



HOLY EUCHARIST
for the Twenty-Fifth
Sunday after Pentecost

St. John's
Anglican Church West Toronto
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10:00 am

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Today's Readings: Judges 4:1-7, NRSV; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Inclusive Bible; Matthew 25:14-30, Inclusive Bible.

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

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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.**

HYMN Sing a New Song

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Refrain:

*Sing a new song unto the Lord;
Let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
Singing alleluia!*

Yahweh's people dance for joy.
O come before the Lord
And play for him on glad tambourines,
And let your trumpet sound. **Refrain**

Rise, O children, from your sleep;
Your Savior now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
And filled your soul with song. **Refrain**

Glad my soul, for I have seen
The glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Savior lives. **Refrain**

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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.

COLLECT

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive 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 book of Judges.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of God, after Ehud died. So God sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to God for help, for Sisera had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came up to her for judgement.

She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The God of Israel commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand.'"

Reader: Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

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

To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and
the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

So our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy.

**Have mercy upon us, O God, have mercy, for we have had
more than enough of contempt,**

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of
the proud.

SECOND READING

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

But as to specific times and eras, sisters, brothers and siblings you do not need me to tell you anything – you know very well that the day of God is coming like a thief in the night. Just when people are saying, “at last we have peace and security,” then destruction will fall on them with the suddenness of labour pains, and there will be no escape.

But you, sisters and brothers, are not in the dark. The day of God will not catch you like a thief. No, you are all children of light and children of the day. We do not belong to the darkness or the night. So let us not be asleep as others are – let us be awake and sober! Those who sleep do so at night, and those who get drunk do so at night. But we belong to the day, so let us be sober. Let us put on the breastplate of faith and love, and the helmet of the hope of salvation.

God has destined us not to suffer wrath, but to receive salvation through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who died for us so that, whether awake or asleep, we might live together with Christ. So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

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 Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.

Jesus told another parable.

“Again, it is like a wealthy landowner who was going on a journey and called in three workers, entrusting some funds to them. The first was given five thousand dollars, the second two thousand, and the third one thousand, according to each one’s ability. Then the landowner went away. Immediately the worker who received the five thousand went and invested it and made another five. In the same way, the worker who received two thousand doubled that figure. But the worker who received one thousand instead went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried the money.

After a long absence, the traveler returned home and settled accounts with them. The one who received the five thousand came forward bringing the additional five, saying ‘You entrusted me with five thousand; here are five thousand more.’ The landowner said, ‘Well done! You are a good and faithful worker. Since you were dependable in a small matter, I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share my joy!’ The one who had received the two thousand then stepped forward with the additional two, saying, ‘You entrusted me with two thousand; here are two thousand more.’ The landowner said to this one, ‘Cleverly done! You too are a good and faithful worker. Since you were dependable in a small matter, I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share my joy!’

Finally the one who had received the one thousand stepped forward and said to the landowner, ‘Knowing your ruthlessness – you who reap where you did not sow and gather where you did not scatter – and fearing your wrath, I went off and buried your thousand dollars in the ground. Here is your money back.’ The landowner exclaimed, ‘You worthless, lazy person! So you know that I reap where I do not sow and gather where I do not scatter, do you? All the more reason to deposit my money with the bankers, so that on my return I could have had it back with interest! You, there! Take the thousand away from this one and give it to the one with the ten thousand.’

Those who have will get more until they grow rich, while those who have not will lose even the little they have. Throw this worthless one outside into the darkness, where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

GRADUAL

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! [May repeat]

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,

**All: I believe in God Almighty,
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: Merciful God,

All: shine the light of Your love upon us.

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.

Those who wish to receive anointing are invited to come forward.

HYMN Wait for the One, Whose Day is Near

CP 94

Wait for the One, whose day is near.

Wait for the One, be strong, take heart! [Repeat]

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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 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending CP 601

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the Church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the Gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

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You are invited to stand around the altar in a circle and remain there until everyone has received Communion.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

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

Celebrant: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**All: Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Jesus, come in glory.**

Celebrant: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and 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: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

All: So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your realm.

Celebrant: 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

*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.

Refrain:

Come, O Lord, and set us free. Maranatha.

Desert and dry land will grow green in praise;
clay will rejoice with full bloom:
showers of flowers given birth in dead earth;
in colours they echo Love's song. **Refrain**

Strengthen the hearts of the fearful and weak;
be strong; fear not, God is near,
coming in power, and loosing our bonds,
setting the captives free. **Refrain**

We have been waiting and longing for light,
watching for signs of the Lord.
"Promised of ages," "Messiah to come,"
hear us, we beg you: "Come, save!" **Refrain**

Give us a star in the sky day and night,
sign of your promise to save.
Over the mountains we follow its light,
hoping for sign of your life. **Refrain**

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is God for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: 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.

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

Go to the World

CP 598

Go to the world! Go into all the earth;
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go into every place;
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace;
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
The nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia!

Go to the World! Go as the ones I send,
For I am with you till the age shall end,
When all the host of glory cry, "Amen." Alleluia!

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DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

WHAT'S *happening* This Week

*Mtr. Alexandra will be away November 20 – 27.
For pastoral matters, please contact Deacon Evelyn Butler
(deaconevelyn@sjwt.ca)*

Wed, Nov 22	Centering Prayer (10 – 10:30 am)
Sat, Nov 25	Food Drop-Off (9:30 – 12 pm)
	Coffee, Tea, and Creativity (10 am – 12 pm)
Sun, Nov 26	Holy Eucharist for the Reign of Christ (10 – 11:30 am)
	Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Bob Shantz

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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