



St. George on Yonge Anglican

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Ministry of the Word



*“Take these things out of here!
Stop making my Father’s house a market-place!”*

John 2:16b

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The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Opening Hymn #508 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Text by Horatius Bonar

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| <p>1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.</p> <p>2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.</p> | <p>3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.</p> |
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Greeting

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 Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Collect for Purity

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.**

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.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; 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 20:1–17

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus.

¹Then God spoke all these words:

²I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

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⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ You shall not murder.

¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ You shall not steal.

¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19

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| 1 The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork. | 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and
rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is
clear and gives light to the eyes. |
| 2 One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to
another. | 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and
endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether. |
| 3 Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard, | 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey
in the comb. |
| 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the
world. | 11 By them also is your servant
enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great
reward. |
| 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his
chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its
course. | 12 Who can tell how often he offends?
cleanse me from my secret faults. |
| 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the
heavens and runs about to the end of it
again; | |

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nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

- 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.

Second Reading:

I Corinthians 1:18–25

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

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; You have the words of everlasting life.

People **Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; You have the words of everlasting life.**

Celebrant Lord, you are indeed the Saviour of the world. Give us living water, that we may not thirst.

People **Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; You have the words of everlasting life.**

Holy Gospel:

John 2:13–22

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.**

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a market-place!” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰ The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

A time for silent reflection is kept.

The Apostles’ Creed

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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 We pray to you, Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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. 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 forever. Amen.**

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Gracious God, we know your power to triumph over weakness. May we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another, in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

People **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

Announcements

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dismissal

Subdeacon Go in peace as we walk our Lenten journey; reflect; pray; continue to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn #506 “Lord of All Hopefulness” Text by Jan Struther

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could
destroy,
be there at our waking and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of
the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the
plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the
noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms
to embrace,
be there at our homing and give us, we
pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of
the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose
presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping and give us, we
pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end
of the day.

Today’s Scripture Readings**Third Sunday in Lent**

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

Next Sunday’s Scripture Readings**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
Luke 18:9-14

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