



*Welcome to St. George's*  
*Season of Creation*  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 1, 2024**  
**10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST**



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 Mozambique and Angola
- **Anglican Church of Canada** – Linda, Primate; Chris, National Indigenous Archbishop; Anne, Metropolitan
- **Diocese of Niagara** – Susan and Colin, Bishops; the people of St. Paul’s Church, Norval
- **St. George’s** – thanksgiving for all the opportunities during the summer for vacation time and for gatherings with families and friends

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.

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**Prelude**      *Meditation*

Frank Bridge

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY** (*stand*)

**Hymn 391**    *Sing Ye Praises to the Father*

Arfon Major

### **Greeting** (*stand*)

Presider    The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**All**            **And also with you.**

### **Collect for the Day**

Presider    Let us pray.

**All**            **Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading** (*sit*)

Reader      A Reading from the Letter of Paul of the Romans  
The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!' But not all have obeyed the good news;

for Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed our message?' So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 469** *Sing Praises Old and New (verses 1-3)*

Fondren

**Gospel Reading** *(remain standing)*

Reader The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reader Jesus left Gennesaret and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly. After Jesus had left that place, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down. Great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the mute, and many others. They put them at his feet, and he cured them, so that the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind

seeing. And they praised the God of Israel. Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, 'I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way.' The disciples said to him, 'Where are we to get enough bread in the desert to feed so great a crowd?' Jesus asked them, 'How many loaves have you?' They said, 'Seven, and a few small fish.' Then ordering the crowd to sit down on the ground, he took the seven loaves and the fish; and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all of them ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. Those who had eaten were four thousand men, besides women and children. After sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.

Matthew 15:21-39

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

**All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Hymn 469** *Sing Praises Old and New (verse 4)*

Fondren

**Homily** The Rev. Victor Kischak  
*(followed by silence for reflection)*

**Special Music** *Menuet and Dance*  
*Flute: Amy Parker*

Christoph Gluck

**Apostles' Creed** *(stand)*

Presider Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of 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 the Father. 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** (*stand, kneel or sit*)

Presider In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.  
*Silence*

Presider For all people in their daily life and work;  
**All For our families, friends, and neighbours,  
and for all those who are alone.**

Presider For this community, our country, and the world;  
**All For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Presider For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**All For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Presider For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**All For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Presider For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**All For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.**

Presider For Susan and Colin our bishops,  
and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**All For all who serve God in the Church.**

Presider For our own needs and those of others.  
*Silence. The people may add their own petitions.*

Presider Hear us, Lord;  
**All For your mercy is great.**

Presider We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
*Silence. The people may add their own thanksgivings.*

Presider We will exalt you, O God our king;  
**All And praise your name for ever and ever.**

Presider We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ,  
and those whose faith is known to you alone,  
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
*Silence. The people may add their own petitions.*

Presider Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;  
**All Who put their trust in you.**

Presider Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*(silence is kept)*

Presider 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.**

Presider 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 Christ our Lord.

**People Amen.**

### **Sharing of the Peace** *(stand)*

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Offertory Hymn 439** *Blest Are the Pure in Heart*

Franconia

**Prayer over the Gifts** *(remain standing)*

**All**            **Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

Presider The Lord be with you.

**People**    **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

**People**    **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People**    **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider 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 Parent 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 Lord,  
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 the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Hymn 732

Presider 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 Jesus 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 forever.

**All Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Presider As our Saviour taught us, 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.**

## Breaking of Bread

Presider 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.**

## Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

**All Thanks be to God.**

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

## During Communion

**Lamb of God**

Hymn 690

**Hymn 605** *Have Mercy, Lord, on Us*

St. Bride

## Prayer after Communion *(stand)*

Presider Let us pray.

**All Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Blessing *(remain standing)*

Presider May the peace of God, which passes 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 among you and remain with you, and those that you love,

**All and those that you should love,**

Presider now and forever.

**All Amen.**

**Hymn 393** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

St. Denio

**Dismissal**

Presider Go forth in the name of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Offertoire*

Albert Alain

*(please remain seated until the end of the Postlude)*

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