



St. George on Yonge Anglican

September 1, 2024

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 22)

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

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

*There is nothing outside a
person that by going in can
defile, but the things that
come out are what defile.*

Mark 7:15,
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The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #619 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Text by Münster Gesangbuch

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| <p>1 Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O thou the Godhead's human Son:
thee will I cherish,
thee will I honour,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.</p> <p>2 Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
who makes the troubled heart to sing.</p> | <p>3 Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.</p> <p>4 All fairest beauty,
heavenly and earthly,
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
none can be nearer,
fairer, or dearer
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.</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.

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 **Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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:

Song of Solomon 2:8–13

Reader A reading from the Song of Solomon.

⁸The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. ⁹My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. ¹⁰My beloved speaks and says to me: “Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; ¹¹for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. ¹²The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land. ¹³The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away . . .”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 45:1–2,7–10 (Said Responsively)

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king;
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 **You are the fairest of men;
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.**
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever,
a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- 8 **Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.**
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia,
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 10 **Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court;
on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

Gracious God, your love unites heaven and earth in a new festival of gladness. Lift our spirits to learn the way of joy that leads us to your banquet hall, where all is golden with praise. We ask this through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Second Reading:

James 1:17–27

Reader A reading from the Letter of James.

¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

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²⁶ If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn “Alleluia”

Holy Gospel:

Mark 7:1–8,14–15,21–23

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.**

¹ Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶ He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honours me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;

⁷ in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

²¹ “. . . For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon: The Rev. Canon Derek Stapleton

Topic: Listening from the heart.

Verse: Then He called the crowd and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand"

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, 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 #80 "We Hail Thee Now, O Jesus"

Text by Frederick George Scott

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| <p>1 We hail thee now, O Jesus:
thy presence here we own,
though sight and touch have failed us,
and faith perceives alone.
Thy love has veiled thy glory
and hid thy power divine,
in mercy to our weakness,
beneath an earthly sign.</p> | <p>3 We hail thee now, O Jesus:
for law and type have ceased,
and thou in each communion
art sacrifice and priest.
We make this great memorial
in union, Lord, with thee,
and plead thy death and passion
to cleanse and set us free.</p> |
| <p>2 We hail thee now, O Jesus:
in silence hast thou come,
for all the hosts of heaven
with wonderment are dumb—
so great the condescension,
so marvellous the love,
which for our sakes, O Saviour,
have drawn thee from above.</p> | <p>4 We hail thee now, O Jesus:
for death is ever near,
and in thy presence only
its terrors disappear.
Dwell with us, living Saviour,
and guide us through the night,
till shadows end in glory,
and faith is lost in sight.</p> |

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. 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 **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Michael
Leach

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

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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.**

Prayer for Anointing

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.

Today being the first Sunday of the month, we will offer the prayer ministry of Anointing. If you would like to receive this ministry, please come forward to receive Communion and then proceed to the Gospel Side (left-hand side) of the church.

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Communion Hymn #585 “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” Text by Albert Frederick Bayly

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy’s perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
every gift which you impart.
- 2 Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision
till your love’s revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer for Anointing

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

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| <p>1 God, whose giving knows no ending,
 from your rich and endless store—
 nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
 costly cross, grave's shattered door—
 gifted by you, we turn to you,
 offering up ourselves in praise;
 thankful song shall rise forever,
 gracious Donor of our days.</p> <p>2 Skills and time are ours for pressing
 toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
 all at peace in health and freedom,
 races joined, the Church made one.
 Now direct our daily labour,
 lest we strive for self alone.
 Born with talents, make us servants
 fit to answer at your throne.</p> | <p>3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
 gain through powers your grace
 conferred,
 ours to use for home and kindred,
 and to spread the gospel word.
 Open wide our hands in sharing,
 as we heed Christ's ageless call,
 healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
 serving you by loving all.</p> |
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Dismissal

Subdeacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

Today's Scripture Readings	Next Sunday's Scripture Readings
<p data-bbox="158 233 585 261">Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p data-bbox="223 271 521 298">Song of Solomon 2:8-13</p> <p data-bbox="260 308 483 336">Psalm 45:1-2,7-10</p> <p data-bbox="284 345 459 373">James 1:17-27</p> <p data-bbox="223 383 521 410">Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23</p>	<p data-bbox="731 233 1163 261">Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p data-bbox="782 271 1112 298">Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23</p> <p data-bbox="881 308 1013 336">Psalm 125</p> <p data-bbox="776 345 1118 373">James 2:1-10,(11-13),14-17</p> <p data-bbox="862 383 1032 410">Mark 7:24-37</p>

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .
<p data-bbox="108 581 354 609">Congregation Cycle</p> <p data-bbox="145 618 1089 683">Wesley S & Aili Maki, Andreas & Ella B & Samantha V / Nathan M / Elsie M / Dan & Rebecca M, Luke / Folasade M</p>

<p data-bbox="108 844 380 872">Celebrant & Preacher</p> <p data-bbox="206 881 623 909">The Rev. Canon Derek Stapleton</p> <p data-bbox="108 919 572 946">Subdeacon & Anointer Margie Lyttle</p> <p data-bbox="108 956 657 984">Reader & Chalice Bearer Geraldine Sperling</p> <p data-bbox="108 993 435 1021">Crucifer Philip Tindan</p> <p data-bbox="108 1031 444 1058">Intercessor Ravi Andrews</p> <p data-bbox="108 1068 454 1096">Organist Michael Leach</p>	<p data-bbox="684 844 821 872">Altar Guild</p> <p data-bbox="684 881 774 909">Ushers</p> <p data-bbox="684 956 852 984">Duty Warden</p> <p data-bbox="684 993 838 1021">Coffee Hour</p> <p data-bbox="874 844 1100 872">Nancy Dodsworth</p> <p data-bbox="874 881 1204 946">Ann-Marie Waithe Powell, Hazel Perkin</p> <p data-bbox="874 956 1073 984">Craig Robertson</p> <p data-bbox="874 993 1208 1021">Geraldine Sperling & Team</p>
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