



St. George on Yonge Anglican

August 18, 2024

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 20)

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

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*Those who eat my flesh and
drink my blood abide in me,
and I in them.*

JOHN 6:56, NRSV

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The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #394 “Eternal, Unchanging”

Text by R. B. Y. Scott

- 1 Eternal, Unchanging, we sing to your praise;
your mercies are endless, and righteous your ways;
your servants proclaim the renown of your name.
You rule in omnipotence, ever the same.
- 2 Again we rejoice in the world you have made,
your mighty creation in beauty arrayed;
we thank you for life and we praise you for joy,
for love and for hope that no power can destroy.
- 3 We praise you for Jesus, our Master and Lord,
the might of his Spirit, the truth of his word,
his comfort in sorrow, his patience in pain,
the faith sure and steadfast that Jesus shall reign.

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.

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]

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, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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:

I Kings 2:10–12;3:3–14

Reader A reading from the First Book of Kings.

¹⁰ Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. ¹¹ The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. ¹² So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

³ Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. ⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I

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do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. ¹³ I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. ¹⁴ If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 111

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber
Tune Hymn #103 Winchester New

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| 1 | Hallelujah! Among the just
My heart will give God thanks and praise;
His works are great, studied by all
Who take delight to know his ways. | 4 | His hands work justice, faithfulness,
And his commandments all are sure;
They all are done in equity
And truth, and ever they endure. |
| 2 | His work is full of majesty,
Enduring splendor, righteousness;
Gracious is he, remember well
His works for they are marvelous. | 5 | Redemption and eternal law
He sent us; holy is his Name;
Wisdom begins with fear of God;
His praise endures, always the same. |
| 3 | To those who fear him, he gives food;
He shows the power of his hand
As, mindful of his covenant,
He gives to us the promised land. | | |

Second Reading:

Ephesians 5:15–20

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

¹⁵ Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and

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making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn “Alleluia”

Holy Gospel:

John 6:51–58

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.**

⁵¹ “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵ for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.”

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon: The Rev. Canon Sr. Constance Joanna Gefvert

A time for silent reflection is kept.

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,

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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 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 #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 **Loving God and Father, you have adopted us to be your heirs. Accept all we offer you this day and give us grace to live as faithful children. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #2

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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 We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation 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

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, 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.**

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 #312 "Sing a New Song unto the Lord"

Text by Daniel L. Schutte

Refrain:Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains
high.Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.1 Yahweh's people dance for joy.
O come before the Lord
and play for him on glad
tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound.**Refrain**2 Rise, O children, from your sleep;
your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song.**Refrain**3 Glad my soul, for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be
raised.
I know my Saviour lives.**Refrain****Prayer after Communion***Celebrant* Let us pray.*People* **Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 #357 "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"

Text by George Herbert

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| 1 Let all the world in every corner sing:
my God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
his praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing:
my God and King! | 2 Let all the world in every corner sing:
my God and King!
The church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but, above all, the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King! |
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Dismissal

Subdeacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

***The flowers today are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of my Late Mother Esmay Andrews
from Ravi Andrews***

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

<p>Today's Scripture Readings</p> <p>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 1 Kings 2:10-12,3:3-14 Psalm 111 Eph 5:15-20 John 6:51-58</p>	<p>Next Sunday's Scripture Readings</p> <p>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 1 Kings 8: (1,6,10-11).22-30.41-43 Psalm 84 Eph 6:10-20 John 6:56-69</p>
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<p>We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .</p>
<p>Congregation Cycle Francis K / Peter K / Joseph & Vimal K / Napada K / Gerry L & Carolyn P</p>

<p>Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Canon Sr. Constance Joanna Gefvert</p> <p>Subdeacon, Chalice Bearer & Intercessor Margie Lyttle</p> <p>Reader Aili Maki</p> <p>Crucifer Philip Tindan</p> <p>Organist Michael Leach</p>	<p>Videographer Egan Done</p> <p>Altar Guild Nancy Dodsworth</p> <p>Ushers Ann-Marie Waithe Powell, Hazel Perkin</p> <p>Duty Warden Craig Robertson</p> <p>Lemonade on the Lawn Donya Xu, Anthony Wong</p>
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