

October 10, 2021

Harvest Thanksgiving

10:00 a.m. –Eucharist

## ***Welcome***

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*You shall eat in plenty and  
be satisfied,  
and praise the name of  
the Lord your God,  
who has dealt wondrously  
with you.*

Joel 2:26a

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### The Gathering of the Community

**Processional Hymn #262** “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” Text by John Arlott

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| 1 | Come, ye thankful people, come,<br>raise the song of harvest home!<br>All is safely gathered in,<br>ere the winter storms begin;<br>God, our maker, doth provide<br>for our wants to be supplied:<br>come to God’s own temple, come,<br>raise the song of harvest home!             | 3 | For the Lord our God shall come,<br>and shall take his harvest home;<br>from his field shall in that day<br>all offenses purge away;<br>give his angels charge at last<br>in the fire the weeds to cast;<br>but the fruitful ears to store<br>in his garner evermore. |
| 2 | All the world is God’s own field,<br>fruit unto his praise to yield;<br>wheat and weeds together sown,<br>unto joy or sorrow grown;<br>first the blade, and then the ear,<br>then the full corn shall appear:<br>Lord of harvest, grant that we<br>wholesome grain and pure may be. | 4 | Even so, Lord, quickly come<br>to thy final harvest home!<br>Gather thou thy people in,<br>free from sorrow, free from sin,<br>there forever purified,<br>in thy presence to abide:<br>come, with all thine angels, come,<br>raise the glorious harvest home.         |

#### Greeting

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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* Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving!

*People* **Enter God’s courts with praise!**

*Celebrant* Give thanks to God and bless God’s name!

*People* **For God is good, and God’s love endures forever!**

*Celebrant* God is faithful to all generations!

*People* **Praise the Lord!**

#### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

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## The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Joel 2:21–27

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Joel.

<sup>21</sup> Do not fear, O soil;  
be glad and rejoice,

for the Lord has done great things!

<sup>22</sup> Do not fear, you animals of the field,  
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;  
the tree bears its fruit,  
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

<sup>23</sup> O children of Zion, be glad  
and rejoice in the Lord your God;  
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,  
he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
the early and the later rain, as before.

<sup>24</sup> The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,  
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

<sup>25</sup> I will repay you for the years  
that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
my great army, which I sent against you.

<sup>26</sup> You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
and praise the name of the Lord your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

<sup>27</sup> You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again  
be put to shame.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 **Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**
- 3 Then they said among the nations,  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
- 4 **The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.**
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 **Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.**
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

**Praise to you, God of our salvation. Your generous gifts surpass all that we can ask or imagine. You have delivered us from the exile of sin and restored us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Glory and honour and praise to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

Second Reading:

I Timothy 2:1–7

*Reader* A reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy.

<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup> This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, <sup>4</sup> who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

<sup>6</sup> who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup> For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Celebrant* Alleluia

*People* **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

*People* **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 6:25–33

*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.**

<sup>25</sup> [Jesus said,] “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well . . . ”

*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**

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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 give thanks to God our Father.

*People* **We thank you, Lord.**

### 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.**

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## The Celebration of the Eucharist

**Offertory Hymn #398** "Let Us with a Gladsome Mind" Psalm 136; paraphrase by John Milton

1 Let us with a gladsome mind  
praise the Lord, forever kind:

**Refrain:** for his mercies aye endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

2 Who with all-commanding might  
filled the new-made world with light:

**Refrain**

3 Who the golden-tressèd sun  
caused all day its course to run:

**Refrain**

4 All things living God doth feed,  
with full hand supplies their need:

**Refrain**

5 Let us then with gladsome mind  
praise the Lord, forever kind:

**Refrain**

### Blessing of a Prayer Shawl

#### The Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### Great Thanksgiving IV From (Evangelical Lutheran Worship)

*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* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*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* Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.  
 Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.  
 In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.  
 Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.  
 With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

*People* **Come, Holy Spirit.**

*Celebrant* Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

*People* **Come, Holy Spirit.**

*Celebrant* With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **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 #3**

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*Celebrant* Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

*People* **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

**Spiritual Communion Prayer**

*People* **I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the holy sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment, I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart; may you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul; may you, who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

**The Communion**

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*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.

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

*All baptised Christians are invited to share in Communion.*

**Communion Hymn #259 "For the Fruit of All Creation"**

Text by Fred Pratt Green

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| <p>1 For the fruit of all creation,<br/>    thanks be to God;<br/>gifts bestowed on every nation,<br/>    thanks be to God.<br/>For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,<br/>silent growth while we are sleeping,<br/>future needs in earth's safekeeping,<br/>    thanks be to God.</p> | <p>3 For the harvests of the Spirit,<br/>    thanks be to God.<br/>For the good we all inherit,<br/>    thanks be to God.<br/>For the wonders that astound us,<br/>for the truths that still confound us,<br/>most of all, that love has found us,<br/>    thanks be to God.</p> |
| <p>2 In the just reward of labour,<br/>    God's will is done.<br/>In the help we give our neighbour,<br/>    God's will is done.<br/>In our worldwide task of caring<br/>for the hungry and despairing,<br/>in the harvests we are sharing,<br/>    God's will is done.</p>        |  |

## Prayer after Communion

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 with thanksgiving and gratitude to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Recessional Hymn #399 "Now Thank We All Our God"

Text by Martin Rinckart; translation by Catherine Winkworth

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| <p>1 Now thank we all our God,<br/>with heart and hands and voices,<br/>who wondrous things hath done,<br/>in whom this world rejoices;<br/>who from our mother's arms<br/>hath blessed us on our way<br/>with countless gifts of love,<br/>and still is ours today.</p> | <p>3 All praise and thanks to God<br/>eternal now be given,<br/>to Spirit and to Word,<br/>who reign in highest heaven:<br/>one ever faithful God,<br/>whom heaven and earth adore;<br/>for thus it was, is now,<br/>and shall be evermore.</p> |
| <p>2 O may this bounteous God<br/>through all our life be near us,<br/>with ever joyful hearts<br/>and blessèd peace to cheer us,<br/>and nourish us with grace,<br/>and guide us when perplexed;<br/>and free us from all ills<br/>in this world and the next.</p>      |   |

## We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

### Congregation Cycle

Elvine Jin  
 Olga Joloud  
 Isabelle Jones & Family  
 Khumbulau Kandawire & family  
 Vida Karimi

## Today's Scripture Readings

### Harvest Thanksgiving

Joel 2:21-27  
 Psalm 126  
 1 Timothy 2:1-7  
 Matthew 6:25-33

## Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

### Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-7 (34-41)  
 Psalm 104:1-9,25,37b  
 Hebrews 5:1-10  
 Mark 10:35-45

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Subdeacon	Margie Lyttle
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Organist	Michael Leach
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Ushers	Hazel Perkin, Ann-Marie Waithe Powell
Altar Guild	Margie Lyttle

## Territorial Acknowledgement

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee) and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

WELCOME TO ST. GEORGE ON YONGE

## **COVID instructions from the Diocese to keep you safe**

IN CHURCH EVERYONE MUST:

1. **Be MASKED** all the time
2. **MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCING** (2 Metres)
3. Have **NO CONVERSATIONS** or **SOCIAL GATHERINGS**
4. **FOLLOW THE ARROWS** ON THE FLOOR
5. **FOLLOW THE PRIEST'S INSTRUCTIONS** for the Service
6. **NO SINGING**, except for a soloist

When the ORGANIST has finished the POSTLUDE, and the CAMERA is turned off, please leave the church.

Thank you for joining us  
Stay Safe