

# St Hilary's Anglican Church



**February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 | 10:30 am**

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany  
Vestry Service of Ministry and Mission

Bishop of Toronto: The Most Rev. Andrew Asbil  
Area Bishop of York-Credit Valley: The Rt Rev. Kevin Robertson  
Incumbent of St. Hilary's: The Rev. Adrienne Clements

# The Gathering of the Community

## Prelude

## Processional Hymn

*Dear God, Compassionate and Kind | Common Praise (CP) 455*

## The Apostolic Greeting

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

People                   **And also with you.**

## Collect for Purity

Priest                    Almighty God

People                   **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 Lord. Amen.**

**Glory to God** *Please see lyrics on music sheet in pew rack*

## Collect for a Vestry

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in this Vestry for the renewal and mission of your Church.

Teach us in all things to seek first your honour and glory.

Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both

the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Reflecting on last year's accomplishments

Call to Order

Appointment of Vestry Clerk

Regrets

Approval of Agenda

Minutes February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Vestry Service

## Giving thanks for ministry in 2024

Acceptance of Annual Report of Mission and Ministry in 2024

Acceptance of 2024 Audited Financial Statements

**Collect of the Day**

Almighty God,  
your Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving love.  
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**A Reading from the Book of Genesis**

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

GENESIS 45:3-11

Lector    The Word of the Lord.  
All        **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 37** *Said responsively by half verse*

Do not fret because of the wicked;  
**do not be envious of wrongdoers,**  
or they will soon fade like the grass,  
**and wither like the green herb.**

Trust in the Lord, and do good;

**so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.**

Take delight in the Lord,

**and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the Lord;

**trust in him, and he will act.**

He will make your vindication shine like the light,

**and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;

**do not fret over those who prosper in their way,  
over those who carry out evil devices.**

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.

**Do not fret—it leads only to evil.**

For the wicked shall be cut off,

**but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.**

Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;

**though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.**

But the meek shall inherit the land,

**and delight in abundant prosperity.**

The wicked plot against the righteous,

**and gnash their teeth at them;**

The Lord helps them and rescues them;

**he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them,  
because they take refuge in him.**

## **A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-38

Lector                      The Word of the Lord.

All                            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise, as you are able, for the Gospel reading.*

## **Gradual Hymn**

***Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive | CP 614 | Verses 1 & 2***

Leader                      The Lord be with you

All                            **And also with you.**

Celebrant        The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke  
All                **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

LUKE 6:27-38

Celebrant        The Gospel of Christ.  
All                **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Gradual Hymn**

***Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive | CP 614 | Verses 3 & 4***

## **Sermon**

## **Choral Anthem | *Love Lifted Me***

## **Creed**

Celebrant        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.

***Committing Ourselves to God for Ministry (please see insert)***

## **Intercessions**

Leader            Lord in your mercy  
People            **Hear our prayer.**

## Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his 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 Christ our Lord.  
People **Amen.**

## The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People **And also with you.**

*You are invited to exchange a sign of God's peace.*

# The Celebration of the Eucharist

## Offertory Hymn

### *Up on a Mountaintop*

Up on a mountaintop, Jesus sat down,  
teaching the people who gathered around:  
Look for the blessings that God kindly brings;  
God's loving kingdom is changing all things.

Let go of anger, for it is a sin.  
It will destroy you, both outside and in.  
Even your thinking can lead you astray;  
Whatever tempts you, just throw it away.

If any hurt you, then you may resist,  
But not with hatred or weapon or fist.  
God's way is stronger than any you face;  
Stand up and love them! And give them God's grace.

Love those who hate you and pray for them, too.  
God's mercy reaches out far beyond you.  
Seek, as God's people, God's wholeness each day  
So you can witness to God's perfect way.

## Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful God,  
accept all we offer you this day.  
Lead us to love you with all our heart,  
and to love all people with your perfect love.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer No. 3

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

Celebrant      Lift up your hearts.  
People          **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People          **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant      Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
You have revealed your eternal plan of salvation  
and have shown your Son Jesus Christ  
to be the light of all peoples.



Therefore with angels and archangels  
we raise our voices in joyful praise  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

## **Sanctus**

***Please see lyrics on music sheet in pew rack***

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh,  
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us  
out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
and said, "Take, eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them,  
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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death,**  
**we proclaim his resurrection,**  
**we await his coming in glory;**

All

Celebrant           and we offer our sacrifice  
                          of praise and thanksgiving  
                          to you, Lord of all;  
                          presenting to you, from your creation,  
                          this bread and this wine.

                          We pray you, gracious God,  
                          to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
                          that they may be the sacrament  
                          of the body of Christ  
                          and his blood of the new covenant.  
                          Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
                          that we, made acceptable in him,  
                          may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

                          In the fullness of time,  
                          reconcile all things in Christ,  
                          and make them new,  
                          and bring us to that city of light  
                          where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;  
                          through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
                          the firstborn of all creation,  
                          the head of the Church,  
                          and the author of our salvation;

                          by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
                          in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
                          all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
                          now and for ever.

People               **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** *Please see lyrics on music sheet in pew rack*

### **Breaking of the Bread**

Priest               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.**

Priest               The gifts of God for you the holy people of God.  
People               **Thanks be to God.**

**Agnus Dei** *Please see lyrics on music sheet in pew rack*

## Sharing of Communion

*All who seek to serve Christ are welcome to receive the sacrament as a reminder of your baptism, or you may come forward for a blessing.*

## Communion Hymns

***Amazing Grace | Common Praise 352***

***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent | Common Praise 48***

## Going Out into the World

### Prayer After Communion

Gracious God,  
in the eucharist we celebrate your love  
for us and for all people.  
Grant that strengthened by these holy gifts,  
we may show your love in our lives,  
and know its fulfilment in your presence.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***Commissioning of New Leaders (please see insert)***

### The Doxology

Priest                      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.****

## Announcements

### The Blessing

### ***Motion to Adjourn***

Moved by:                Jane De Cheverry,

Seconded by:

### ***Recessional Hymn | To God Be the Glory | Common Praise 371***

### Dismissal

Leader                    Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People                    **Thanks be to God!**

## **Ministering Today**

**Lay Reader** Paul Taylor

**Lector** Stephen Roscoe

**Chancel Guild** Sonia Shaw's Team

**Organist** Keith Scott

**Cantor** Arwen Kamateros

## **Altar Flowers**

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our granddaughter Laine Mammen on her 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## **Aumbry Candle**

This week, the Aumbry Candle burns in the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charlie.

## **Upcoming at St Hilary's**

### ***Sunday, March 2nd***

8.30am Said Eucharist

10.30am Sung Eucharist and Black History Celebration

***Ash Wednesday, March 5th, Services at 11am and 7pm***

### ***Friday, March 28th***

7pm Join Us for an Evening of Beauty and Art for the Love of God

## **Church Information**

2055 Hurontario Street | Mississauga, Ontario L5A 2E6

905-279-2304

[sthilarycooksville@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:sthilarycooksville@toronto.anglican.ca)

[sthilarys.com](http://sthilarys.com)

Office Hours are Monday to Thursday 9am to 2pm