



St. George on Yonge Anglican

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

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Unless a grain of *wheat* falls
into the earth and dies, it remains
just a single grain; but if it dies, it



bears much fruit.

John 12:24, NRSV

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The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #564 “Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us”

Text by James Edmeston

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

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* **Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.****The Proclamation of the Word**

First Reading:

Jeremiah 31:31–34

Reader A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader The Word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.****Psalm 51: 1-13**

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| <p>1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offences.</p> <p>2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.</p> <p>3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.</p> <p>4 Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.</p> | <p>5 And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgement.</p> <p>6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.</p> <p>7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.</p> |
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- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquities.**
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help
again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Almighty God, 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.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 5:5–10

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you;”

⁶ as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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:

John 12:20–33

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Subdeacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour?’ No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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.**

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #392 "Who Comes from God"

Text by Patrick Michaels

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| <p>1 Who comes from God, as Word and Breath?
Holy Wisdom.
Who holds the keys of life and death?
Mighty Wisdom:
Crafter and Creator too,
eldest, she makes all things new;
she completes what God would do.
Wisest one, radiant one, welcome, holy
Wisdom!</p> <p>2 Who lifts her voice for all to hear?
Joyful Wisdom.
Who shapes a thought and makes it clear?
Truthful Wisdom:
Teacher, drawing out our best,
magnifies what we invest,
names our truth, directs our quest.
Wisest one, radiant one, welcome, holy
Wisdom!</p> | <p>3 Whom should we seek with all
our heart?
Loving Wisdom.
Who once revealed will not
depart?
Faithful Wisdom:
Partner, Counsellor, Comforter,
love has found none lovelier;
life is gladness lived with her.
Wisest one, radiant one,
welcome, holy Wisdom!</p> |
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The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, your only Son suffered death upon the cross to bring the world salvation. Accept the praise and thanksgiving we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #3

Proper Preface Lent 1

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.**

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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."

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;

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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.

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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 #500 "Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant"

Text by Richard Gillard

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| 1 | Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too. | 4 | I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through. |
| 2 | We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load. | 5 | When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony. |
| 3 | I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear. | 6 | Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too. |

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant Merciful God,

People **you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life.
Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Blessing

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

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| 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. | 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. |
| 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. | 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. |
| 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. | |

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.

<p>Today's Scripture Readings</p> <p>Fifth Sunday in Lent Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-13 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33</p>	<p>Next Sunday's Scripture Readings</p> <p>Palm Sunday Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29</p>
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<p>We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .</p>
<p>Congregation Cycle Edwin and Midius N, King, Kwezi & Tess / Grace N / Raphael O / Cliff O / Okoye C and Somadina</p>

<p>Celebrant & Preacher Rev. Vinaya Dumpala</p> <p>Subdeacon Margie Lyttle</p> <p>Intercessor Ravi Andrews</p> <p>Reader Geraldine Sperling</p> <p>Organist Michael Leach</p>	<p>Videographer Egan Done</p> <p>Altar Guild Nancy Dodsworth</p> <p>Usher Ann-Marie Waithe Powell</p> <p>Welcome Table Ravi Andrews</p> <p>Coffee Hour Host Lorraine Baillie</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.

Holy Week & Easter at St. George on Yonge

Sunday, March 24

10:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday Eucharist (RED)

(In person and on Facebook)



Tuesday, March 26

7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross (RED)

(In person)



Wednesday, March 27

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday in Holy Week

Morning Prayer

(on Zoom)

7:00 p.m.

Bible Study

(on Zoom)



Thursday, March 28

7:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday (BLACK)

Evening Prayer with foot washing

(In person)

Friday, March 29

11:00 a.m.

Good Friday

Solemn service of the Passion

(In person)



Saturday, March 30

7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday (WHITE)

Great Vigil of Easter with renewal of baptismal promises & 1st Eucharist of Easter
Followed by Easter Vigil Potluck Supper
(In person)



Sunday, March 31

10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday (WHITE)

Sung Communion celebrating the resurrection with children's ministry
(In person and on Facebook)



Tuesday, April 9

10:30 a.m.

Easter Communion Service at Delmanor



Tuesday, April 2 – Friday April 5

Seniors' Communion offered at home

Pre-arrange with Margie Lyttle