St. George on Yonge Anglican

October 18, 2026

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 29)

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

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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

Processional Hymn #350 "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" Text by James Montgomery

1 Stand up and bless the Lord,
you people of God's choice;
stand up and bless the Lord of hosts
with heart and soul and voice.

2 Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear God's holy name,
and laud and magnify?

3 O for the living flame,
from God's own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought!

4 God is our strength and song,
who makes salvation ours;
then be God's love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.

5 Stand up and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless the glorious name
henceforth for evermore.

Greeting and Collect for Purity page 185

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

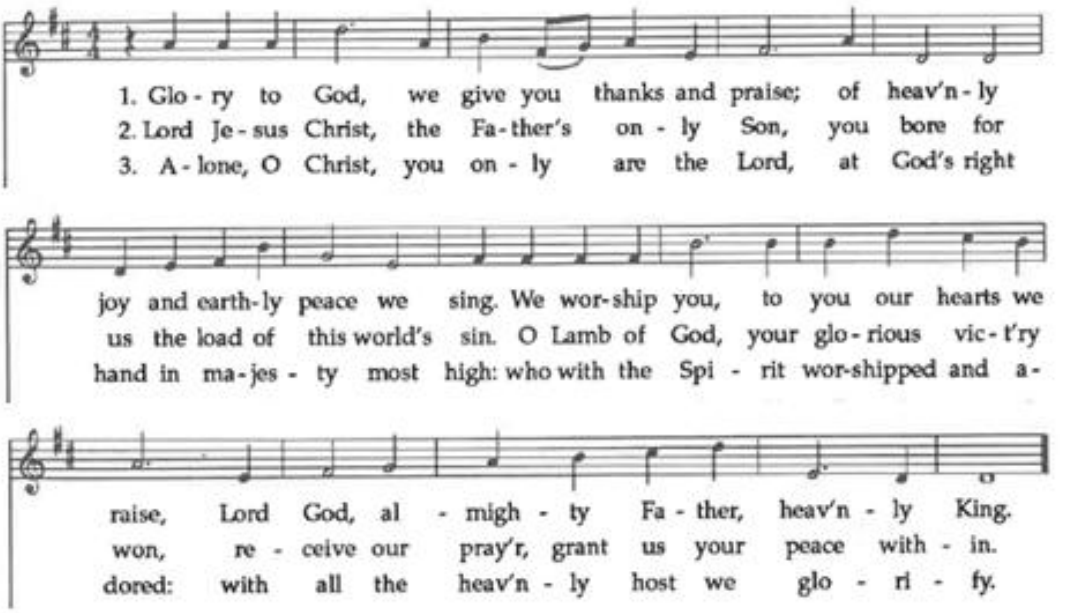
People **And also with you.**

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.**

Metrical gloria

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.
Almighty and everliving God,

People **increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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: Exodus 33:12–23

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.' Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In

this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen." I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

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

Psalm 99

1 The Lord is king;
let the people tremble;
he is enthroned upon the Cherubim;
let the earth shake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion;
he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome;
he is the Holy One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool;
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his name,
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 "O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds."

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Lord our God, ruler of the universe, you love what is right. Lead us in your righteousness, that we may live to praise you, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 1:1–10

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

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15–22

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.**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Subdeacon 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 Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution page 191

Celebrant Dear Beloved 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.

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 page 192

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #591 "Our Cities Cry to You, O God" Tune: Kingsfold

1 Our cities cry to you, O God, from out their pain and strife; you made us for yourself alone, but we choose empty life.
Our goals are pleasure, gold, and power; injustice stalks our earth; in vain we seek for rest, for joy, for sense of human worth.

2 Yet still you walk our streets, O Christ! We know your presence here, where humble Christians love and serve in godly grace and fear.
O word made flesh, be seen in us!
May all we say and do affirm you god incarnate still and turn sad hearts to you!

3 Your people are your hands and feet to serve your world today; our lives, the book our cities read to help them find your way.
O pour your sovereign Spirit out on heart and will and brain: inspire your church with love and power to each our cities' pain!

