



# St. George on Yonge Anglican

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February 11, 2024

The Last Sunday after Epiphany  
**Transfiguration Sunday**

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

## *Welcome*

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*And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses,  
who were talking with Jesus.*

Mark 9:4

## The Gathering of the Community

### Processional 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<br/>doth its successive journeys run;<br/>his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,<br/>till moons shall wax and wane no more.</p> <p>2 People and realms of every tongue<br/>dwell on his love with sweetest song,<br/>and infant voices shall proclaim<br/>their early blessings on his name.</p> | <p>3 Blessings abound where’er he reigns;<br/>the prisoners leap to lose his chains;<br/>the weary find eternal rest,<br/>and all who suffer want are blest.</p> <p>4 Let every creature rise and bring<br/>peculiar honours to our King,<br/>angels descend with songs again,<br/>and earth repeat the loud Amen.</p> |
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### 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 [Hymn #686]

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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, on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured: mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world, and change us into his likeness from glory to glory; 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:

II Kings 2:1–12

*Reader* A reading from the Second Book of Kings.

<sup>1</sup> Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup> Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup> The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

<sup>4</sup> Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup> The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

<sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup> Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup> Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” <sup>10</sup> He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” <sup>11</sup> As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup> Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 50:1–6**

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| <p>1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken;<br/>he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.</p> <p>2 <b>Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory.</b></p> <p>3 Our God will come and will not keep silence;<br/>before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.</p> | <p>4 <b>He calls the heavens and the earth from above<br/>to witness the judgement of his people.</b></p> <p>5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."</p> <p>6 <b>Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;<br/>for God himself is judge.</b></p> |
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**Blessed are you, God of glory; you call us to give up all our vain attempts to reach you, and to come before you in thanksgiving for your great salvation, shown to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Second Reading:

II Corinthians 4:3–6

*Reader*     A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual: "Alleluia"**

Holy Gospel:

Mark 9:2–9

*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.**

<sup>2</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup> and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup> He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup> Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” <sup>8</sup> Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*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 #168 "Transfigured Christ"

Text by Alan Gaunt

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| <p>1 Transfigured Christ, none comprehends your majesty, whose splendour stuns all waking souls; whose light transcends the brightness of a thousand suns!</p> | <p>3 You stand here with Elijah too, by whom the still small voice was heard; and you, yourself, will prove God true, made mute in death, incarnate Word.</p> |
| <p>2 You stand with Moses on the hill, you speak of your new exodus. The way through death, you will fulfil by dying helpless on the cross.</p>                | <p>4 If we could bear your brightness here and stay forever in your light, then we would conquer grief and fear, and scorn the terrors of the night.</p>      |

- 5 But, from the heights, you bring us down to share earth's agonies with you, where piercing thorns are made your crown and death, accepted, proves love true.
- 6 Majestic Christ, God's well-loved son, if we must share your grief and loss, transfigure us, when all is done, with glory shining from your cross.

### The Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Holy God, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Eucharistic Prayer #2

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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, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

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

Michael  
Leach

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

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

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Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer** [Michael Leach]

*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

*People* **Our Father in heav'n, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And 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 for ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread #6**

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*Celebrant* We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

*People* **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

### **Lamb of God** [Michael Leach]

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

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*Celebrant* Dear friends, if you are present or elsewhere and are unable to receive the sacrament at this time, I invite you to join me and the whole church in spiritual communion to receive Christ, who is present in this Sacrament of the Altar. Let us pray.



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*People* **Lord Christ, present in the Sacrament of the altar and in your people, gathered in spirit, come and abide in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; transform my life and actions that they may reflect the image of your holiness; and, by the power of your liberating love, overthrow all that threatens or disrupts the justice and truth of the reign of God. In your name I pray. Amen.**

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would rather not receive the bread and wine, please feel free to come forward for a blessing.*

## **Communion Hymn #5 “Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies”**

Text by Charles Wesley

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| 1 Christ whose glory fills the skies,<br>Christ the true, the only light,<br>Sun of Righteousness, arise!<br>Triumph o’er the shades of night;<br>Day-spring from on high, be near;<br>Day-star, in my heart appear. | 3 Visit then this soul of mine,<br>pierce the gloom of sin and grief;<br>fill me, Radiance divine,<br>scatter all my unbelief;<br>more and more thyself display,<br>shining to the perfect day. |
| 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn<br>unaccompanied by thee;<br>joyless is the day’s return,<br>till thy mercy’s beams I see,<br>till they inward light impart,<br>glad my eyes and warm my heart.                     |   |

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name. Amen.**

## **Doxology** [Michael Leach]

*People* **Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more, infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever, for ever and ever. Amen, Amen.**

## **Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn #420 "Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him"** Paraphrase from Psalm 148

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| <p>1 Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him;<br/>         praise him, angels in the height;<br/>         sun and moon rejoice before him;<br/>         praise him, all ye stars and light!<br/>         Praise the Lord for he hath spoken;<br/>         worlds his mighty voice obeyed;<br/>         laws which never shall be broken<br/>         for their guidance hath he made.</p> | <p>2 Praise the Lord for he is glorious;<br/>         never shall his promise fail;<br/>         God hath made his saints victorious;<br/>         sin and death shall not prevail.<br/>         Praise the God of our salvation!<br/>         Hosts on high, his power proclaim;<br/>         heaven and earth and all creation,<br/>         laud and magnify his name.</p> |
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**Dismissal**

*Subdeacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

***Our Annual Vestry meeting follows the service today.***

**VESTRY MEETING**

The Vestry meeting for St. George on Yonge is today starting at 11:30. The Vestry list is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please ensure that your name is on it if you are eligible. If you feel you should be on the list and are not, please contact the office administrator or a Warden.

To be eligible to be part of the Vestry you must be baptized and declare:

"I solemnly declare that I have been a member of the Anglican Church of Canada and of this congregation for at least three (3) months, that I have attended regularly scheduled services of worship with this congregation at least three(3) times in the past year, that I am of the full age of sixteen (16) years and that I have not voted as a member of any other vestry during the previous three (3) months, nor do I intend to vote in any other vestry during the ensuing year."

Anyone interested in any of the leadership positions, please let us know before the meeting.

<b>Today's Scripture Readings</b>	<b>Next Sunday's Scripture Readings</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Last Sunday after the Epiphany</b>  <b>Transfiguration Sunday</b>                      2 Kings 2:1-12                      Psalm 50:1-6                      2 Corinthians 4:3-6                      Mark 9:2-9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>First Sunday in Lent</b>                      Gen 9:8-17                      Psalm 25:1-9                      Peter 3:18-22                      Mark 1:9-15</p>

<b>We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .</b>
<p><b>Congregation Cycle</b>                      Peter I / Joseph &amp; Vimal K / Napada K / Gerry L &amp; Carolyn P / Carrie L</p>

Celebrant & Preacher	Videographer	Egan Done
The Rev. Vinaya Dumpala	Altar Guild	Maggie Sumner
Subdeacon Doug Heyes	Usher	Ann-Marie Waithe Powell
Intercessor Margie Lyttle	Welcome Table	Ravi Andrews
Readers Geraldine Sperling		
Organist Michael Leach		

### **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.