



160th Regular Session of Synod

Opening Eucharist

Thursday, November 25, 2021 at 6:45pm

The Cathedral Church of St. James
Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada

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Bishop's Chaplain Paul Seddon, ODT

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Welcome to St. James Cathedral

We are grateful for parishes from across the Diocese that have contributed music both for this Eucharist, and for other moments throughout this gathering of Synod. Thank you for sharing your gifts as our Diocese comes together this weekend.

The Gathering of the Community

Preludes & Gathering Music

We Are the Church

St. Elizabeth, Mississauga

I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we're the church together!

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place, the church is a people.
I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we're the church together!

We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,
all colours and all ages, too, from all times and places.
I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we're the church together!

Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning,
sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning.
I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we're the church together!

And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying,
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:
I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we're the church together!

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Open the Eyes of My Heart

St. James, Orillia

Gareth and Maggie Anderson, vocals and guitar

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You.

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Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.

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I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up. shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy. I want to see you.

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As the Seeds are Planted

*St. Paul's, Bloor Street
Jenna Cowans, vocals,
Ewen Farncombe, Ian Koiter, keyboards*

As the seeds are planted, let them yield a harvest,
when the crops are gathered: let the earth find rest.
As the workers labour, they deserve their wages,
let them feast with gladness: let the earth find rest.

*Let the earth find rest, as the Lord provides,
till the day of perfect peace; for the Lord is good
and his love endures and his mercies never cease.*

When the wealthy prosper, may their hearts be generous,
let them hate injustice: let the earth find rest.
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till the day of perfect peace; for the Lord is good
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*Let the earth find rest, as the Lord provides,
till the day of perfect peace; for the Lord is good
and his love endures and his mercies never cease.*

*For the Lord is good and his love endures,
and his mercies never cease.*

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
(Hyfrydol)

*St. Mark's, Port Hope,
Handchime Ringers*

Music: Rowland Huw Prichard (1811-1887), arr. Randy Mills, St. Mark's, Port Hope.

Prelude

Entry & Procession

Introit Hymn – The Love of Jesus Calls Us

Tune: Aurelia

Choir

The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing;
our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,
for all God's many blessing, unasked yet still received,
and for the generations who faithfully believed.

The love of Jesus calls us that we may always be
companions on a journey, where all the world may see
that serving Christ is freedom which time does not destroy
where Christ's command is duty, and every duty joy.

The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go,
To challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow,
To know that Christ has freed us, that prisoners are no more;
For those who seek the kingdom, Christ opens every door.

The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days,
to be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways;
That we, with all God's people may so transform the earth,
That love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.

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Penitential Rite

Composed by The Rev. Leigh Kern

Bishop I acknowledge that the Diocese of Toronto is situated on the lands of the Anishnawbe Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Wendat Nation.

Across the Diocese, I acknowledge the sovereign leadership of our local First Nations, Curve Lake First Nation, the Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Hiawatha First Nation, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, and the Mississaugas of Scugog Island.

We confess and lament our role as Anglicans in the harms against Indigenous Nations, lands, and families.

Let us hold a moment of silence to honour those who never returned home from Residential School and their families who grieve a loss too great for words.

Moment of silence.

Bishop Have mercy on us Lord, and send your Holy Spirit upon this Synod to lead us to paths of justice and peace for all Nations and the earth.

People **Amen.**

Bishop Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

People **Most merciful God, 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.**

Bishop 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.**

Kyrie Eleison

Thomas Bell

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Galatians 6: 2-10

Read by: Dominic Astudillo, Mielle Fung, Rachel Dharmarajah, Seyon, Elijah Jeffers, Linda Walter, Ellen Thayaparan and Gabriel & Hailey Boland.

Readers A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians.

Bear one another's burdens, and this fulfill the law of Christ. But if you think you are important when you are not, you are deceiving yourself. Examine your own work, each of you. If you find something to boast about, at least it's something of your own and not just empty comparison with your neighbour. Carry your own load! Those under instruction in the word should always contribute to the support of the instructor. Don't be deceived - God cannot be cheated: where you sow, there will you reap. If you sow in the field of self-indulgence, you will reap corruption. If you sow in the field of the Spirit, you will reap a harvest at the proper time -- if we don't grow weary. So while we have time, do good to all and especially to those of the household of faith.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

Tone I. 1

Choir When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."
The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.
Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Gospel Acclamation

Vulpius

Choir Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful;
and kindle in us the fire of your love.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

Luke 10: 25-37

Gospeller The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Gospeller Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.’ And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.” Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

Bishop's Charge

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

St. Bede's, Scarborough

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,

Master who acts as a slave to them.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Neighbours are wealthy and poor, varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near us and far away.

