



St. George on Yonge Anglican

February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany (Proper 5)

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

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The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #320 “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

Text by J. Athelstan L. Riley

- 1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain: alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, pryncedoms,
powers,
virtues, archangels, angels’ choirs:
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- 2 O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises: alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord:
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- 3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
forebears in faith and prophets blest:
alleluia, alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song:
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- 4 O friends, in gladness let us sing
supernal anthems echoing:
alleluia, alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three- in-One:
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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]

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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

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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 **Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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:

Isaiah 58:1–9a

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

¹ Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God.

³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers.

⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; our vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

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

Psalm 112

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber
 Tune Hymn #224 Richmond

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| <p>1 Hallelujah! Happy are they
 Whose joy is God’s command;
 Their children will be always blessed
 And mighty in the land.</p> <p>2 Riches and wealth will bless their house,
 Their justice will endure,
 And they are merciful. Light shines
 In darkness for the pure.</p> <p>3 In justice do they rule their lives
 And freely do they lend;
 Unshaken they, their memory
 Is treasured without end.</p> | <p>4 Heart firm, they fear no evil news;
 In God they put their trust;
 Their heart secure, they will not shrink
 Until their foes are crushed.</p> <p>5 The righteous spread their gifts abroad,
 Give freely to the poor;
 With honor will their heads be raised;
 Their justice will endure.</p> <p>6 The wicked will see all these things
 And rage and pine away;
 Their anger and their base desires
 Will perish in a day.</p> |
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Second Reading:

I Corinthians 2:1–16

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
 nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the

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Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴ Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. ¹⁵ Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

¹⁶ "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: "Alleluia"

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 5:13–20

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Subdeacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

¹³ [Jesus said,] "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven ..."

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

Hymn #44 "I Believe in God Almighty"

Paraphrase by Sylvia G. Dunstan

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| <p>1 I believe in God almighty,
 Father of all things that be,
 maker of the earth and heavens,
 keeper of the sky and sea.
 I believe in God's Son, Jesus,
 now for us both Lord and Christ,
 of the Spirit and of Mary
 born to bring abundant life.</p> <p>2 I believe that Jesus suffered,
 scourged and scorned and crucified;
 taken from the cross, was buried—
 true life there had truly died.
 I believe that on the third day
 Christ was raised up from the grave,
 then ascended to God's right hand.
 He will come to judge and save.</p> | <p>3 I believe in God's own Spirit,
 bonding all the saints within
 one Church, catholic, and holy,
 where forgiveness frees from sin;
 in the body's resurrection,
 for the breaking of death's chain
 gives the life that's everlasting:
 this the faith that I have claimed.</p> |
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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; God welcomes sinners and invites them to the 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 #445 "God the Creator"

Text by John L. Bell

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| <p>1 God the Creator, you in love made me
who once was nothing but now have
grown.
I bring the best of all my life offers;
for you I share whatever I own.</p> <p>2 O Christ the Saviour you, in love called
me
who once was no one, lost and
alone.
I pledge to go wherever you summon,
making your will and purpose my
own.</p> | <p>3 O God the Spirit, you in love move me
who once was nowhere and felt
unknown.
I know my need of you for companion:
all things can change when not on my
own.</p> <p>4 And with the people summoned
together
to be the church in which faith is
sown,
I make my promise to live for Jesus
and let the world know all are his own.</p> |
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The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God of compassion and forgiveness, receive our offering this day, and make us one with him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #3

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Proper Preface Epiphany

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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 Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation, and have shown your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of all peoples.

Therefore with angels and archangels we raise our voices in joyful praise 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 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."

People Therefore, Father, according to his command,
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 children; 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 #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.**

The Communion

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Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

All are welcome to receive communion with us

When the ushers indicate to you, please line up in the centre aisle.

- **To receive a blessing**, as you reach the priest with the bread, cross your arms over your chest. Return to your seat after receiving the blessing.
 - **To receive the bread**, hold your hands in front of you, palms up.
 - **We have gluten free bread**, please ask the priest when you get to the front.
 - **To receive the wine from the cup**, take the bottom of the cup and the base and guide it to your mouth.
 - **If you prefer to take only the bread**, you may indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing your arms over your chest, or simply walking past them.
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Communion Hymn #540 “Just As the Deer”

Psalm 42; paraphrase by Brian Ruttan

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| <p>1 Just as the deer longs for the water
brooks,
so longs my soul for you, O Lord my God.
All that I am thirsts for the living spring
of your kind presence welling deep
within.
Why now so full of heaviness my soul?
Why such disquiet deep within my heart?</p> | <p>3 All through the day my God will
comfort me,
and in the night my voice will raise
God’s song,
and I will go to worship in God’s house.
God of my life, to you I raise my prayer,
and when I come into your presence,
Lord,
my barren soul will blossom with new
life.</p> |
| <p>2 Deep calls to deep in cataracts of
thunder;
your floods and rapids crash across my
life.
My tears have been my food both day
and night;
my God, why now have you forgotten
me?
Why now so full of heaviness my soul?
Why such disquiet deep within my
heart?</p> | |

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

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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 #1 “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

Text by Reginald Heber

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise
to thee:
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore
thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down
before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt
be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness
hide thee,
though our sinful human gaze thy glory
may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside
thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in
earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Dismissal

Subdeacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall following the service.

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

Lorraine B / Ann & Elizabeth B / Peter B / Emika B / David & Judith B

Today's Scripture Readings	Next Sunday's Scripture Readings
<p align="center">Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Is 58:1-9a, (9b-12) Psalm 112:1-9,(10) 1 Cor 2:1-12,(13-16) Matthew 5:13-20</p>	<p align="center">Last Sunday after the Epiphany Transfiguration Sun day Ex 24:12-18 Psalm 99 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9</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.