

# June 16, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (World Refugee Day / Father's Day)

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

# Welcome

Hearing Assistive Devices and Large Print service leaflets are available Please ask an usher for assistance



When you feel alone, you can take refuge in God. He is near and ready to comfort you.

St. George on Yonge Anglican Church, 5350 Yonge St. Toronto, ON M2N 5R5 416 225-1922 office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca www.stgeorgeonyonge.ca The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #502 "You Are Salt for the Earth"

1 You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the kingdom of God! Share the flavour of life, O people: life in the kingdom of God!

#### Refrain:

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace; bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people: 2 light for the city of God! Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the kingdom of God!

- 3 You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the kingdom of God! Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice grow in the kingdom of God! Refrain
- We are a blest and a pilgrim people 4 bound for the kingdom of God! Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the kingdom of God! Refrain

#### Refrain

#### **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 Oilbwe 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.

#### **Greeting and Collect for Purity**

- *Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- And also with you. People

Text by Marty Hautgen

page 185

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]

page 186

*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.

People Almighty God,

without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

# The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Geraldine Sperling

*Reader* A reading from the first Book of Samuel.

<sup>34</sup>Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. <sup>35</sup>Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup>Samuel said, "How can

I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' <sup>3</sup>Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup>He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." <sup>10</sup>Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup>He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

#### Psalm 20 (said responsively)

1 May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble,

the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

- 2 Send you help from his holy place and strengthen you out of Zion;
- Remember all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice;
- 4 Grant you your heart's desire and prosper all your plans.

- 5 We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the name of our God; may the Lord grant all your requests.
- 6 Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed;

he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his

right hand.

7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses,

but we will call upon the name of the Lord our God.

- 8 They collapse and fall down, but we will arise and stand upright.
- 9 O Lord, give victory to the king and answer us when we call.

God, our hope and our defence, protect all those who call upon your name, that they may stand upright in the day of trouble, and share in the victory of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Second Reading:

*Reader* A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

<sup>6</sup>We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

<sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17

Geraldine Sperling

Gradual Hymn #382 "Praise to the Lord"

1 Praise to the Lord, all of you, God's servants.

Blessèd be the name of our God now and ever.

From the rising up of the sun may the Lord be praised, praise to the name of the Lord!

Holy Gospel:

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>26</sup>Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

6

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

SubdeaconThe Gospel of Christ.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Vinaya Dumpala

A time for silent reflection is kept.

#### **The Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

Psalm 113; paraphrase by Ron Klusmeier

2 There is none like our God in the heavens or on earth, who lifts the weak out of dust, placing them with the mighty, who stoops to raise the weak and low: may the Lord be praised, praise to the name of the Lord!

Margie Lyttle

Mark 4:26-34

page 188

*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

**Ravi Andrews** 

Leader Lord, in your mercy, People **Hear our prayer.** 

#### **Confession and Absolution**

#### page 191

*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.**

#### *Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

#### People And also with you.

The Peace

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

#### Offertory Hymn #436 "I Bind unto Myself Today"

Text attributed to Patrick of Ireland; translation by Cecil Frances Alexander

- I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three-in-One, and One-in-Three.
- 2 I bind this day to me forever, by power of faith, Christ's incarnation, his baptism in the Jordan river, his death on cross for my salvation. His bursting from the spicèd tomb, his riding up the heavenly way, his coming at the day of doom, I bind unto myself today.
- I bind unto myself today the virtues of the starlit heaven, the glorious sun's life-giving ray, the whiteness of the moon at even, the flashing of the lightning free, the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks, the stable earth, the deep salt sea

around the old eternal rocks.

- I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his might to stay, his ear to hearken to my need, the wisdom of my God to teach, his hand to guide, his shield to ward, the word of God to give me speech, his heavenly host to be my guard.
- 5 Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
- 6 I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three-in-One, and One-in-Three. of whom all nature hath creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
  Praise to the Lord of my salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord.

#### The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People God of reconciliation and forgiveness, the saving work of Christ has made our peace with you. May that work grow toward its perfection in all we offer you this day. We ask this in his name. Amen.

#### **Eucharistic Praver #5**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

And also with you. People

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. People

*Celebrant* We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

*Celebrant* You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

#### Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of People your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Michael Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Leach

*Celebrant* We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

*Celebrant* On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.
 Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.
 We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People Glory to you for ever and 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 #1

- *Celebrant* "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."
- People Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

#### The Communion

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Lamb of God [Michael Leach]

PeopleLamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:<br/>have mercy on us, have mercy on us.<br/>Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:<br/>have mercy on us, have mercy on us.<br/>Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:<br/>grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

page 213

All are invited to share in Communion. If you would rather not receive the bread and wine, please feel free to come forward for a blessing.

#### Communion Hymn #361 "Surely It Is God Who Saves Me"

Isaiah 12:2–6 (Song of Thanksgiving); paraphrase by Carl P. Daw, Jr.

Surely it is God who saves me;
 I shall trust and have no fear.
 For the Lord defends and shields me

and his saving help is near. So rejoice as you draw water from salvation's healing spring; in the day of your deliverance thank the Lord, his mercies sing. 2 Make God's deeds known to the peoples:

tell out his exalted name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things;

all his works God's might proclaim. Zion, lift your voice in singing;

for with you has come to dwell, in your very midst, the great and Holy One of Israel.

#### Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Holy and blessed God,

as you give us the body and blood of your Son, guide us with your Holy Spirit, that we may honour you not only with our lips but also in our lives. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Doxology [Michael Leach]

PeopleGlory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more, infinitely<br/>more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to<br/>generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, in the Church and in Christ Jesus,<br/>for ever and ever, for ever and ever. Amen, Amen.

#### Blessing

**Recessional Hymn** #478 – Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast

1 Almighty God, your Word is cast like seed into the ground; now let the dew of heaven descend and righteous fruits abound. 2 Let not the foe of righteousness this holy seed remove, but give it root in every heart to bring forth fruits of love.

Text: John Cawood

3 Let not the world's deceitful cares the rising plant destroy, but let it yield a hundredfold the fruits of peace and joy.

#### 4 Oft as the precious seed is sown, They quickening grace bestow, that all whose souls the truth receive its saving power may know.

#### Dismissal

SubdeaconGo in peace to love and serve the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

# Please join us in the garden for refreshments following the service.

### **Today's Scripture Readings**

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (World Refugee Day) 1 Samual 15:34—16:13 Psalm 20

2 Cor 5:6-10,(11-13),14-17 Mark 4:26-34

## Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Eve of the birth of St. John the Baptist 1 Sam 17: (1a,4-11,19-23),32-49 Psalm 9:9-20 or 133 2 Cor 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41

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

#### Congregation Cycle

Hennie B / David & Judith B / Pamela B / Maxine & Nigel, Liam & Mikaela B / Marcia B

Celebrant & Preacher		Organist	Michael Leach
The Rev. Vinaya Dumpala		Altar Guild	Nancy Dodsworth
Subdeacon and Chalice Bearer		Ushers	Ann-Marie Waithe Powell,
	Margie Lyttle		Hazel Perkin
Intercessor	Ravi Andrews	Duty Warden	Philip Tindan
Reader	Geraldine Sperling	Lemonade on the Lawn	
Crucifer	Nishant Sam	Nancy and Michael Dodsworth	

12