



St. George on Yonge
Anglican

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10:00 a.m. – Ministry of the Word

Welcome

Week OF Prayer
FOR
Christian Unity

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The Gathering of the Community

Organ Prelude

Opening 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

Call to Worship

Celebrant In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Brothers and sisters, we are united today with fellow believers in the four corners of the world as we gather to pray for the visible unity of the Church. We do this with worship resources prepared by the Middle East Council of Churches. Our texts are inspired by the visit of the Magi to the new-born King, as described in the Gospel according to Saint Matthew: “*We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him.*” Let us fix our eyes on the star that was seen in the East and allow it to lead us too.

Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving and joy, bringing all the sick, the suffering, the marginalized, the refugees, and the uprooted before him, knowing that God can dispel our darkness with his light. As we pray today for the unity of the Church, may we and our communities also be lights that guide others to Jesus the Saviour.

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Celebrant Glory be to you, Father Almighty, for you have revealed yourself through your creation and invited all people to stand in your presence. We have seen the star of Jesus in our lives and have come to worship him just as the Magi did. We offer him ourselves today and we ask for the presence of the Holy Spirit among us.

People **Unite us with one another as we come from the North and from the South, from the East and from the West, old and young, men and women to bow down before you and offer you homage, our heavenly King. 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.

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 **Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.**

Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; 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:

Nehemiah 8:1–3,5–6,8–10

Reader A reading from the book of Nehemiah.

¹ . . . all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

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⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8

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| 1 Lord our governor,
how exalted is your name in all the
world! | 6 You have made him but little lower
than the angels;
you adorn him with glory and
honour; |
| 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children
your majesty is praised above the
heavens. | 7 You give him mastery over the works
of your hands;
you put all things under his feet; |
| 3 You have set up a stronghold against your
adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the avenger. | 8 All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field, |
| 4 When I consider your heavens, the work
of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in
their courses, | 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the
sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths
of the sea. |
| 5 What is man that you should be mindful of
him?
the son of man that you should seek him
out? | 10 O Lord our governor,
how exalted is your name in all the
world! |

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Blessed are you, creator of heaven and earth; amid the immensity of the universe, you are mindful of us and seek us out. Blessed are you for the gift of your Son, who humbled himself to share our life that we might be raised with him to glory and splendour. Blessed be your holy name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Second Reading:

I Corinthians 12:12–31a

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot were to say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear were to say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant Alleluia

People **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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Celebrant the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor and release to the captives.

People **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel:

Luke 4:14–21

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

A time for silent reflection is kept.

The Nicene Creed (according to the tradition of the Eastern Churches)

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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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.**

Offertory Hymn #304 "All Things Are Thine" Text by John Greenleaf Whittier

- 1 All things are thine; no gift have we,
 Lord of all gifts, to offer thee;
 and so with grateful hearts today,
 thine own before thy feet we lay.
 Thy will informed the builders' thought;
 thy hand unseen amidst us wrought;
 through mortal motive, scheme, and
 plan
 thy wise eternal purpose ran.
- 2 No lack thy perfect fullness knew;
 for human needs and longings grew
 this house of prayer, this home of rest,
 where grace is shared and truth
 addressed.
 In weakness and in want, we call
 on thee for whom the heavens are
 small;
 thy glory is thy children's good,
 thy joy fulfilled in servanthood.
- 3 All things are thine; no gift have we,
 Lord of all gifts, to offer thee;
 and so, with grateful hearts today,
 thine own before thy feet we lay.
 Come now and deign these walls to
 bless;
 fill with thy love their emptiness;
 and let their door a gateway be
 to lead us from ourselves to thee.

The Prayer over the Gifts*Celebrant* Let us pray.*People* **Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.**

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***Celebrant* Go now and live as children of light.*People* **For the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.***Celebrant* Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness.*People* **Let us wake from sleep and Christ will shine upon us.***Celebrant* Peace be to the whole community, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ.*People* **Amen. Thanks be to God.****Dismissal***Subdeacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.****Closing Hymn #383 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"**

Text by Isaac Watts

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| <p>1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.</p> | <p>3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
the prisoners leap to lose his chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.</p> |
| <p>2 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.</p> | <p>4 Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.</p> |

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

Ronald B

James B

Sofia C

Mary Elizabeth & Robyn C

Margaret C

Today's Scripture Readings

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

Psalm 8

I Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Jer 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

1 Cor 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

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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.

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