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Ministry of the Word



*There is no longer Jew or Greek,
there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female;
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.*

Galatians 3:28

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Opening Hymn #572 "Let There Be Light"

Text by Frances Wheeler Davis

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| 1 | Let there be light,
let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather,
let them be face to face; | 4 | hallow our love,
hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom,
hallowed be thy name. |
| 2 | open our lips,
open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord
opening into grace; | 5 | thy kingdom come,
thy spirit turn to language,
thy people speak together,
thy spirit never fade; |
| 3 | Perish the sword,
perish the angry judgement,
perish the bombs and hunger,
perish the fight for gain; | 6 | let there be light,
open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror,
hallow the world God made. |

Call to Worship

Celebrant As we enter God's presence for worship, let us come with open hearts and minds and listening ears, and remember we are all one, God's people.

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.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

People O God, who created all peoples in your own image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races, cultures, orientations, classes, and ethnicities in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship and show us your presence in those who differ most from us. We know that you have made us according to your special plan. May we use our diversity to spread your message of love and peace to all the world. This we ask in the sure knowledge of your love for all of your children through Jesus Christ our Saviour and our Lord. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

Reading: Galatians 3:26-29

Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians.
²⁶ For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 10

- 1 Why do you stand so far off, O Lord,
and hide yourself in time of trouble?
- 2 The wicked arrogantly persecute the poor,
but they are trapped in the schemes
they have devised.
- 12 Rise up, O Lord;
lift up your hand, O God;
do not forget the afflicted.
- 13 Why should the wicked revile God?
why should they say in their heart, "You
do not care"?
- 14 Surely, you behold trouble and misery;
you see it and take it into your own
hand.
- 15 The helpless commit themselves to you,
for you are the helper of orphans.
- 16 Break the power of the wicked and evil;
search out their wickedness until you
find none.
- 17 The Lord is king for ever and ever;
the ungodly shall perish from this land.
- 18 The Lord will hear the desire of the hum-
ble;
you will strengthen their heart and your
ears shall hear;

Helper of the helpless, do not hide your face from the troubles of your people. Give them strength and comfort in times of affliction, that we may proclaim the joyous news of freedom in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

Celebrant Alleluia

People **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Celebrant Quietly accept the message planted in your hearts; it can bring you salvation.

People **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel:

Mark 4:26–34

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

²⁶ He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰ He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon - **St.George's Vestry Social Justice Motion – Anti-Bias, Anti-Racism and Inclusions – a Panel Discussion**

A time for silent reflection is kept.

Solo “There is a balm in Gilead” - African-American Spiritual

The Apostles' Creed

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Celebrant Let us confess the faith, 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 Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Love incarnate,

Fountain of Mercy and Justice

In a world of inequity and pain

May our actions be our prayer.

We cry out for Shalom, fullness of life to all.

Let the Spirit of Truth guide us.

Let the Spirit of Love free us.

Give us the compassion, courage and resolve

to become the light, we seek

that many may see life and their dignity restored

Inspire us to embody a world without injustice and prejudice

Form us into channels of your love and peace

Let the river of justice and mercy flood our imperfect world

Quenching the thirst of parched souls and lands.

Abide in us o Liberator that we become the Word

so that the world may have Life, Life in all its abundance.

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 confess our ignorance, complicity and indifference: We do not allow the suffering of others to disturb our comfort. We forget our country's history and deny responsibility. We have shut out the voices of those whose experiences are different from ours.**

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 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 reconciliation and forgiveness, the saving work of Christ has made our peace with you and has broken down the walls that divide us from each other. May that work grow toward its perfection in all we offer you this day. 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

The world was created in the image of God.
 The world is made beautiful by its diversity.
 Help us to recognize God's image in every race.
 Help us to accept and honour the values of others.
 Help us to hold hope that all may be one.
 Remind us that Jesus came into the world, died, and was risen for all people, and that the Holy Spirit inspires people from every race, tribe, nation, and language to praise together the name of the Holy One.
 The world has become a global village.
 All people long for unity, peace and harmony.
 We are called to respond.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn #484 “In Christ There Is No East or West” (Tune #607) 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. |

In today's service, we commit ourselves to Anti-Racism, Anti-Bias and Inclusivity, and act upon our Social Justice Motion adopted at our February 2021 Vestry meeting. Many of the worship materials were obtained from the Diocesan Social Justice group, while the front page graphic and certain prayers and the call to worship were composed by members of the Motion launch group.

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

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Wilson Nsasira and Family

Edwin Nuwagaba and Family

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Today's Scripture Readings

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Galatians 3:26-29

Psalm 10

Mark 4:26-34

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 40:25-31

Psalm 19

Philippians 4:4-9

John 1:1-18

Celebrant

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Panel

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