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love,
all these are neighbours to us and you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

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The Nicene Creed

Please stand, as you are able.

Bishop

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Intercessions

*Prepared and offered by Deacon Michael Van Dusen
(St. Aidan's, Toronto) & Deacon Barbara Russell (St. George, Grafton).*

Intercessor To the invitation, "For this we pray", please respond, "**Lord hear us.**"

The Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Music – Jesus Christ is Waiting

Choir Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets:
No one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
*Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too;
make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.*

Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets,
Curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
*Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too;
let my care be active, healing, just like you.*

Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.
*Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too;
where good conquers evil, let me dance with you.*

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets;
'Who will join my journey? I will guide there feet.'
*Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be new:
walk one step before me, I will follow you.*

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Prayer over the Gifts

Bishop Source of love and life, receive all we offer you this day, and through the coming of your Son, help us to see in others the one who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer written by The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields, edited by The Rev. Dr. Kortright Davis, and authorized for use for this Eucharist by Bishop Andrew Asbil

Bishop God is here.

People **God will never forsake us.**

Bishop We lift our hearts.

People **With soul and strength we lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop God's goodness never ends.

People **And thanksgiving will never cease.**

Bishop We give thanks to you, O God, because through your goodness you have made all creation good. Time and again we have disfigured the beauty of your creation; and we have brought pain and hurt into our world, and towards one another.

You lead your people out of bondage, you sent your prophets to the widow in Zarephath and her son, and to the leper, Naaman the Syrian. In our time, with faithful servants, saints and martyrs, you have delivered your people from the tyrannies of slavery, holocaust, apartheid, and degradation. Your empowering and liberating presence will continue to enrich and sustain us who wrestle and struggle against the evils of oppression, exploitation, discrimination and exclusion.

Therefore, with all your servants, saints, and martyrs, and all the heavenly host of witnesses, we acclaim your glorious and matchless Name, as we sing:

Sanctus & Benedictus

Church of the Transfiguration

Deb Whalen-Blaize, guitar & Ann Blennerhassett, vocals

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.

Please assume a posture of prayer that is appropriate – stand, sit or kneel.

Bishop Sovereign Lord God, you revealed your eternal love for all your creatures in the gift of Your Son, Jesus, whom you sent to reconcile creation and make it new. With acts of love and compassion, he gave hope to those who were filled with despair. The enemies of justice and mercy pursued him to death.

On the night before his death, after eating the Passover with his friends, Jesus did something new. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this always in remembrance of me."

After supper, he 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 poured out for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance¹ of my life.”

And so, Loving God, as we gather around this table, joyfully responding to his commandment, and as we share the bread and cup of Christ’s liberating love, we renew our faith as we proclaim,

People **The enemies of evil, sin and death will be defeated, and we will share in the victory of our redemption in God’s reign in all the world.**

Bishop We therefore pray you to breathe your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts that we lift up to you: this bread, this cup. Make them, with us, visible signs and symbols of your abiding love and presence among all your people, as we strive to respond to your mission in the world. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory, praise and power is yours, Creator of all, from generation to generation.

People **Amen.**

¹ The original text of this Eucharistic prayer read: “for the re-living of my life.”

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The Lord’s Prayer

McNeil Robinson

Choir Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Bishop 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.**

Bishop The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Bishop Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be, to receive Christ, in communion with the saints, and the gathering of God’s people, unseen and yet present with us now, in which many are made one, as we pray,

People

I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Holy Sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart; may you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul; may you, who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Communion

There will be two stations for those in attendance to receive communion, with Bishop Kevin and Bishop Riscylla administering the bread.

