



# St. George on Yonge Anglican

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March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Lent

## Ministry of the Word

Unless a grain of *wheat* falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it



*bears much fruit.*

John 12:24, NRSV

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### The Gathering of the Community

#### Prelude

**Opening Hymn #431** "Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said" Text by Charles William Everest

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| 1 | Take up your cross, the Saviour said,<br>if you would my disciple be;<br>deny yourself, the world forsake,<br>and humbly follow after me.               | 4 | Take up your cross, then, in his strength,<br>and calmly every danger brave:<br>'twill guide you to a better home<br>and lead to victory o'er the grave.   |
| 3 | Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,<br>and let your foolish pride be still;<br>your Lord for you endured to die<br>upon a cross, on Calvary's hill. | 5 | Take up your cross and follow Christ,<br>nor think till death to lay it down;<br>for only those who bear the cross<br>may hope to wear the glorious crown. |

#### 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**

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**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* **Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

Reading:

Hebrews 5:5–10

*Reader* A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

<sup>5</sup> So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you;”

<sup>6</sup> as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest for ever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup> Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup> and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup> having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 51: 1-13**

1. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;  
in your great compassion blot out my offences.
2. Wash me through and through from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin.
3. For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.
4. Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight.
5. And so you are justified when you speak  
and upright in your judgement.
6. Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
7. For behold, you look for truth deep within me,  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
8. Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
9. Make me hear of joy and gladness,  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
10. Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquities.
11. Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.
12. Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
13. Give me the joy of your saving help again  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

*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* Anyone who serves me must follow me, says the Lord, and where I am, there shall my servant be also.

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

Holy Gospel:

John 12:20–33

*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>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

<sup>27</sup> “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour?’ No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup> The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup> He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*Subdeacon* The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

*A time for silent reflection is kept.*

Solo What Wondrous Love is This

## **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.**

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**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* **Eternal God, your only Son suffered death upon the cross to bring the world salvation. Accept the praise and thanksgiving we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ 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**

## **Dismissal**

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*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 #444 "Your Hand, O God, Has Guided"**

Text by Edward Hayes Plumptre

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| <p>1    Your hand, O God, has guided<br/>      your flock from age to age;<br/>      the wondrous tale is written,<br/>      full clear, on every page.<br/>      Our forebears owned your goodness<br/>      and we their deeds record,<br/>      and both of this bear witness:<br/>      one church, one faith, one Lord.</p> <p>3    When shadows, thickly falling,<br/>      engulfed the world in night,<br/>      you summoned forth your servants,<br/>      your messengers of light.<br/>      On them and on your people<br/>      your plenteous grace was poured,<br/>      and this was still their message:<br/>      one church, one faith, one Lord.</p> | <p>5    Your mercy will not fail us,<br/>      nor leave your work undone;<br/>      with your right hand to help us,<br/>      your people shall be won;<br/>      and then, by all creation,<br/>      your name shall be adored,<br/>      and this shall be our anthem:<br/>      one church, one faith, one Lord.</p> |
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## Postlude

<b>We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .</b>
<b>Congregation Cycle</b> Jiranee Atchariyaphet Anne, Kathy and Lorraine Baillie Daniel Batushin Ann and Elizabeth Beecham Hennie Bose

**Today's Scripture Readings**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Hebrews 5:5-10  
Psalm 51:1-13  
John 12:20-33

**Next Sunday's Scripture Readings**

**Palm Sunday**

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-19  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Mark 15:1-39

Celebrant	The Rev. Leonard Leader
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Subdeacon	Margie Lyttle
Reader	Craig Robertson
Organist	Michael Leach
Soloist	Rachel Fuller
Intercessor	Laura Pummell
Videographer	Egan Done