St. George on Yonge
Anglican

The Feast of St. George

Sunday, April 26, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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Eucharist

We are a faith community dedicated to being a safe and inclusive place for all people to experience God's love. We celebrate God's gift of diversity by honouring and welcoming people from all gender identities, sexualities, marital statuses, family configurations, ages, abilities, races, ethnicities, and socioeconomic circumstances. No matter who you are, you are welcomed, loved, and valued.

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The Gathering of the Community

Pre-service music

Opening Hymn #300 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Translation from Latin by John Mason Neale

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.

2 All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One-in-Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

3 To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness,
hear thy servants as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls alway.

4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessèd to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

5 Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever three, and ever one,
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

Greeting and Collect for Purity page 185

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.
People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**
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.**

Hymn #366 "Glory, in the Highest Glory" Text from Glory to God (Gloria in excelsis, Greek hymn; paraphrase by Paul Gibson

1 Glory, in the highest glory,
peace to all, in all their days.
Worship, thanks, and praise unceasing
to the Source of all we raise:
reigning in the sapphire height,
hidden from our mortal sight,
now receive our adoration,
as we make our supplication.

2 Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
Lamb of God, for sinners given,
Word eternal, born of Mary,
Word made flesh, the face of heaven:
holy one, to you we pray,
hear us in the realms of day,
with the Spirit there united,
and the Godhead high exalted.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty God, who called your holy martyr George to bear before the rulers of this world the banner of the cross, grant that we may be strong in every battle against sin, and attain to the crown of eternal life; 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: Acts 2:42–47

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of
bread and the prayers.
43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the
apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell
their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by
day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate
their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the
people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 [**Hymn** #519 "The Lord's My Shepherd"]

Psalm 23; paraphrase by Scottish Psalter

1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want:
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

2 My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
even for his own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

4 My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil
anoint,
and my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house for
evermore
my dwelling place shall be.

Second Reading: I Peter 2:19–25

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

19 For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly.
20 If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if
you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. 21 For to this you
have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you
should follow in his steps.
22 "He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."
23 When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but
he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on
the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have
been healed. 25 For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the
shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

Gospel Acclamation
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
repeat

Holy Gospel: John 10:1–10

Gospeller The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

[1] [Jesus said,] "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate
but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. [2] The one who enters by the gate is the
shepherd of the sheep. [3] The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his
voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. [4] When he has brought out all
his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.
[5] They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the
voice of strangers." [6] Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not
understand what he was saying to them.
[7] So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. [8] All who
came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. [9] I am the
gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.
[10] The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and
have it abundantly . . ."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Musical Reflection

The Apostles' Creed page 189

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius

Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Leader Let us pray to the Lord.
People **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Confession and Absolution page 191

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

People **Lord our God,**
In our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God
who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed
forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of the kingdom
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace page 192

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #304 "All Things Are Thine" Text by John Greenleaf Whittier

1 All things are thine; no gift have we,
Lord of all gifts, to offer thee;
and so with grateful hearts today,
thine own before thy feet we lay.
Thy will informed the builders' thought;
thy hand unseen amidst us wrought;
through mortal motive, scheme, and plan
thy wise eternal purpose ran.

2 No lack thy perfect fullness knew;
for human needs and longings grew
this house of prayer, this home of rest,
where grace is shared and truth addressed.
In weakness and in want, we call
on thee for whom the heavens are small;
thy glory is thy children's good,
thy joy fulfilled in servanthood.

3 All things are thine; no gift have we,
Lord of all gifts, to offer thee;
and so, with grateful hearts today,
thine own before thy feet we lay.
Come now and deign these walls to bless;
fill with thy love their emptiness;
and let their door a gateway be
to lead us from ourselves to thee.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **God of loving care,**
you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and our shepherd. Amen.

Supplementary 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 Eternal God, Source of all being,
we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love.
You call us into friendship with you and one another
to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us.
When we injure others, you confront us in your love
and call us to the paths of righteousness.
You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone,
whom you have always welcomed home,
making the first last, and the last first.
Therefore we raise our voices
with angels and archangels, forever praising you and singing:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of pow'r and might;**
Heaven and earth of Your glory are full.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of pow'r and might;
Heaven and earth of Your glory are full.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Steve Bell

Celebrant Blessed are you, O Holy One:
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness
you followed her and gave her hope.
When Joseph was sold into bondage,
you turned malice to your people's good.
When you called Israel out of slavery,
you brought them through the wilderness
into the promised land.
When your people were taken into exile
you wept with them by the river of Babylon
and carried them home.