- When coming forward to receive communion, please follow the directions of the sidespeople. Please remain in your pew until they indicate that it is your turn to go up to receive the sacrament.*
- Please maintain physical distancing when coming forward for the sacrament.*
- There are two communion ministers at the service. Please stop after the hand sanitizer station to wait for the communion minister on your side to be free.*
- Proceed to the communion minister on your side of the centre aisle, keeping a safe distance.*
- Extend your hands for the words of distribution, when the host will be dropped on your palm.*
- Move all the way to the marked spot on the left or right before removing your mask and consuming the sacrament. There is a hand sanitizer station on either side.*
- Please return to your seat using the side aisles.*

Communion Music

Amazing Grace

*St. Peter's, Cobourg
Dr. Rosanne Kydd, piano*

Music: Melody — Columbian Harmony, Cincinatti, 1829; adapt. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921);
Harmony — John Campbell (1950-) (c)

Soften My Heart

Christ Church, Brampton, Worship Collective, Sally Campbell, Jeffery White, The Rev. Canon Byron Gilmore, vocals; Ron Griedanus, piano.

Soften my heart, Lord, soften my heart from all indifference set me apart
To feel your compassion, to weep with your tears
Come soften my heart, O Lord, soften my heart.

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Communion Hymn – Love is his Word, Love is his Way

Choir Love is His word, love is his way, feasting with all, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again; love, only love, is his way.
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord. Better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his way, love is his mark, sharing his last Passover feast.
Christ at the table, host to the twelve; love, only love, is his mark.
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord. Better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his mark, love is his sign, bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
'This is my body, this is my blood.' Love, only love, is his sign.
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord. Better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his sign, love is his news, 'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood,' Love, only love, is his news.
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord. Better than splendour and wealth.

Love is His news, love is his name, we are his own, chosen and called,
sisters and brothers, parents and kin. Love, only love, is his name.
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord. Better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his name, love is his law, hear his command, all who are his:
'Love one another; I have loved you.' Love, only love, is his law.
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord. Better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his law, love is his word: love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one, love, only love, is his word.
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord. Better than splendour and wealth.

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Prayer after Communion

Bishop Let us pray. *Please stand, as you are able.*

Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in
Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the
communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come
to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name.

People **Amen.**

Bishop Glory to God,
People **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.**

The Blessing

Bishop May the Lord Jesus Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you to the end of the road.
May the Lord Jesus Christ who serves with wounded hands help you to serve one another.
May the Lord Jesus Christ who loves with a wounded heart help you to love one another.
Praise God wherever you may go.
May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet, and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you this day and always.

People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn – Go Forth and Tell!

Choir Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take:
Proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King,
That all the world his glorious praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all,
He will in grace respond to all who call:
How shall they call if they have never heard
The gracious invitation of his word.

Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
Share God's good gift -- let no one be denied;
Live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
Your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
Go till all nations his great name adore.
And serve him, Lord and King for evermore.

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Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Music

Postlude

Call it Grace

*St. John's, Oak Ridges (Light on the Hill)
Lilli Furfaro, vocals, and Jerry Caringi, keys*

It's the light that pierces through you, to the darkest hidden place
It knows your deepest secrets, but it never looks away
It's the gentle hand that pulls you from the judgment of the crowd
When you stand before them guilty, and you've got no way out.

Some may call it foolish and impossible
But for every heart it rescues it's a miracle
It's nothing less than scandalous, this love that took our place
Just call it what it is, call it grace.

It's the breath that's breathing new life into what we thought was dead
It's the favour that takes orphans placing crowns upon their heads
It's the hope for our tomorrows the rock on which we stand
It's a strong and mighty fortress even hell can't stand against.

Some may call it foolish and impossible
But for every heart it rescues it's a miracle
It's nothing less than scandalous this love that took our place
Just call it what it is, call it grace.

Amazing, unshaking, this is grace, this is grace
Unchanging, unfailing, this is grace, this is grace
Amazing, unshaking, this is grace, this is grace
Unchanging, unfailing, this is grace, this is grace.

Some may call it foolish and impossible
But for every heart it rescues it's a miracle
It's nothing less than scandalous that Jesus took our place
Oh, call it was it is, just call it what it is
Just call it what it is, call it grace.

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***This evening's gathering continues following the service, with a tribute to the
FaithWorks 25th Anniversary, which will be part of the livestream.
Join us in celebrating the great ministry that our Diocese shares in through FaithWorks!***