4 O healing Saviour, Prince of Peace, salvation's source and sum, for you our broken cities cry – O come, Lord Jesus, come!
With truth your royal diadem, with righteousness your rod, O come, Lord Jesus, bring to earth the city of our God.

The Prayer over the Gifts

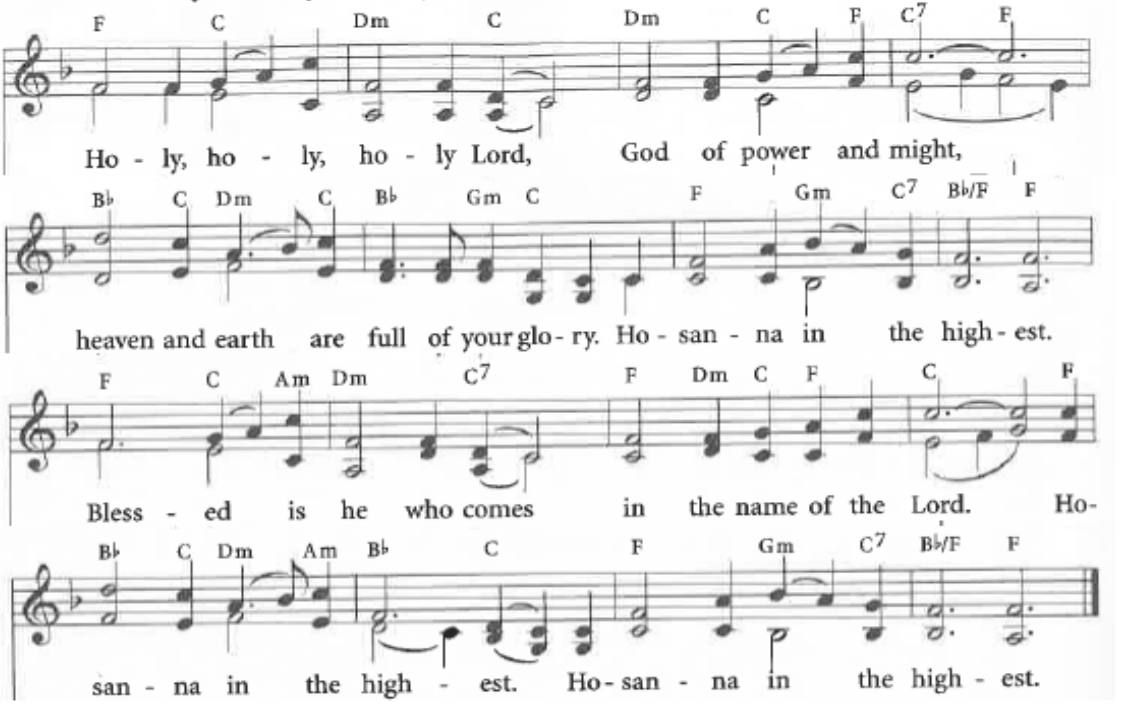
Celebrant Let us pray.
Eternal God,
People **your word inspires our faith. May we who offer you our praise trust you in all things. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #3 page 198
Proper Preface The Lord's Day 2 page 218

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; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this first day of the week

overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
In our unending joy we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

719 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



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.”

