



St. George on Yonge Anglican

May 30, 2021

Trinity Sunday



Ministry of the Word

Refugee Sunday
Faith in Action

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The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Opening Hymn #484 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Text by John Oxenham

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| 1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in Christ no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth. | 3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
who serves my God in truth and love
is surely kin to me. |
| 2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find,
whose service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind. | 4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in Christ meet south and north;
all faithful souls are joined in one
throughout the whole wide earth. |

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.**

Celebrant Here in this place, there are no foreigners, for the love of God welcomes us all. Here in this place, there are no outsiders, for the love of God embraces us all. Here in this place, there are no strangers, for the love of God unites us all. Come, let us worship God in unity and love. Continue to work in us and through us. Transform us into Your image. Make us signs of grace and hospitality to the world around us, so that Your kingdom would come and Your will would be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Father, we praise you: through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 24:17-22

Reader A reading from Deuteronomy.

¹⁷“You shall not pervert justice due the stranger or the fatherless, nor take a widow’s garment as a pledge. ¹⁸But you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this thing.

¹⁹“When you reap your harvest in your field, and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. ²⁰When you beat your olive trees, you shall not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. ²¹When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean *it* afterward; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. ²²And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this thing.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146

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| 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. | 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger. |
| 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them. | 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; |
| 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish. | 8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked. |
| 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
whose hope is in the Lord their God; | 9 The Lord shall reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah! |
| 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise for ever; | |

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God our creator and redeemer, inspire your people, in prosperity or adversity, to turn always to you, eternal source of life, health, and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Celebrant Alleluia

People **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Celebrant Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.

People **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 25:31-46

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the ^[a]holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. ³³ And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; ³⁶ I *was* naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You*, or thirsty and give *You* drink? ³⁸ When did we see You a stranger and take *You* in, or naked and clothe *You*? ³⁹ Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.'

⁴¹ "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

⁴⁴ "Then they also will answer ^[b]Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' ⁴⁵ Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Video: Refugee Sunday 2021
Working Together

Presentation: by Aili Maki

Solo "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

Text: from 9th Cent. Latin. Music: Attrib. Lucius Chapin.

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 We pray,

People **Holy Trinity, hear us.**

Litany for Refugees

Leader: Mighty Lord, as you guided the Israelites through the wilderness,

People: **be a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day for refugees in search of new hope and new life.**

Leader: As you brought the Israelites out of bondage to freedom,

People: **bring refugees out of persecution to safety.**

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Leader: As you protected the Israelites through 40 years in the desert,

People: **protect those who languish for years in refugee camps.**

Leader: Wipe away their tears of sorrow,

People: **that their mourning may give way to joyous hope.**

Leader: Put an end to warfare and tyranny,

People: **that some may return home without fear of violence.**

Leader: Open the doors of safer nations,

People: **that some may find new homes in new lands.**

Leader: Rebuild their lives,

People: **that they might enjoy the fruit of labours in peace.**

Leader: Restore their material goods,

People: **that they might sustain their families in prosperity.**

Leader: Revive their hope,

People: **that they might face a future with promise.**

Leader: Shine your grace upon them,

People: **that they might know your love.**

Leader: Strengthen their bonds of friendship and family,

People: **that they might serve one another with encouraging love.**

Leader: And inspire your churches to welcome the stranger,

People: **that together we might build communities of hope where strangers become neighbours and friends, and brothers and sisters. Amen.**

Source: Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, www.lirs.org, printed in Canadian Lutheran World Relief, Worship Resources for World Refugee Day

<https://www.clwr.org/sites/default/files/documents/WRD%20Worship%20Resources%20015%20FINAL.pdf>

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,**

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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 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 **God of the widows and orphans, the immigrants and refugees, You have promised justice for the oppressed food for the hungry, freedom for the prisoner, and relief to all who are burdened. In Christ, You offer life to all. Open our hearts and minds to see what You see, to love as You love, to give as You have given, so that Your promised justice would become reality in our world. Amen.**

Closing Prayer

God, we are aliens and sojourners in this world, but you invite us to be your guests.

You lavishly offer us your hospitality and lovingly welcome us into your family,

You invite us to share in the abundance of your kingdom.

God, you have shown us that providing hospitality to strangers opens a doorway into the Kingdom of God.

Remind us that when we offer hospitality to others, we are receiving Christ into our midst and so fulfilling the law of love.

We open our hearts to embrace the stranger, the friend, the rich, and the poor,

We open our lives to offer a generous heart toward all. 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 Go forth in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn #504 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Text by Tom Colvin

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
 show us how to serve
 the neighbours we have from you.

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
 silently washes their feet,
 master who acts as a slave to them.

Refrain

- 2 Neighbours are rich and poor,
 varied in colour and race,
 neighbours are near and far away.

Refrain

- 3 These are the ones we should serve,
 these are the ones we should love;
 all these are neighbours to us and you.

Refrain

- 4 Loving puts us on our knees,
 serving as though we are slaves;
 this is the way we should live with you.

Refrain

- 5 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
 silently washing their feet;
 this is the way we should live with you.

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We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

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Today's Scripture Readings

Trinity Sunday
Refuge Sunday
Faith in Action
 Deuteronomy 24:17-22
 Psalm 146
 Matthew 25:31-46

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Second Sunday after Pentecost
 Samuel 8:4-11
 Psalm 138
 2 Cor 4:13 -5:1
 Mark 3:20-35

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