



St. George on Yonge Anglican

September 8, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 23)

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

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*Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin.
She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.*

Mark 7:26

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The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #393 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” Text by Walter Chalmers Smith

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the
Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name
we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as
light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest
in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring
above
thy clouds which are fountains of
goodness and love.
- 3 To all life thou givest, to both great and
small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the
tree,
and wither and perish, but nought
changeth thee.
- 4 Great Source of all glory and wisdom
and light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their
sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to
see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth
thee.

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,

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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]

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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 **Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; 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:

Proverbs 22:1–2,8–9,22–23

Reader A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

¹ A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. ² The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.

⁸ Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.

⁹ Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

²² Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate;

²³ for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 125

Paraphrase by Timothy and Julie Tennent

Tune Hymn #439 Franconia

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| 1 | Those who trust in the Lord
are like Mount Zion's hill;
Which can't be shaken, but endures
forever firmly still. | 4 | For then the righteous might
do evil with their hand.
O Lord, do good to those good ones
who for the upright stand. |
| 2 | As mountains do surround
your walls, Jerusalem;
The Lord surrounds His people now,
And evermore keeps them. | 5 | But those who turn aside
to crooked, evil ways;
The Lord will banish with all wrong—
Peace be on Isr'el's days. |
| 3 | The reign of wicked ones
will not remain or stand,
Over the place allotted to
the righteous and their land. | | |

Second Reading:

James 2:1–10,14–17

Reader A reading from the Letter of James.

¹ My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸ You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader The Word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn “Alleluia”

Holy Gospel:

Mark 7:24–37

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.**

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸ But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹ Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon: The Rev. Canon Derek Stapleton

Topic: Healing words.

Verse: They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.” Mark 7: 37.

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 #397 "Praise the One Who Breaks"

Text by Rusty Edwards

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| <p>1 Praise the one who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light.
Praise the one who frees the prisoners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel,
healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.</p> | <p>3 Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory,
praise the One who makes us
one.</p> |
| <p>2 Praise the one who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the one who drove out demons
with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water,
quenching thirst in every land.</p> | |

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #2

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 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 #551 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Text by Ray Palmer

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| <p>1 My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
take all my guilt away.
O let me from this day
be wholly thine.</p> | <p>2 May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire.
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire.</p> |
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- 3 While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
 be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
 from thee aside.
- 4 When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold sullen stream
 shall o'er me roll,
blest Saviour, then, in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
 a ransomed soul.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 #306 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Text by Charles Wesley

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
 my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
 the triumphs of his grace.
- 2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
 that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
 'tis life, and health, and peace.
- 3 He speaks, and, listening to his voice,
 new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
 the humble poor believe.
- 4 Hear him, ye deaf, ye voiceless ones,
 your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come,
 and leap, ye lame, for joy!
- 5 My gracious Master and my God,
 assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth
 abroad
 the honours of thy name.

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="155 565 588 594">Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p data-bbox="209 602 534 631">Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23</p> <p data-bbox="306 639 438 669">Psalm 125</p> <p data-bbox="200 677 542 706">James 2:1-10,(11-13),14-17</p> <p data-bbox="287 714 455 743">Mark 7:24-37</p>	<p data-bbox="713 565 1181 594">Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p data-bbox="841 602 1053 631">Proverbs 1:20-33</p> <p data-bbox="888 639 1003 669">Psalm 19</p> <p data-bbox="865 677 1029 706">James 3:1-12</p> <p data-bbox="865 714 1029 743">Mark 8:27-38</p>

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .
<p data-bbox="108 886 354 915">Congregation Cycle</p> <p data-bbox="145 924 1224 953">Patrick M / Raphe G & Georgia M / Russell M & Lea-Lyn D / Amanda M / Richard M</p>

<p data-bbox="108 1073 380 1102">Celebrant & Preacher</p> <p data-bbox="205 1110 623 1140">The Rev. Canon Derek Stapleton</p> <p data-bbox="108 1148 618 1177">Subdeacon, Chalice Bearer & Intercessor</p> <p data-bbox="274 1185 440 1214">Margie Lyttle</p> <p data-bbox="108 1222 460 1252">Reader Judy Bradshaw</p> <p data-bbox="108 1260 435 1289">Crucifer Philip Tindan</p> <p data-bbox="108 1297 454 1326">Organist Michael Leach</p>	<p data-bbox="682 1073 821 1102">Altar Guild Roshni Sircar</p> <p data-bbox="682 1110 774 1140">Ushers Ann-Marie Waithe Powell, Hazel Perkin</p> <p data-bbox="682 1185 1076 1214">Duty Warden Craig Robertson</p> <p data-bbox="682 1222 1181 1252">Coffee Hour Craig Robertson & Team</p> <p data-bbox="682 1260 1206 1289">Counters Ann-Marie Waithe Powell, Hazel Perkin</p>
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