

St. George on Yonge Anglican

May 3, 2020

Commemoration of St. George's Day
Transferred to coincide with The Bishop's Episcopal Visit

Ministry of the Word



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The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Hymn #304 "All Things Are Thine"

Text by John Greenleaf Whittier

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| 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. | 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. |
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Greeting and Collect for Purity

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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.**

Glory to God

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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 upon 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* **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**

Reading:

Ephesians 6:10–20*Reader* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

Psalm 18:1–7

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| <p>1 I love you, O Lord my strength,
O Lord my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.</p> <p>2 My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge;
you are worthy of praise.</p> <p>3 I will call upon the Lord,
and so shall I be saved from my enemies.</p> <p>4 The breakers of death rolled over me,
and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.</p> | <p>5 The cords of hell entangled me,
and the snares of death were set for me.</p> <p>6 I called upon the Lord in my distress
and cried out to my God for help.</p> <p>7 He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling;
my cry of anguish came to his ears.</p> |
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Praise to you, God of our salvation; you come to our help and set us free. May your strength be our shield and your word be our lamp, that we may serve you with pure hearts and find victory through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Alleluia

Holy Gospel:**Mark 8:34-38**

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.**

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson

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 Let us pray to the Lord.

People **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

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.

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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 Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

People **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Blessing

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dismissal

Subdeacon Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord.

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

Hymn #349 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Psalm 100; paraphrase attributed to William Kethe

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| 1 | All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,
him serve with mirth, his praise forth
tell;
come ye before him and rejoice. | 3 | O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name
always,
for it is seemly so to do. |
| 2 | Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take. | 4 | For why, the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure. |

Thank you, Bishop Robertson, for making your scheduled Episcopal visit with us today;
despite the impact of COVID:19 on our worship format.