



**HOLY EUCHARIST**  
for the Third Sunday after  
Epiphany

January 22, 2023  
10:00 am

St. John's  
Anglican Church  
West Toronto

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**Today's Reading:** Isaiah 9:1-4, NRSV; Psalm 27. 1, 5-13; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, NRSV; Matthew 4:12-23.

***New around here? We're so glad to see you! Welcome to St. John's! We hope you are blessed today as we worship God together.***

***We invite you to stay for fellowship following our service or join us for education classes. If you have any questions about our congregation or the sermon, feel free to ask a member of the ministry team or to contact us another way. We're so glad you're here and hope to see you again.***

## **PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**

|                        |                                       |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Celebrant & Preacher:  | Mother Alexandra Stone                |
| Deacon:                | The Reverend Evelyn Butler            |
| Eucharistic Assistant: | Carrie Cardwell                       |
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| Lectors:               | Judith Olumba & Alison Smiley         |
| Intercessor:           | Cheryl Atkins                         |
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| Vocalists:             | Lee Ramsay & Alie Ruty                |
| Technical Support:     | Greg Los, Chris Ruty & Michael Taylor |

*The flowers at today's service are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Dunford by his family.*

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT\***

Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks to the Wendat, the Anishinaabe, the Mississauga of the Credit and the Haudenosaunee, the first people of this land.

We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred on this land. We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land. Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced.

With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

**HYMN**

**When the Church of Jesus**

**Tune: CP 375**

When the church of Jesus  
Shuts its outer door,  
Lest the roar of traffic  
Drown the voice of prayer:  
May our prayers, God, make us  
Ten times more aware  
That the world we banish  
Is our Christian care.  
  
If our hearts are lifted  
Where devotion soars  
High above this hungry  
Suffering world of ours:  
Lest our hymns should drug us  
To forget its needs,  
Forge our Christian worship  
Into Christian deeds.

Lest the gifts we offer,  
Money, talents, time,  
Serve to salve our conscience  
To our secret shame:  
God, reprove, inspire us  
By the way You give;  
Teach us, dying Savior,  
How true Christians live.

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## **OPENING PRAYERS**

**Celebrant:** The grace of Jesus the Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**All:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Almighty God,

**All:** **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 Saviour. Amen.**

## **KYRIE ELEISON**

Kyrie, eleison.

**Kyrie, eleison.**

Christe, eleison.

**Christe, eleison.**

Kyrie, eleison.

**Kyrie, eleison.**

## **COLLECT**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 the Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

## **THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

*Please be seated.*

### **FIRST LESSON**

A reading from the Hebrew Testament and the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time God brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time God will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

### **PAUSE**

Reader: Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

The psalm is printed in the bulletin. Let us read responsively.

The Holy One is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Holy One is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

**One thing have I asked of the Most High; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Holy One all the days of my life,**

Beholding the fair beauty of the Holy One and seeking God in the temple.

**For in the day of trouble, O God, you shall keep me safe in your shelter; you shall hide me in the secrecy of your dwelling and set me high upon a rock.**

Even now you lift up my head above my enemies round about me.

**Therefore I will offer in your dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Holy One.**

Hearken to my voice, O God, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

**You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, O God, will I seek.**

Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

**You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

## **SECOND READING**

A reading from a letter of Paul to the church in Corinth.

Now I appeal to you, brothers, sisters and siblings, by the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.

What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name.

(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

### **PAUSE**

Reader: Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

All: **Thanks be to God**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **GRADUAL**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

[May repeat]

## **THE GOSPEL**

Gospeller: May God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ, according to Mathew.

**All: Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the realm of heaven has come near."

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - they fished by trade. Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." Immediately they left their nets and began to follow Jesus.

Jesus walked along further and saw two other brothers, James and John, ben-Zebedee. They were in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. Jesus called them and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Jesus.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the realm of heaven and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

## **PAUSE**

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

**All: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.**



## GRADUAL

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## SERMON

*Please be seated for the sermon.*

## APOSTLES' CREED

*Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant: I invite you now, as you are able, to stand and to join in confessing the faith of our baptism, as we say,

Celebrant: I believe in God Almighty,

**All: creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Saviour.**

**He was conceived by 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 God.**

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Loving God, you know us.

**All: May we know your presence.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Deacon: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept*

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

**All: 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 the Christ.

**All: Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

Celebrant: May the peace of Jesus the Christ be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*We take a moment to share the peace.*

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

### **OFFERTORY**

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**HYMN****Sing a New Church****Tune: CP 354**

Summoned by the God who made us  
Rich in our diversity,  
Gathered in the name of Jesus,  
Richer still in unity.

***Refrain:***

*Let us bring the gifts that differ  
And, in splendid, varied ways,  
Sing a new Church into being,  
One in faith and love and praise.*

Radiant risen from the water,  
Robed in holiness and light,  
All are children in God's image,  
All are children, God's delight. ***Refrain***

Trust the goodness of creation;  
Trust the Spirit strong within.  
Dare to dream the vision promised,  
Sprung from seed of what has been. ***Refrain***

Bring the hopes of every nation;  
Bring the art of every race.  
Weave a song of peace and justice;  
Let it sound through time and space. ***Refrain***

Draw together at one table,  
All the human family;  
Shape a circle ever wider  
And a people ever free.

