



St. George on Yonge Anglican

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Ministry of the Word



*“Love
each other
as I have
loved you.”*
JOHN 15:12, NIV



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The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Opening Hymn #645 "Come Down, O Love Divine"

Text by Bianco da Siena; translation by Richard Frederick Littledale

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| 1 | Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing.
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. | 3 | Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with
loathing. |
| 2 | O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path
illuming. | 4 | And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human
telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till they become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling. |

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.

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Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on 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 **Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Acts 10:44–48

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

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| <p>1 Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.</p> <p>2 With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.</p> <p>3 The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown
in the sight of the nations.</p> <p>4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness
to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.</p> <p>5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.</p> | <p>6 Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.</p> <p>7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.</p> <p>8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.</p> <p>9 Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before
the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.</p> <p>10 In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.</p> |
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Lord God, we see your righteous rule in all your works, and we join our voices with the song of your whole creation in praising you, in and through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Second Reading:

I John 5:1–6

Reader A reading from the First Letter of John.

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴ for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵ Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant Alleluia

People **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Celebrant If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.

People **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel:

John 15:9–17

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.**

⁹ “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

A time for silent reflection is kept.

Solo “The Love of Jesus Calls Us”

Text: Herbert O’Driscoll. Music: S.S. Wesley

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

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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.

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

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 **God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. 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**Dismissal**

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

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

Closing Hymn #374 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Text by William Chatterton Dix

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| <p>1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
 His the sceptre, his the throne;
 alleluia! his the triumph,
 his the victory alone.
 Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
 thunder like a mighty flood;
 Jesus, out of every nation,
 hath redeemed us by his blood.</p> | <p>4 Alleluia! King eternal,
 thee the Lord of lords we own;
 alleluia! born of Mary,
 earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.
 Thou within the veil hast entered,
 robed in flesh, our great high priest;
 thou on earth both priest and victim
 in the eucharistic feast.</p> |
| <p>2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
 are we left in sorrow now;
 alleluia! he is near us,
 faith believes, nor questions how.
 Though the cloud from sight received him,
 when the forty days were o'er,
 shall our hearts forget his promise,
 "I am with you evermore"?</p> | |

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

Marcia Hon
Pam Hui
Shirley Hulbert
Chioma Ijoma
Elvin Jin

Today's Scripture Readings

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 93
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53



Celebrant	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Preacher & Subdeacon	Margie Lyttle
Reader	Sandy Thomas
Organist	Michael Leach
Soloist	Rachel Fuller
Intercessor	Laura Pummell
Videographer	Egan Done

TODAY

Notice:

A Special Vestry Meeting

will be held on

Sunday, May 9, 2021 at 11:15am Eastern Time (US and Canada)

for the purpose of approving the release to Churchill Three Develco Inc., part of the driveway easement west of the planned paved driveway turning circle.

Please review the motion and the full background information.

The meeting will be by phone and video Zoom.

Please sign in between 11:00 and 11:10 so that the meeting may start on time.