to be good stewards of the earth;  
to tend it as a place of blessedness and worth.  
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.
- 4 You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live,  
to know we best receive when joyfully we give.  
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

## Prayer after Communion

*Celebrant* Creator of heaven and earth,

*People* **we thank you for these holy mysteries,  
which bring us now a share in the life to come,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.Amen.**

## Blessing

**Recessional Hymn #444 “Your Hand, O God, Has Guided”** Text by Edward Hayes Plumptre

- 1 Your hand, O God, has guided  
your flock from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written,  
full clear, on every page.  
Our forebears owned your goodness  
and we their deeds record,  
and both of this bear witness:  
one church, one faith, one Lord.
- 2 Your heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest as to least;  
they bade them rise, and hasten  
to share the royal feast;  
and this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming  
one church, one faith, one Lord.
- 3 When shadows, thickly falling,  
engulfed the world in night,  
you summoned forth your servants,  
your messengers of light.  
On them and on your people  
your plenteous grace was poured,  
and this was still their message:  
one church, one faith, one Lord.
- 4 And we, shall we be faithless,  
shall hearts fail, hands hang down?  
Shall we evade the struggle  
and cast away the crown?  
Not so; in God’s deep counsels  
some better gift is stored:  
the covenant of promise—  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

5 Your mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave your work undone;  
with your right hand to help us,  
your people shall be won;  
and then, by all creation,  
your name shall be adored,  
and this shall be our anthem:  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

*Please remain standing as the Sanctuary Party recesses in silence.*

## **Dismissal**

*Subdeacon* Go in peace as we walk our Lenten journey; reflect; pray; continue to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

***Please join us for refreshments following the service.***

| <b>Today's Scripture Readings</b>                                                                        | <b>Next Sunday's Scripture Readings</b>                                                    |
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| <b>Second Sunday in Lent</b><br>Genesis 17:1-7,15-16<br>Psalm 22:22-30<br>Romans 4:13-25<br>Mark 8:31-38 | <b>Third Sunday in Lent</b><br>Exodus 20:1-17<br>Psalm 19<br>1 Cor 1:18-25<br>John 2:13-22 |

**We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .**

**Congregation Cycle**

Elsie M / Dan & Rebecca M & Family / Folasade M / Patrick M /  
 Raphe G & Georgia M

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|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Celebrant & Preacher | The Rev. Vinaya Dumpala | Videographer     | Egan Done                        |
| Subdeacon            | Margie Lyttle           | Altar Guild      | Roshni Sircar                    |
| Intercessor          | Geraldine Sperling      | Usher            | Ann-Marie Waithe Powell          |
| Readers              | Aili Maki               | Welcome Table    | Ravi Andrews                     |
| Organist             | Michael Leach           | Coffee Hour Host | Aili Maki                        |
|                      |                         | Counters         | Lorraine Baillie<br>Hazel Perkin |

**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.