



Welcome to St. George's
Fourth Sunday after Easter
Climate Justice Sunday
April 28, 2024
8:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST



"Talking Trees" by Amelia Vander Veen

We are a Christian church within the Anglican tradition and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. If you are a visitor or newcomer, please introduce yourself to one of our Wardens, Greeters, or Clergy. Welcome to our church family! If you need to have communion brought to you in the pew, please let the Greeter know before the service begins.

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The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

- **Worldwide Anglican Communion** – The Anglican Church of Bangladesh
- **Anglican Church of Canada** – Linda, Primate; Chris, National Indigenous Archbishop; Anne, Metropolitan
- **Diocese of Niagara** – Susan and Colin, Bishops; the people of Christ Church, Flamborough
- **St. George's** – on this Climate Justice Sunday, we as individuals and as a parish family recommit ourselves to work towards a more equitable and sustainable future for all.

We wish to acknowledge that we meet on land that, at the time of contact, was held by the Attawandaron as an area of trade and ceremony by the two rivers. At various times, the land was occupied by both Haudenosaunee from the south and Anishnaabe from the north. In more recent times, the Huron Treaty gave rights to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. May we who dwell on or visit this land also be good stewards and honour those who came before us.

Welcome and Announcements

Collect for Purity

All **Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Commandments

Priest Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Kyrie

Priest Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Priest Lord, have mercy upon us.

Priest The Lord be with you;

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Priest Let us pray.

Collect for the Day

Priest Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

People Amen.

Lesson Genesis 1:1-10

Reader The Lesson is written in the first chapter of the Book of Genesis, beginning at the first verse.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

Reader Here endeth the lesson.

Gospel Matthew 6:7-15

Gospeller The Holy Gospel is written in the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the seventh verse.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Gospeller Jesus said, "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Victor Kischak



Nicene Creed

All I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory

Priest Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High.

All Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

Intercessions

Intercessor

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

Let us pray for peace on earth and for the unity of all Christian people.

Almighty and ever-living God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all people: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant Charles our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servants Susan and Colin our Bishops, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly

serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, *especially those for whom our prayers are desired.*

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

People Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Priest Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

All Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these

our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Comfortable Words

Priest Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

St. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

St. John 3:16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

1 St. John 2:1, 2

HOLY COMMUNION

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Priest It is meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

**All Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is the One that cometh in the Name of the
Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Consecration

Priest Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender

mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and Cup of

everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Prayer of Humble Access

All We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei

Priest O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
People Have mercy upon us.

Priest O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
People Have mercy upon us.

Priest O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
People Grant us thy peace.

Communion

(if you need gluten-free bread, please request it before extending your hands)

Lord's Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

All Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Priest Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

All And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Gloria

All Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Benediction

Priest May the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you, and those that you love,

All and those that you should love,

Priest now and forever.

All Amen.

Announcements

Syrian Family Update

Our family of three will arrive in Canada on May 14. We have secured a 2-bedroom apartment for them and will get possession of it on May 1. Thanks to the generosity of many parishioners, we have been able to acquire most of the furnishings. However, we still need three twin beds (or two twins and a double bed), box springs and bedding for these, and four kitchen chairs. There is a list posted on the bulletin board with these and sundry smaller items. If you are able to locate or purchase any of them, please sign the sheet accordingly. We plan to have the apartment ready for them to move in before May 14.

Thank you to those who have already signed up to assist with the settlement of the family. We will be contacting you in the weeks ahead as we prepare their apartment before their arrival and then get a better sense of their specific needs as they settle in.

For any questions or to get more information, please contact one of us on the committee. And thank you everyone for your good help and prayers.

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St. George's Craft Guild Spring Meetings

- Knitting, crocheting, embroidery, card making, beading, etc.
- All skill levels are welcome – we'll even teach you if you want to learn.
- First and Third Sunday afternoons each month from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Library!

Newcomers' Lunch – Sunday – Today from 12 to 1pm

So who says there is no Free Lunch?

If you are new to the Church, we would like to invite you to a "Newcomers' Lunch" in the chapel, hosted by Victor. It's our way of welcoming you to our Church and getting a chance to know you a bit better.

Over sandwiches and munchies, Victor will host an interactive discussion on:

- the history of the Anglican Church and the worldwide Church today
- St. George's: what we are, what we do and where we are going

Evensong

The next Evensong service is **today at 4:00 pm**.

Bishop's Company Dinner

The Diocese of Niagara is excited to resume the annual Bishop's Company Dinner! Members and their guests will be invited to a special dinner taking place on **Tuesday, May 7** at the Royal Botanical Gardens. During the event, Bishop Susan Bell will be in conversation with the Reverend Michael Coren, priest, author, and columnist. The Bishop's Company provides resources that help the bishop respond compassionately and strategically to the urgent needs of our diocesan leaders, as well as respond to the needs of fellow siblings in Christ within our diocese and beyond. Members make an annual contribution of \$250/individual or \$450/couple in support of the bishop's important pastoral ministry. Membership also comes with an invitation to the annual gathering with the bishop. To become a member, or renew a membership, visit niagaraanglican.ca/bishops-company. If you need help, please email Hannah Keller, registrar for the Bishop's Company, with any questions you may have at hannah.keller@niagaraanglican.ca or call 1-905-527-1316, ext. 380.

Children's Ministry at St. George's

We have a number of new families attending St. George's, and we just want to make sure that you know all of the resources available to you on Sunday morning.

- Parents and small children are always welcome to use the family area at the back of the church.
- There are colouring packets available at the back of the church – ask a Greeter or Warden and they can help you find them.
- School-aged children are encouraged to attend Church School if they'd like.
- All children are invited to take part in the Children's Focus at the beginning of the service.
- If small children or babies need to "escape" for a time, the service is being broadcast in the library. You can take a break and still not miss the service.
- There is a change table available in the Accessible Washroom.

Historical Society – Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the St. George's Historical Society will be on **May 15** starting at 7:00 pm in the church library.

Guelph Connections Concerts

The Guelph Connections Concerts Spring cycle begins on **May 7** with the Penderecki Quartet. Concerts are Tuesdays starting at 4:30. Free admission.

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