



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

February 05, 2023  
10:00 am

St. John's  
Anglican Church  
West Toronto

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**Today's Reading:** Isaiah 58:1-12, NRSV; Psalm 112.1-9 (10); 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16, NRSV; Matthew 5:13-20, NRSV.

***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:	Mother Alexandra Stone
Preacher:	The Reverend Canon Claudette Taylor
Deacon:	The Reverend Evelyn Butler
Eucharistic Assistant:	Lisa Rumble
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Intercessor:	Carrie Cardwell
Piano:	John Stephenson
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## **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      Woke Up This Mornin'**

Woke up this mornin' with my mind,  
my mind was stayed on Jesus.

Woke up this mornin' with my mind,  
my mind was stayed on Jesus.

Woke up this mornin' with my mind,  
my mind was stayed on Jesus.

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.

No condemnation with my mind,  
my mind was stayed on Jesus.

No condemnation with my mind,  
my mind was stayed on Jesus.

No condemnation with my mind,  
my mind was stayed on Jesus.

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.

Walkin' and talkin' with my mind,  
my mind was stayed on Jesus.

Walkin' and talkin' with my mind,  
my mind was stayed on Jesus.

Walkin' and talkin' with my mind,  
my mind was stayed on Jesus.

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.

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## WELCOME

### 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.

Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, 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 Hebrew Testament and the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Leah and Rachael and Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God.

"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to God? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of God shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and God will answer; you shall cry for help, and God will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. God will guide

you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

## 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.

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear God and have great delight in the divine commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

**For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumours; their heart is right; they put their trust in God.

**Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honour.

**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

## **SECOND READING**

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

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus the Christ, - Christ crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling.

My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Sovereign of glory.

But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love God" - these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and

they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Most High? Who would give instruction to God? But we have the mind of Christ.

## **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.**

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your God in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.



Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the realm of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the realm of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the realm of heaven."

## **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

### Stand by Me

When the storms of life are raging,  
stand by me; (stand by me)

when the storms of life are raging,  
stand by me. (stand by me)

When the world is tossing me  
like a ship upon the sea,  
thou who rulest wind and water,  
stand by me. (stand by me)

In the midst of tribulation,  
stand by me; (stand by me)  
in the midst of tribulation,  
stand by me. (stand by me)

When the hosts of hell assail,  
and my strength begins to fail,  
thou who never lost a battle,  
stand by me. (stand by me)

In the midst of faults and failures,  
stand by me; (stand by me)  
in the midst of faults and failures,  
stand by me. (stand by me)

When I do the best I can,  
and my friends misunderstand,  
thou who knowest all about me,  
stand by me. (stand by me)

In the midst of persecution,  
stand by me; (stand by me)  
in the midst of persecution,  
stand by me. (stand by me)  
When my foes in battle array  
undertake to stop my way,  
thou who saved Paul and Silas,  
stand by me. (stand by me)  
  
When I'm growing old and feeble,  
stand by me; (stand by me)  
when I'm growing old and feeble,  
stand by me. (stand by me)  
When my life becomes a burden,  
and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,  
O thou "Lily of the Valley",  
stand by me. (stand by me)

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## **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: God of compassion and forgiveness,  
receive our offering this day, and make us one with him who  
is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

## **Eucharistic Prayer 4**

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 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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, Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: 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.**

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.**

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**

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.*

## 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, 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      Let Us Break Bread Together      VU 480**

Let us break bread together on our knees,  
let us break bread together on our knees.

#### ***Refrain***

*When I fall down on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.*

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees. **[Refrain]**

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees. **[Refrain]**

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### **HYMN      My Life Flows on in Endless Song (How Can I Keep From Singing?)      CP 401**

My life flows on in endless song,  
above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the real, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.



### ***Refrain***

*No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Love is lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?*

Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It sounds and echoes in my soul;  
how can I keep from singing? **[Refrain]**

What though the tempest 'round me roar,  
I hear the truth it liveth.  
What though the darkness 'round me close,  
songs in the night it giveth. **[Refrain]**

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,  
and hear their death knells ringing;  
when friends rejoice both far and near,  
how can I keep from singing? **[Refrain]**

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing.  
All things are mine since I am his;  
how can I keep from singing? **[Refrain]**

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, 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**

### **We've Come This Far by Faith**

**412**

We've come this far by faith,  
Leaning on the Lord;  
Trusting in His holy word,  
He's never failed me yet.  
Oh, oh- oh- can't turn around,  
We've come this far by faith.

We've come this far by faith,  
Leaning on the Lord;  
Trusting in his holy word,  
He's never failed me yet.  
Oh, oh- oh- can't turn around,  
We've come this far by faith.

Don't be discouraged with troubles in your life.  
He'll bear your burdens  
And move all misery and strife

That's why we've come this far by faith,  
Leaning on the Lord;  
Trusting in his holy word,  
He's never failed me yet.  
Oh, oh- oh- can't turn around,  
We've come this far by faith.

We've come this far by faith,  
Leaning on the Lord;  
Trusting in his holy word,  
He's never failed us yet.  
Oh, oh- oh- can't turn around,  
We've come this far by faith.

Just the other day I heard someone say,  
He didn't believe in God's word;  
But I can truly say that God had made a way.  
And He's never failed me yet.

That's why we've come this far by faith,  
Leaning on the Lord;  
Trusting in his holy word,  
He's never failed me yet.  
Oh, oh- oh- can't turn around,  
We've come this far by faith.

Oh, oh- oh- can't turn around,  
We've come this far by, this far by faith!

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## **DISMISSAL**

Deacon: Go as holy 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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