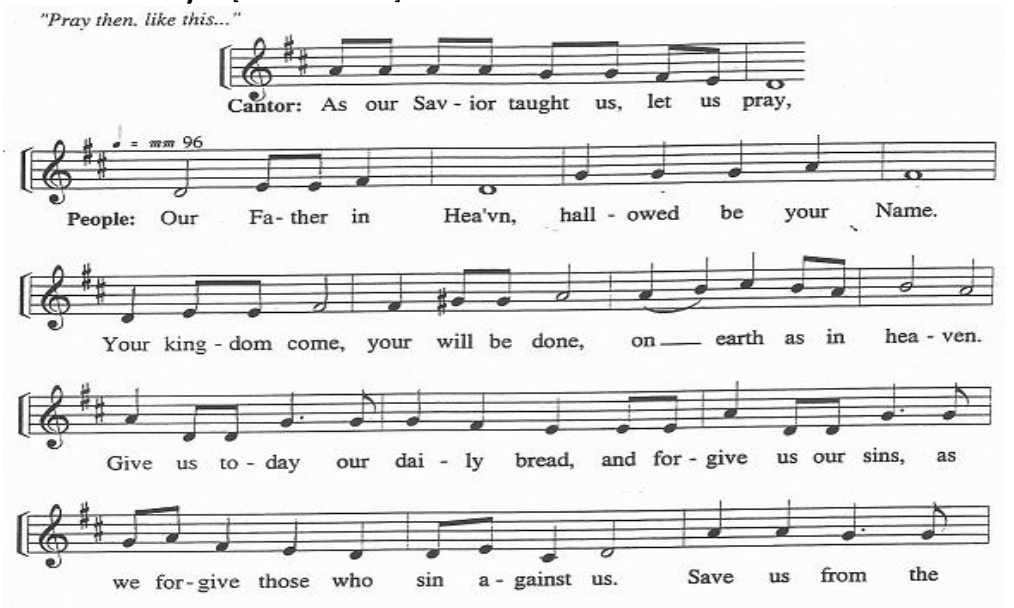
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

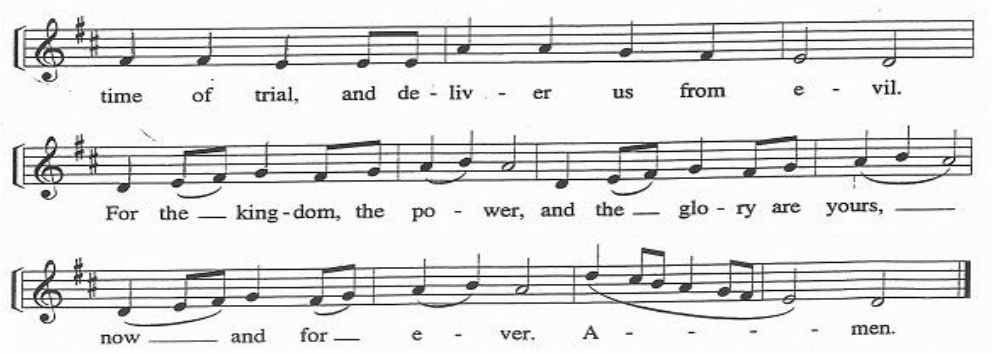
Therefore, Father, according to his command,

People **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]





The Breaking of the Bread #2 page 212

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

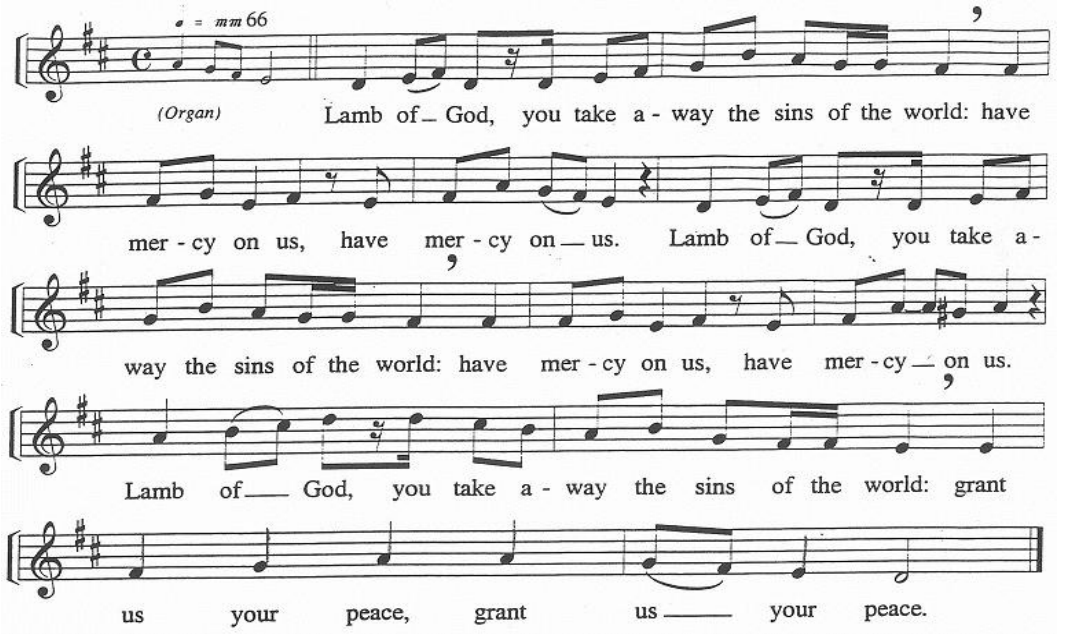
People **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

