



HOLY EUCHARIST
&
Celebration of the
Life and Ministry of
John's West Toronto

St. John's
Anglican Church
West Toronto

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6:00 pm

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Readings: Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Psalm 121; Ephesians 1:15-23; John 14:23-29, Inclusive Bible

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PRELUDE

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.**

AT THE ENTRANCE

Please stand as the Bishop and other ministers enter.

Bishop: God of abundant Grace, through this doorway we have entered your sanctuary, a place of refuge where we have been nourished and fed, healed and restored, forgiven and blessed. And, through this doorway we have returned into your world, sent as servants of your peace and justice.

All: For the many ways in which you call us into your life of humility and service, we thank you, God.

HYMN

Come and Journey with a Saviour

CP 482

Come and journey with a Saviour
who has called us from our birth,
who has washed us in the waters,
and who loved us on the earth

Refrain

*Come and journey, come and journey
with a Saviour who has come.*

*We are all God's sons and daughters,
in the Spirit we are one*

Come and journey, journey inward
come and seek him deep within
where he meets us in our living,
in our striving and our sin. **Refrain**

Come and journey, journey outward
where the cross calls us to care,
where injustice and where hunger
and the poor call us to share. **Refrain**

Come and journey, journey upward
Sing his praises, offer prayer.
In the storm and in the stillness
find his presence everywhere. **Refrain**

Come and journey, journey onward;
all our gifts we now shall bring
to the building of a city
that is holy, Christ its King. **Refrain**

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CONFESSION & OPENING PRAYERS

Please remain standing as you are able.

Bishop: As God's temple, God's holy people, let us give thanks today for the years St. John's has served this community. At the table of God's Word and the table of the Eucharist, our communion with Christ and one another will be strengthened for our ongoing journey of faith. Especially aware of any unresolved conflicts or broken relationships, let us prepare our minds and hearts for these holy mysteries by acknowledging the need for the mercy of God in all our lives. The grace of Jesus the Christ, and the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Bishop: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

All: Most merciful God, 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.

Bishop: 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.

All: Amen.

Bishop: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You fill the entire world with your presence; your name is to be hallowed through all the earth. Receive our praise and thanksgiving for the blessings, help, and comfort which you bestowed upon your people in this parish for 142 years. Continue your mercies to your Church, that we may be conscious of your unchanging love as we take leave of this place of worship, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Hebrew testament and the book of Deuteronomy.

YHWH will once again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as God delighted in your ancestors and prospered them, if you obey YHWH, your God, and keep the commandments and decrees that are written in the Book of the Law, and return to YHWH with all your heart and soul.

For this Law I give to you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven, so that you need not ask yourselves, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back for us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the word of God is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can keep it.

Reader: Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

The psalm is written in your bulletin. Let us read it responsively.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from God, the maker of heaven and earth.

God will not let your foot be moved and the One who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, the One who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Holy One, our God, watches over you; the Holy One is your shade at your side,

so that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Holy One shall preserve you from all evil and shall keep you safe.

The Holy One shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

From the time I first heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of the holy ones, I have never stopped thanking God for you and remembering you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Saviour Jesus Christ, the God of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation, to bring you to a rich knowledge of the Creator. I pray that God will enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see the hope this call holds for you – the promised glories that God's holy ones will inherit, and the infinitely great power that is exercised for us who believe.

You can tell this from the strength of God's power at work in Jesus, the power used to raise Christ from the dead and to seat Christ in heaven at God's right hand, far above every sovereignty, authority, power or dominion, and above any other name that can be named – not only in this age, but also in the age to come. God has put all things under Christ's feet and made Christ, as the ruler of everything, the head of the church, and the church is Christ's body; it's the fullness of the One who fills all of creation.

Reader: Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GRADUAL

CP 715

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

[May repeat]

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THE GOSPEL

Deacon: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Deacon: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ, according to John.

All: Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.

Jesus answered, "Those who love me will be true to my word, and Abba God will love them; and we will come to them and make our dwelling place with them. Those who don't love me don't keep my words. Yet the message you hear is not mine; it comes from Abba God who sent me. This much I have said to you while still with you; but the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit whom Abba God will send in my name, will instruct you in everything and she will remind you of all that I told you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you; but the kind of peace I give you is not like the world's peace. Don't let your hearts be distressed; don't be fearful. You've heard me say, 'I am going away but I will return.' If you really loved me, you would rejoice because I am going to Abba God, for Abba is greater than I. I tell you this now, before it happens, so that when it happens you will believe."

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

GRADUAL

CP 715

Alleluia, alleluia.

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SERMON

Please be seated for the sermon.

HYMN**One Bread, One Body****CP 73*****Refrain:***

*One bread, one body,
one God of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many,
throughout the earth,
we are one body in our one God.*

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more.

Refrain

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the God of all.

Refrain

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all.

Refrain

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SHARING OF MEMORIES

Please remain seated.

HYMN**Let My Life Be Prayer**

Let my life be prayer,
Let my life be prayer,
Let my life be prayer,
Surely you will see me through.

From the moment that I wake up, till I go to sleep at night,
I offer up my work and words and bring them to the light,
Let me feel the power through which we all unite,
And let my life be prayer.

