

Gifts OF THE Spirit



HOLY EUCHARIST
for the Third Sunday after
the Epiphany

January 23, 2022
9:30 am

St. John's
Anglican Church
West Toronto

As we gather as a community

Those worshipping at home may wish to create a sacred space by lighting a candle.

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Today's Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, NRSV; Psalm 19; Voices United; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, NRSV; Luke 4:14-21 Inclusive Bible.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: Mother Alexandra Stone
Deacon: The Rev. Evelyn Butler
Preacher: Mother Alexandra Stone
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PRELUDE

WELCOME

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 O Christ, the Great Foundation vv. 1-3 (CP 524) Alie

O Christ, the great foundation
on which your people stand
to preach your true salvation
in every age and land:
pour out your Holy Spirit
to make us strong and pure,
to keep the faith unbroken
as long as worlds endure.

Baptized in one confession,
one church in all the earth,
we bear our God's impression,
the sign of second birth.

One holy people gathered
In love beyond our own;
by grace we were invited,
by grace we make you known.

Where tyrants' hold is tightened,
where strong devour the weak,
where innocents are frightened,
the righteous fear to speak;
there let your church awaking
attack the powers of sin,
and, all their ramparts breaking,
with you the victory win.

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OPENING PRAYERS

Celebrant: 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.

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.**

Celebrant: Glory in the highest glory,

**All: peace to all, in all their days.
Worship, thanks, and praise unceasing
to the Source of all we raise;
reigning in the sapphire height,**

**hidden from our mortal sight,
now receive our adoration,
as we make our supplication.**

**Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
Lamb of God, for sinners given,
Word eternal, born of Mary,
Word made flesh, the face of heaven:
holy one, to you we pray,
hear us in the realms of day,
with the Spirit there united,
and the Godhead high exalted.**

Text: Glory to God (Gloria in excelsis, Greek hymn, 200?); para. Paul Gibson.

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

All: Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Hebrew Testament, and the book of the Prophet Nehemiah.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which God had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

Then Ezra blessed God, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped God with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people,

"This day is holy to your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then Ezra said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our God; and do not be grieved, for the joy of God is your strength."

Reader: Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God

PSALM

The psalm is printed in your bulletin let us read it alternatively by full verse.

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the vault of the sky reveals God's handiwork.

One day speaks to another, and night shares its knowledge with night, and this without speech or language; their voices are heard.

But their sound goes out to all the lands, their words to the ends of the earth.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun which comes out like a bridegroom from under the canopy, like an athlete eager to run the race.

Its rising is at one end of the sky, it runs its course to the other, And there is nothing that is hidden from its heat.

God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul;

God's instruction is sure, given wisdom to the simple;

God's precepts are right, rejoicing the heart;

God's commandment is pure, giving light to the eyes;

God's fear is clean, enduring forever;

God's judgments are true, every one of them righteous;

More desirable than gold, even much fine gold; Sweeter than honey, pure honey from the comb.

By them is your servant warned;

For in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can discern unwitting sins?

O cleanse me of my secret faults.

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the better of me.

Then shall I be clean and innocent of great offence.

Let the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O God, my strength and my redeemer.

Reader: Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit

All: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen

SECOND READING

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

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the

body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as God chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be?

As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this.

But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

PAUSE

Reader: Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God

GRADUAL Alleluia (CP 715)

Alle

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

[May repeat]

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THE GOSPEL

Gospeller: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and his reputation spread throughout the region. He was teaching in the Galilean synagogues, and all were loud in their praise. Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up entering the synagogue on the Sabbath, as was his habit, Jesus stood up to do the reading. When the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed him, he unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: "The Spirit of our God is upon me: because the most high has anointed me to bring good news to those who are poor. God has sent me to proclaim liberty to those held captive, recovery of sight to those who are blind, and release to those in prison – To proclaim the year of God's favour." Rolling up the scroll, Jesus gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Jesus. Then he said to them, "Today, in your hearing, this scripture passage is fulfilled."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

GRADUAL Alleluia (CP 715)

Alie

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**All: I believe in God,
Our Almighty Parent,
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: Gracious God,

All: Hear our Prayer.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to the 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 Jesus the Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we might delight in your will and walk in your ways. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all your sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus the Christ. **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. Please maintain your physical distance from others while passing the peace and avoid physical contact with those outside your household.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

OFFERTORY

HYMN

Praise, My Soul (CP 381)

Genesis

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, should sing God's praise?

Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the Maker all your days.

Praise God for the grace and favour
shown our forebears in distress.

God is still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
alleluia, alleluia,
sing our Maker's faithfulness.

Like a loving parent caring,
God knows well our feeble frame;
gladly all our burdens bearing,
still to countless years the same.

Alleluia, alleluia,
all within me, praise God's name.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:

alleluia, alleluia,
praise the high eternal one.

Angels, teach us adoration;
you behold God face to face;
sun and moon and all creation,
dwellers all in time and space.

Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.

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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

Eucharistic Prayer 2

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: 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.

**All: Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might,
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 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."

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.

All: Amen.

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. 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.**

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

Different Gifts

Genesis

Refrain

Diff'rent gifts, yet we are one, one in Christ's body.
Each of us uniquely made; diff'rent, yet the same.
Celebrate our diff'rences, working together;
Needing each one's special gifts to make the body whole.

Come and celebrate the many diff'rent colours:
each a glimpse of a loving gen'rous God.
Precious are the gifts we bring to one another:
each a gift of Love. *Refrain*

Come and wonder at the shades of God's creation:
all a part of the Truth that sets us free.
In diversity we celebrate our story:
Called to unity. *Refrain*

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Refrain based on I Cor. 12:4ff

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: 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.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask of imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

CELEBRATIONS, NEEDS, REFLECTIONS

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN God, Whose Almighty Word (CP 560)

Alie

God, whose almighty word,
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!

Saviour, who came to bring
on your redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind:

now for all humankind
let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed on your flight!
Move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light!

Gracious and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride:
through the world far and wide,
let there be light!

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DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go as Holy Messengers of the wonder of God's 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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