The Communion page 213

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God [Michael Leach]



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 #337 "God, Your Glorious Presence"

Text by Gerhard Tersteegen; translation by Frederick William Foster, John Miller, and William Mercer

1 God, your glorious presence
draws us to adore you,
and with awe appear before you.
In your holy temple
all keep mystic silence,
prostrate lie with deepest reverence.
You alone
God we own,
you our God and Saviour:
praise your name forever.

2 In God's glorious presence
hear the harps resounding!
See the hosts the throne surrounding!
"Holy, holy, holy,"
hear the hymn ascending,
angels, saints, their voices blending!
Bow your ear
to us here:
hear, O Christ, the praises
that your church now raises

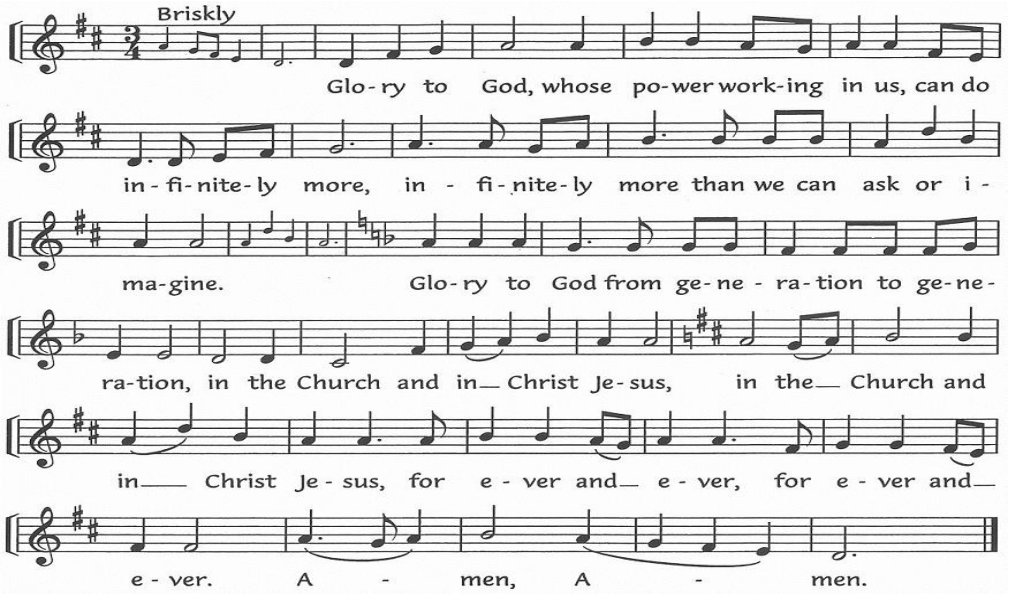
3 Fount of endless blessing,
purify my spirit,
trusting only in your merit.
Like the holy angels
who behold your splendour,
may I ceaseless worship render.
Let your will
ever still
rule your church terrestrial,
as the hosts celestial.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

People God of peace,
you have nourished us in this sacrament with the body and blood of Christ. May we who have taken holy things keep faith in our hearts and lives, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Doxology [Michael Leach]



Blessing

Celebrant Go in peace; love and care for one another in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; and may the love of God be your guiding light both now and forevermore. **Amen**

Recessional Hymn #380 "O Worship the King" Text by Robert Grant

1 O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.

2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
his chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3 The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

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
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**
Exodus 33:12-23	Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 99	Psalm 90:1-6,13-17
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:15-22	Matthew 22:34-46

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .
Congregation Cycle
Godfrey O / Damiana P / Randall P / Asoka P / Hazel P

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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.