Take the song that I am singing, I offer it to You,
The words that I am thinking, may they express anew,
That You are the inspiration of everything I do,
Let my life be prayer.

I do not need to worry though I know that cares will come,
I do not need to hurry, If I know Thy will be done,
I just need to trust and in that faith walk on,
And let my life be prayer.

Our time upon this planet, is surely but a span,
And things are bound to happen, which we cannot understand,
So in both joy and sorrow, I take Your outstretched hand,
And let my life be prayer.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand as you are able.

Intercessor: Source of life,

All: Grant us peace in our hearts and our lives.

RITE OF PASSAGE TO NEW FORMS OF MINISTRY

Bishop: Listen to the words of the prophet Isaiah:
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

It is time for the ministry of this congregation
to come to an end. It is also time to look at the new thing God is
doing, as the people of St. John's West Toronto journey on
to offer gifts of ministry in new ways and in other places.

Beloved sisters and brothers, the church is not this building; it is you who are called by God to be followers of Jesus Christ. The church of Jesus Christ needs you and the gifts the Spirit has instilled within you to build up Christ's body.

So we charge and encourage you to find a place of worship where you may be encouraged in your faith and where you may encourage others.

We commend you to the welcoming and healing embrace of the congregations of the Parkdale West Toronto Deanery.

Please be seated as Regional Dean, Father Rob Mitchell invites the members of St. John's to join other parishes.

THE PEACE

Please stand as you are able.

Bishop: 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

HYMN Teach Us Peace

Teach us peace, O loving God and help us to be kind.
Friends reach out your weary arms and place your hands in mine.

If you're hungry take this bread, and fill your cup with wine.
Teach us peace, O loving God and help us to be kind.

[May repeat]

Words: Cormac Culkeen

Music: Arr. by Dan Gooch

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Bishop: Let us pray.

All: God of infinite Love, at this table bread and wine are offered, blessed, broken and returned to us. As we give thanks at the Eucharist, you strengthen us for the journeys that lie ahead. All that we have and are, we bring to this place. All that we can be and become is given in return. For the many ways in which you feed us by your grace, we thank you, God.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Eucharistic Prayer 4

Bishop: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

Bishop: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

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

Bishop: It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Bishop: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Bishop: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Bishop: But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Bishop: Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might, CP 732
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of Our God.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Bishop: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he 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 for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Bishop: Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Bishop: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

THE SAVIOUR'S PRAYER

Bishop: 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

Bishop: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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

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.

HYMN Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

CP 63

Refrain:

*Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst.*

I am the bread of life,
The true bread sent from the Father. **Refrain**

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,
But this is the bread come down from Heaven. **Refrain**

Eat my flesh and drink my blood,
And I will raise you up on the last day. **Refrain**

Anyone who eats this bread,
Will live for ever. **Refrain**

If you believe and eat this bread,
You will have eternal life. **Refrain**

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HYMN

We Would Be Building

Tune: CP 540

We would be building temples still undone.
O'er crumbling walls their crosses scarcely lift,
Waiting 'til love can raise the broken stone
And hearts creative bridge the human rift.
We would be building; listening for the call
Revealing life that God would give us all.

Teach us to build; upon the solid rock
We set the dream that hardens into deed,
Ribbed with the steel that Time and Change doth mock –
The unfailing purpose of our noblest creed.
We would be building; Spirit, lend us sight
To see the towers gleaming in the light.

Teach us to build; O Master, let our hands
Not falter when the dream is in our hearts,
When to our ears there come divine commands,
And all the pride of sinful will departs.
We build with God! O grant enduring worth
Until the heavenly kingdom comes on earth.

*Words: A St. John's Parishioner, with revisions by John Spragge (date unknown)
Music: Tune FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as you are able.

Bishop: Let us pray.

All: Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Bishop: Glory to God,

All: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

Bishop: God remains with us,

All: Though we let go of our cherished place.

Bishop: God remains with us,

All: Though we sing new songs and worship in new ways.

Bishop: God remains with us,

All: Though we serve in different ways and pursue different causes.

Bishop: God remains with us,

All: Though we find new friends in our new congregation.

Bishop: God's love remains with us,

All: God's justice will inspire us, God's realm will call us to action.

Bishop: God is eternally for you and with you.

All: Thanks be to God!

Bishop: Our help is in the name of God.

All: the maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop: Blessed be the name of God,

All: from this time forth, for evermore.

Bishop: The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you for ever.

All: Amen.

DOXOLOGY

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

May the Road Rise to Meet You

Refrain:

*May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
May the rain fall softly on your fields
And until we meet again
May you keep safe
In the gentle loving arms of God*

For everything there is a season
A time for meeting
A time to say goodbye
In all things
God is near
Always guiding your way. **Refrain**

For everything there is a season
A time for laughter
A time for tears and pain
In all things
God is near
Always guiding your way. **Refrain**

*Text: John Rippon, called "K" in A Selection of Hymns 1787, alt.
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Caniadau y Cysser, 1939; harm. The English Hymnal, 1906*

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go forth in the knowledge that God goes with you!

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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