

October 4, 2020

(Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

10:00 a.m. – Said Eucharist

# Welcome

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# The Gathering of the Community

**Opening Hymn** Eternal, Unchanging, we sing to your praise (Spoken)

Text by R. B. Y. Scott

- 1 Eternal, Unchanging, we sing to your praise; your mercies are endless, and righteous your ways; your servants proclaim the renown of your name. You rule in omnipotence, ever the same.
- 2 Again we rejoice in the world you have made, your mighty creation in beauty arrayed; we thank you for life and we praise you for joy, for love and for hope that no power can destroy.
- 3 We praise you for Jesus, our Master and Lord, the might of his Spirit, the truth of his word, his comfort in sorrow, his patience in pain, the faith sure and steadfast that Jesus shall reign.

# **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 page 186

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

Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

# The Proclamation of the Word

Reading: Philippians 3:4b-15

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

<sup>4 b</sup> If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, <sup>[a]</sup> the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ <sup>[b]</sup> and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

# **Pressing toward the Goal**

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; <sup>[C]</sup> but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Beloved, <sup>[C]</sup> I do not consider that I have made it my own; <sup>[E]</sup> but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly <sup>[f]</sup> call of God in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you.

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

### Psalm 19:1-4,14

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language,

and their voices are not heard,

- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Gracious creator of heaven and earth, your Word has come among us as the true Sun of righteousness, and the good news of his birth has gone out to the ends of the world. Open our eyes to the light of your law, that we may be purified from sin and serve you without reproach for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Life. Amen.

Celebrant Alleluia

People Alleluia, Alleluia.

Celebrant I chose you and appointed you, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit,

fruit that will last.

People Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>33</sup> "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup> But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup> Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup> So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup> Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup> They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?

<sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

<sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

A time for silent reflection is kept.

The Nicene Creed page 188

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.

# Celebration of New Ministry: Children and Youth Ministry Leader.

Selection Committee On behalf of the people of the Parish, we have selected Sarah

Layman as our Children and Youth Ministry Leader

Celebrant Do you, Sarah, in the presence of this congregation to which you have been

called to be a pastor, commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

Sarah I do

Celebrant Do you, the people, commit to support Sarah in our shared ministry at St.

George on Yonge?

People We do.

Sarah I, Sarah Layman, commit myself to you, the people of St. George on Yonge, as

your Children and Youth Ministry Leader. By God's grace, I will share with you in the ministry of this parish, in the name of Christ, and with the empowering of

the Holy Spirit

Celebrant On behalf of the parish of St. George on Yonge, in the Diocese of Toronto, I

commission you, Sarah Layman, as the Children and Youth Ministry Leader; to worship and work together with the leadership and people to the glory of God, for the building up of the Body of Christ, and the proclamation of his reign in this

community.

Let us now welcome Sarah as our Children and Youth Ministry Leader.

# The Prayers of the People

Leader Let us give thanks to God our Father.

People We thank you, Lord.

# **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 page 192

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

# The Celebration of the Eucharist

# The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us

dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we

offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our 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.

People 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."

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 sons and daughters; 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

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

People Our Father in heaven, 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 #1

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Celebrant "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

People Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

### Lamb of God

People Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

grant us your peace.

The Communion page 213

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

All baptised Christians are invited to share in Communion.

# **Prayer after Communion**

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have

been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the

name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# **Doxology**

People Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can

ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church and

in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

# **Blessing**

Prayers for birthdays and anniversaries

### **Announcements**

### Closing Hymn Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (Spoken)

Text by Henry van Dyke

- Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays; stars and angels sing around thee, centre of unbroken praise.
  Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
  Thou our Father and our Mother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

### Dismissal

Subdeacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

# **Procedures to Follow During Communion**

- It is your choice whether or not to receive communion.
- Please follow the usher's guidance as to when to go up for communion. We will start with the people closest to the middle aisle.
- Use hand sanitizer provided.
- Stop at **first** floor marker (X) in front of priest (mask on). **Wait** until the priest has finished speaking.
- Then step forward to the second floor marker (X) to receive bread (mask on).
- Follow arrows to next floor marker (mask on) with bread in hand. (go to the side of the Church where you are sitting).
- Face away from the congregation, remove mask, consume bread, replace mask.
- Use hand sanitizer provided.
- Return to your seat via your aisle.

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Leonard Leader

Subdeacon Margie Lyttle
Reader Hazel Perkin
Organist Michael Leach
Intercessor Geraldine Sperling

Altar Guild Roshni Sircar, Nancy Dodsworth

Ushers Stephanie Aguiar Duty Warden Lorraine Baillie

# Today's Scripture Readings Proper 27 Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20 Psalm 19 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46 Next Sunday's Scripture Readings Harvest Thanksgiving Dt 8:7-18 Psalm 65:1-4,13-14 (BAS785) 2 cor 9:6-15 Luke 17: 11-19

### The Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace; Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

# **Annual Outreach Conference goes virtual**

On Saturday, Oct. 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., join clergy and lay leaders from across the Diocese for the Annual Outreach Conference, with a keynote address from Bishop Peter Fenty. Workshop topics include justice for migrant workers, dismantling racism, restorative justice, housing initiatives, basic income, Indigenous perspectives on the role of seniors in a community and more. The conference is free of charge and will take place over Zoom. Participants will receive the Zoom link upon registration. Registration will open in early September through the Diocese's website ( www.toronto.anglican.ca/parish-life/social-justice-and-advocacy/outreach-conference/).

# Thanksgiving Sunday - October 11<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving offering envelopes are available today.

This year, instead of donating fresh produce to decorate the church, we suggest that you contribute to a local food bank. We will be decorating the church with mostly non-food items.

Please note - Leonard's Thanksgiving message will be included in next week's email instead of being mailed out. We will not be having a fall newsletter, as we hope everyone is getting all their news weekly.