People **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Celebrant At the right time you sent your Anointed One
to stand with the poor,
the outcast, and the oppressed.
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria
and offered her the water of new life.
Christ knew the desolation of the cross
and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

Loving and Holy One,
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
we offer you these gifts,
longing for the bread of tomorrow
and the wine of the age to come.
Therefore we proclaim our hope.

People **Dying you destroyed our death,**
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Celebrant Pour out your Spirit on these gifts
that through them you may sustain us
in our hunger for your peace.
We hold before you
all whose lives are marked by suffering,
our sisters and brothers.
When we are broken and cast aside,
embrace us in your love.

People **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Celebrant Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O Source of all life,
now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer [Michael Leach]

Cantor 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 #8 page 213

Celebrant Lord, we died with you on the cross.

People **Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.

People **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant Live in us, that we may live in you.

Celebrant Here is the table of the Lord, we are gathered to the supper, a foretaste of things eternal. Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love. Come, when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith. Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole. Come, everyone, there is room for all. These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

All **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.*

Communion Hymn #303 "Unto Thy Temple, Lord, We Come" Text by Robert Collyer

1 Unto thy temple, Lord, we come
with thankful hearts to worship thee,
and pray that this may be our home
until we touch eternity;

2 the common home of rich and poor,
of bond and free, and great and small;
large as thy love for evermore,
and warm and bright and good to all.

3 And dwell thou with us in this place,
thou and thy Christ, to guide and bless.
Here make the wellsprings of thy grace
like fountains in the wilderness.

4 May thy whole truth be spoken here,
thy gospel light forever shine,
thy perfect love cast out all fear,
and human life become divine.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **O God, whose Son is the good shepherd, send us out as shepherds to seek the lost, to heal the injured and to nurture all with grace and compassion; through Jesus, who calls each by name. 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

Celebrant When it takes hold, resurrection does not let go,
it shakes the dead awake,
it shakes the darkness from the light,
and it wrestles death from all that is dying.
Let us go out into the world
and in the upheaval of resurrection
seek out this new life.
And may the blessing of God
be upon you, body, mind and spirit,
as you leave this place and go into the world
filled with this Easter promise.
Amen.

Dismissal

Subdeacon Alleluia! Let us go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Closing Hymn #602 "Lift High the Cross" Text by George William Kitchin & Shirley Erena Murray

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!

1 Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
If we are silent, even stones cry out.

Refrain

2 Jesus, you wept to see our human strife:
teach us compassion for each human life.

Refrain

3 Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme:
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream.

Refrain

4 Great is the cost of walking on this road,
to follow and suffer with the Son of God.

Refrain

5 Worlds to be born and children yet to be,
come, take up this song into eternity.

Refrain

Please join us for our Potluck Lunch following the service downstairs in the Parish Hall.

Thank You

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of St. George's Day from Lorraine Baillie
and in grateful thanks to St. George on Yonge for the unwavering support, love and care I have received at a time I needed it most from Roshni Sircar.

Thank you to all our volunteers who work so diligently in many different ministries. We will be doing our volunteer appreciation immediately after the service today in the Parish Hall before the lunch. Please join us.

Thank you to our Parish Life planning team.

Today's Scripture Readings	Next Sunday's Scripture Readings
Fourth Sunday of Easter	**Fifth Sunday of Easter**
Acts 2:42-47	Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 23	Psalm 31:1-5,15-16
1 Peter 2:19-25	1 Peter 2:2-10
John 10:1-10	John 14:1-14

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

St. George *23 April*

Patron Saint of England, Martyr, 4th century — Commemoration

Few saints have been as widely popular as the martyr named George, a Roman soldier who suffered for the faith in the early fourth century.

The circumstances of his martyrdom are obscure, but we know that the Roman authorities were worried by the number of soldiers who were secret Christians and took harsh measures against them. The situation was all the more remarkable because at that time soldiering was still one of the careers which the Church did not allow its members to follow — so that George was not baptized when he died. It was not unusual for people in his circumstances to delay baptism until they had retired from active service. But the Church believed that, by his martyrdom, George had (if anything) a better kind of baptism, because he shared in the suffering and death of Christ himself.

In later centuries, as his cult spread westwards, George became the model of a perfect Christian warrior — just the sort of figure that appealed to medieval English kings when they placed their wars of conquest under his protection. That is how St. George came to be invoked as the patron saint of England. But another and far more widespread tradition has seen him as the pattern of what it means to be a Christian in the world — as an image of every Christian's daily warfare against the forces of sin, ignorance, fear, and injustice.

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