



St. George on Yonge

Anglican

September 12, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 24)

10:00 a.m. – Eucharist

Welcome

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*[Jesus] called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them,
“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me . . . ”*

Mark 8:34

The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #355 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Text by Francis of Assisi; translation by William Henry Draper

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| 1 | All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun and golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! | 3 | Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!

Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! |
| 2 | Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O sing now, alleluia!

Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice;
stars nightly shining, find a voice,
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! | 7 | Let all things their creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! |

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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

⁴ “The Lord God has given Me
The tongue of the learned,
That I should know how to speak
A word in season to *him who is weary*.
He awakens Me morning by morning,
He awakens My ear
To hear as the learned.

⁵ The Lord God has opened My ear;
And I was not rebellious,
Nor did I turn away.

⁶ I gave My back to those who struck *Me*,
And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard;
I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.

⁷ “For the Lord God will help Me;
Therefore I will not be disgraced;
Therefore I have set My face like a flint,
And I know that I will not be ashamed.

⁸ *He is* near who justifies *Me*;
Who will contend with *Me*?
Let us stand together.

Who *is* ^[a]My adversary?
Let him come near *Me*.

⁹ Surely the Lord God will help *Me*;
Who *is he who* will condemn *Me*?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-8

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard
the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me
whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the name of the
Lord:
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”
- 4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The Lord watches over the innocent;
I was brought very low, and he
helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul,
for the Lord has treated you well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life from
death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet
from stumbling.
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Eternal God, faithful in your tender compassion, you give us hope for our life here and hereafter through the victory of your only Son. When we share his cup of salvation, revive in us the joy of this everlasting gift. We ask his in his name. Amen.

Second Reading:

James 3:1–12

Reader A reading from the Letter of James.

¹ Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴ Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸ but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹² Can a fig

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tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant Alleluia

People **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Celebrant I do not glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

People **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel:

Mark 8:27–38

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.**

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

A time for silent reflection is kept.

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 Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

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 Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #392 "Who Comes from God"

Text by Patrick Michaels

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| 1 Who comes from God, as Word and Breath?
Holy Wisdom.
Who holds the keys of life and death?
Mighty Wisdom:
Crafter and Creator too,
eldest, she makes all things new;
she completes what God would do.
Wisest one, radiant one, welcome, holy Wisdom! | 3 Whom should we seek with all our heart?
Loving Wisdom.
Who once revealed will not depart?
Faithful Wisdom:
Partner, Counsellor, Comforter,
love has found none lovelier;
life is gladness lived with her.
Wisest one, radiant one, welcome, holy Wisdom! |
| 2 Who lifts her voice for all to hear?
Joyful Wisdom.
Who shapes a thought and makes it clear?
Truthful Wisdom:
Teacher, drawing out our best,
magnifies what we invest,
names our truth, directs our quest.
Wisest one, radiant one, welcome, holy Wisdom! | |

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #5

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

People **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love.

On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new

and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever. 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 Breaking of the Bread #2

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Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Lamb of God

People **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace.**

The Communion

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Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All are invited to share in Communion.

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Communion Hymn #466 "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

Text by Fred Pratt Green

- 1 How clear is our vocation, Lord,
when once we heed your call:
to live according to your word,
and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all,
and will not let us fall.
- 2 But if, forgetful, we should find
your yoke is hard to bear;
if worldly pressures fray the mind
and love itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care:
our inward life repair.
- 3 We mark your saints, how they became
in hindrances more sure,
whose joyful virtues put to shame
the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure
your power to cleanse and cure.
- 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do,
together or alone,
in old routines or ventures new,
may we not cease to look to you,
the cross you hung upon,
all you endeavoured done.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this 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

Dismissal

Subdeacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Recessional Hymn #357 "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"

Text by George Herbert

- 1 Let all the world in every corner sing:
my God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
his praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing:
my God and King!
- 2 Let all the world in every corner sing:
my God and King!
The church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but, above all, the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

Michael & Nancy Dodsworth
Egan Done & Karen Nolan, Liam and Michael
Elizabeth Escoffery
Dorothy Ewer
The Rev. Carol Friesen & Robin

Today's Scripture Readings

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 116:1-8
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3,7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

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