



HOLY EUCHARIST
For the
Third Sunday
after
the Epiphany

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

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Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10, *Inclusive Bible*; Psalm 62:6-14; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, NRSV; Mark 1:14-20, *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

Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult

CP 432

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day His sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me."

As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred
leaving all for His dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still He calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us- by Thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear Thy call;
give our hearts to Thine obedience,
serve and love Thee best of all.

Words: Cecil Francis Alexander.

Music: ST OSWALD, John Bacchus Dykes.

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.

COLLECTS

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.

Celebrant: Jesus, who prayed that all might be one, we pray to you for the unity of all Christians, according to your will, according to your means. May your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused by division, to see our sin and to hope beyond all hope.

All: Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Jonah.

The word of God came a second time to Jonah:

“Get up! Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach to them as I told you to do.”

Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of God. Nineveh was a city large beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah moved on into the city, making a day's journey. He proclaimed, “Only forty days more, and Nineveh is going to be destroyed!”

So, the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and dressed in sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented by not inflicting on them the disaster that threatened them.

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.

For God alone my soul in silence waits; truly, my hope is in God.

God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

In God is my safety and my honour, my strong rock and my refuge.

Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before the One who is your refuge.

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

On the scales they are lighter than a breath, all of them together.

Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

Steadfast love is yours, O God, for you repay all according to their deeds.

SECOND READING

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

I mean, brothers, sisters and siblings, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world live as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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 Mark.

All: Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.

After John the Baptizer's arrest, Jesus appeared in Galilee proclaiming the good news of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand! Change your hearts and minds, and believe this Good News!

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw the brothers Simon and Andrew casting their nets into the sea, since they fished by trade. Jesus said to them, "Follow me; I will make you fishers of humankind."

They immediately abandoned their nets and followed Jesus. Proceeding a little further along, Jesus saw the brothers James

and John Bar-Zebedee. They too were in their boat, putting their nets in order. Immediately Jesus called them, and they left their father Zebedee standing in the boat with the hired help, and went off in the company of Jesus.

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 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: Messiah,

All: Help us show your love to the world.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

ANOINTING

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

HYMN Where Charity and Love Prevail

Where charity and love prevail
There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love
By love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear
His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
Now love God in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults
As we our faults confess,

And let us love each other well
In Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown;
Let all contention cease;
Be God's the glory that we seek;
Be ours God's holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells God's begotten Son;
As members of His body joined
We are in Christ made one.

No race nor creed can love exclude,
If honoured be God's name;
Our family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

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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

Here I Am, God

VU 509

I, the God of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make the darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

*Here I am, God. Is it I, God?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, God, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the God of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send. **Refrain**

I, the God of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

Hymn #509, Voices United

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Music: Daniel L. Schutte; harm. Michael Pope, Daniel L. Schutte, and John Weissrock

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

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: 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. 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. **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 this bread to share in the body of Christ.

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

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 Anglican Church welcomes all Christians from any denomination to receive 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

Little Things with Great Love

In the garden of our Savior, no flower grows unseen;
His kindness rains like water on every humble seed.
No simple act of mercy escapes His watchful eye —
for there is One who loves me: His hand is over mine.

In the kingdom of the heavens, no suff'ring is unknown;
each tear that falls is holy, each breaking heart a throne.
There is a song of beauty on ev'ry weeping eye —
for there is One who loves me: His heart, it breaks with mine.

Oh, the deeds forgotten; oh, the works unseen,
every drink of water flowing graciously,
every tender mercy, You're making glorious.
This You have asked us: do little things with great love,
little things with great love.

At the table of our Savior, no mouth will go unfed;
His children in the shadows stream in and raise their heads.
Oh give us ears to hear them and give us eyes that see —
for there is One who loves them: I am His hands and feet.

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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: 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

Dear God, Compassionate and Kind

CP 455

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee!

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier, alt.

Music: REPTON, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry.

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, go to serve the world God Loves!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

WHAT'S *happening* This Week

Tue, Jan 23	Morning Prayer (9:30 am)
Wed, Jan 24	Morning Prayer (9:30 am) Centering Prayer (10 – 10:30 am) Bible Study (7 pm – on Zoom)
Thu, Jan 25	Morning Prayer (9:30 am) Holy Eucharist (12 – 12:30 pm)
Sat, Jan 27	Food Bank Drop-Off (9:30 am – 12 pm) Robbie Burns Night (6 – 9 pm)
Sun, Jan 28	Morning Prayer (9 – 9:30 am – in Priest's Office) Holy Eucharist (10 – 11:30 am)

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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