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**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

**Celebrant:** 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 the Christ.

**All:** **Amen.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

## Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 1

Celebrant: May God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to God.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory saying:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy, O God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blest is the One who comes in the name of our God.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you. Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

**All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever.

**All: Amen.**

### **THE SAVIOUR'S PRAYER**

Celebrant: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**All: Abba, Amma, Beloved, your name be hallowed, your reign spread among us, your will be done well, at all times, in all places, on earth as in heaven. Give us the bread we need for today. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Let us not fail in the time of our testing. Spare us from trials too sharp to endure. Free us from the grip of all evil powers. For yours is the reign, the power and the glory, the victory of love, for now and eternity, world without end. Amen and Amen.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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

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

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*You are invited to stand around the altar in a circle and remain there until everyone has received Communion. There will also be a second Communion station by the font.*

## **AGNUS DEI**

**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 peace.**

## **COMMUNION**

*The Eucharistic feast is a participation in the Body and Blood of Christ. Receiving Communion is a sacramental means through which we reaffirm that we became part of Christ's one Body in our baptism.*

*The Anglican Church welcomes all Christians from any denomination to receive Communion.*

*Please speak to the priest after the service if you would like to discuss baptism or if you have any questions about the sacraments.*

*Those who do not wish to receive Communion at this time are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you wish to be blessed.*

*Gluten free hosts are available. Please let us know if you require one.*

## **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*Those who wish to do so are invited to make their Spiritual Communion. You may use the following prayers.*

In union, O God, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen

Come, Jesus, dwell in me in the fullness of your strength, in the perfection of your ways, and in the holiness of your Spirit, and rule over every hostile power in the might of your Spirit, and to the glory of God. Amen.

May the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

**HYMN      All Are Welcome**

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live.

A place where saints and children  
tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace.

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

***Refrain***

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true.

Where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace.

Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: ***Refrain.***

Let us build a house where love is found,  
in water, wine and wheat:

A banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space,

as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: ***Refrain***

Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger: **Refrain**

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
And loved and treasured, taught and  
claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace.  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: **Refrain**

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## HYMN

### **Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

**CP 425**

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
Stars and angels sing around thee,  
Centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in thee.



Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father and our Mother,  
All who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

Celebrant: Please join in affirming our commitment to serve God in the world.

**All: We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.**

**We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place; into action, into vulnerability and into the streets.**

**We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation;**

**to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

## CELEBRATIONS, NEEDS, REFLECTIONS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known.  
Creator, Word and Spirit one.

**CP 672**

### HYMN

#### **Rejoice in God, All Earthly Lands**

**CP 351**

Rejoice in God, all earthly lands,  
and lift your hands in song and prayer.  
Delight to live by God's commands;  
sing joyful praises everywhere.

Know this: we serve the Holy One,  
to whom our restless souls belong.  
We have our breath through God alone,  
to whom we raise our grateful song.

Like sheep, we wander without aim  
unless our shepherd's voice is heard.  
In trust we call upon God's name  
for daily bread and gracious word.

On God, our Maker, we depend  
for love that's gracious, strong, and sure.  
God's faithfulness shall never end;  
from age to age it shall endure.

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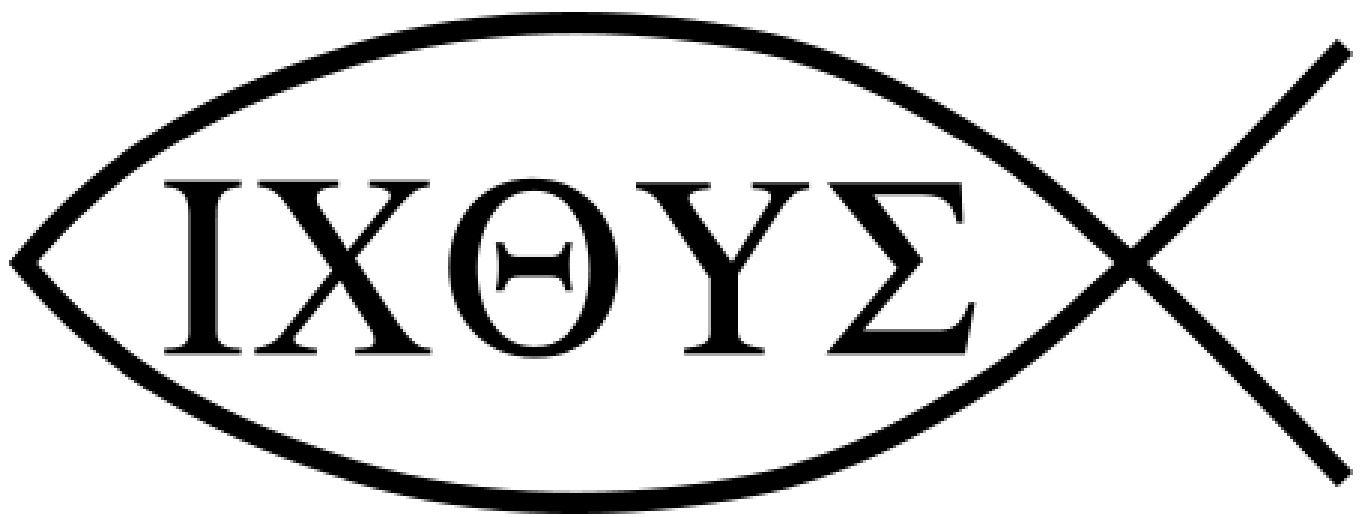
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### DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go as messengers of the Creator's infinite and eternal love.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE



## **Building up for God!**

The mission of St. John's Church is to build a community of caring believers committed to Christ, to work for justice and service to all in need. We gather to praise God, and to give and receive support to meet the challenges of our daily lives and ministries. We call on everyone to come and join us.

We are an accessible, accepting, diverse community. We are young and old, able-bodied, and disabled, employed and unemployed. We are married, single, divorced, straight, and LGBTQ2S+. We are from all over the world, yet we could live next door. You will find open minds and open hearts at St. John's.

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