



St. George on Yonge
Anglican

February 20, 2022

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany (Proper 7)

10:00 a.m. – Ministry of the Word

Welcome



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HISTORY**

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The Gathering of the Community

Organ Prelude

Opening Hymn "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

- 1 Lift every voice and sing
till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise
high as the listening skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark
past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the
present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day
begun,
let us march on till victory is won.
- 3 God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the
way;
thou who hast by thy might
led us into the light;
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,
where we met thee;
lest, our hearts, drunk with the wine of the
world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand,
may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

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.**

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.

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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, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Genesis 45:3–11,15

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ . . .”

¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 37:1–12,41-42

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 **For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**
- 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 **Take delight in the Lord,
and he shall give you your heart's desire.**
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him,
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 **He will make your righteousness as clear as the light
and your just dealing as the noonday.**
- 7 Be still before the Lord
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 **Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 **For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.**
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more;
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- 12 **But the lowly shall possess the land;
they will delight in abundance of peace.**
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord;
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- 42 **The Lord will help them and rescue them;
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.**

God our strength, give us the humility to trust in your loving care, and the patience to be faithful in seeking your kingdom, that we may come to share in the inheritance of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Second Reading:

I Corinthians 15:35–38,42–50

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

³⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is

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raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being;" the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. ⁵⁰ What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant Alleluia

People **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Celebrant A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.

People **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel:

Luke 6:27–38

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.**

²⁷ [Jesus said to his disciples,] "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good

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measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Reflection – Sandy Thomas

A time for silent reflection is kept.

The Apostles' Creed

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Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, 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.**

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 #513 "Guide My Feet"

Text from African-American spiritual

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| <p>1 Guide my feet
while I run this race.
Guide my feet
while I run this race.
Guide my feet
while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!</p> | <p>4 I'm your child
while I run this race.
I'm your child
while I run this race.
I'm your child
while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!</p> |
| <p>2 Hold my hand
while I run this race.
Hold my hand
while I run this race.
Hold my hand
while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!</p> | <p>5 Search my heart
while I run this race.
Search my heart
while I run this race.
Search my heart
while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!</p> |
| <p>3 Stand by me
while I run this race.
Stand by me
while I run this race.
Stand by me
while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!</p> | |

Repeat stanza 1

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Merciful God, accept all we offer you this day. Lead us to love you with all our heart, and to love all people with your perfect love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. 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

Dismissal

Subdeacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn #371 "To God Be the Glory"

Text by Fanny Crosby

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| <p>1 To God be the glory, who great things has done!
God so loved the world, freely sending the Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.</p> | <p>2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God:
that when the offender, repenting,
believes,
through Jesus' atonement, God's pardon receives.</p> |
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Refrain: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear God's voice.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son,
and give God the glory,
who great things has done!

Refrain

- 3 Great things God has taught us, great things God has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our gladness when Jesus we see!

Refrain

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

Parivin G
Azita G
David G & Irene S
Walter G & Debbie & Susie
Collene H & J.C. & Tattianna

Today's Scripture Readings

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Gen 45:3-11,15
Psalm 37:1-12,41-42
1 Cor 15:35-38,42-50
Luke 6:27-38

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Ex 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Cor 3:12 -- 4:2
Luke 9:28-36

Celebrant	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Reflection	Sandy Thomas
Subdeacon	Margie Lyttle
Reader	Clavel Lyttle
Organist	Michael Leach
Intercessor	Margie Lyttle
Videographer	Egan Done

BIO OF SANDY THOMAS

Sandy Thomas has been a parishioner of St. George on Yonge for approximately 15 years and has served in various areas including the roster of readers and the stewardship committee. She is a lawyer, and is currently Senior Counsel with the Public Prosecution Service of Canada (PPSC) in Toronto, where she has practised criminal and constitutional law since 1994. She has a B.A (Hons) in Music. She is called to the Bar of Ontario, and is a former member of the Bars of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Ms Thomas is also former Assistant Counsel to Governor Thomas H. Kean of New Jersey.

Sandy is assigned to the Regulatory Prosecutions team at PPSC in Toronto, where she does trial and appellate work.

Over the years Sandy has given numerous presentations and participated on panels concerning various areas of law pertinent to her practice. She especially enjoys speaking to students in elementary and high schools in the GTA.

Sandy is a former board member of the Toronto Dance Theatre. She has been on the board of the Jazz Performance and Outreach Centre (JPEC) since 2013. She is the Chair of JPEC's Outreach program, which sends professional musicians to conduct workshops in schools in high needs areas or with little or no music programming.

Ms Thomas is founding president of the Canadian Association of Black Lawyers (CABL), which was established in 1996. She is the recipient of several awards.

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.