



St George's of Forest Hill Anglican Church

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Diocese of Huron – The Anglican Church of Canada

Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Todd Townshend

Music Director: Rob Aszmies

Organist: John Shaw

Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford

Server & Crucifer: George Mudry, Grayson Barclay, Catherine Carlson

Greeter: Mary Ann Millar

Warden on Duty: Catherine Carlson

15th Sunday after Pentecost - September 6, 2026

Holy Eucharist – Book of Alternative Services (BAS) – 10:00 am

Announcements

Please stand, as you are able.

Processional Hymn - Common Praise (Blue Hymn Book) #377 'To the Name of Our Salvation'

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Presider: 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.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider: 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.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (Glory to God in the Highest)

Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.

We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.

We give you praise, almighty God and Father

Blessed in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
The sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin,
Have mercy Lord. Beside the Father's hand enthroned,
Now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord. You only are most high.
You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.
And now you reign with Father and with Spirit
One in glorious light.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-14

Marylynn Forrest

Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell

the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated.

THE PSALM - 119:33-40

The Rev. Brendon Bedford

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

Fulfil your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgements are good.

Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

Coralee Little

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 'Dwell in Me'

Verse 1:

Dwell in me, dwell in me;
Word of Jesus, dwell in me.

Till Your face is all I see.
Word of Jesus, dwell in me.

Verse 2:

Breathe on me, breathe on me;
Holy Spirit, breathe on me.
Be my passion, set me free.
Holy Spirit, breathe on me.
Holy Spirit, breathe on me.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

The Rev. Brendon Bedford

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL: CP #494 'Not For Tongues of Heaven's Angels'

Please be seated.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Brendon Bedford

Please stand, as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

Presider: 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

Please kneel, or sit, as you are able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Catherine Carlson

Intercessor:

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Connie, on the occasion of what would have been her 57th wedding anniversary. A deeply loved wife, mother, grandmother, and church member, she is missed greatly by her family, and her many parish friends. Given by her loving husband Terry, their daughter, son, and their families.

The flowers today are also given in memory of my family members who have passed, thank you for all that you shared and for the memories I hold dear, by Carroll Owens.

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our bishops, especially Todd, our diocesan bishop; Anne, our Metropolitan, Christopher, National Indigenous Archbishop, Shane, our Primate, Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Charles our King, for Mark our Prime Minister, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, that they might make just decisions to the benefit of all your people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For these neighbourhoods of Forest Hill & Forest Hights, our parish, for this city of Kitchener, for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering (especially . . .), for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died (especially . . .), that they might rest in the peace of Christ's presence, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering St. George and all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord.**

Presider: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered

together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father,

are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Please remain kneeling, or sitting, as you are able.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider: 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.

A moment of silence is held as any sins of thought, word, deed, or omission are recalled.

Presider: Most merciful God,

People: **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.**

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you,

People: **And also with you.**

The Offertory

THE INVITATION TO OFFERING

Presider: Come, everyone whose heart is stirred and everyone whose spirit is willing, and bring the Lord's offering.

Offertory Hymn: CP #450 'You Call Us, Lord, to Be'

Please remain standing, as you are able.

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider: Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

People: **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic Prayer 3

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 God thanks and praise.**

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. In our unending joy we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

THE SANCTUS (Holy)

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Presider: 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."

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

Presider: 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.**

Our Father in Heaven

Unison

A D A

1 Our Fath - er in heav - en, we hal - low your Name! Most
 2 Our dai - ly bread give us, ful - fil ev - ery need; grant
 3 Then, from all temp - ta - tion, come lead us a - way; from

Bm D A

ho - ly and glo - ri - ous, ev - er the same! Es -
 food for both spir - it and bod - y, we plead. As
 on - slaught of e - vil, de - liv - er we pray! For

D Bm G

tab - lish your king - dom, your pur - pose ful - fill. On
 we for - give oth - ers, our debts please for - give; with
 yours is the king - dom, the glo - ry and power in

D A Bm G D

earth as in heav - en, may all do your will!
 all re - con - ciled and at peace may we live.
 past and in fu - ture, this day and this hour!

THE FRACTION RITE

THE AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)

All: 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.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE COMMUNION

Administrants: John Ryrie, Charlotte Cromarty

Communion Music: By John Shaw and Rob Aszmies

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider: Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we
who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
People: Amen.

THE DOXOLOGY

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.

THE BLESSING

Recessional Hymn: CP #461 'Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus'

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Readings for Next Sunday

Exodus 14:19-31
Romans 14: 1-12

Psalms 114
Matthew 18: 21-35

Last Week's Attendance: Sunday: 9:00 92

Givings: On the plate \$ 2,480 Auto Debit: \$1,990

Sunday Smile: It's hard to get in shape spiritually if you only work out on Sundays.

Altar Guild Request

Thank you to all who contribute to the prayer candle ministry. On average, we use forty candles per week so keeping a stock of 'Tea' light candles is a priority. If you are able to contribute to this ministry, we would appreciate it.

St. Andrew's Cupboard

A HUGE THANK-YOU to everyone for your wonderful donations to the St. Andrew's Cupboard 🙌 Every week you provide so many needed items to the less fortunate in the community! It might not seem like a lot BUT it all makes a HUGE difference to those families 😊 We really appreciate anything you are able to donate but a couple of things mentioned for the next couple of weeks were tuna and peanut butter! As always, cleaning supplies and shampoo are always needed. THANK-YOU ❤️

Heather Murphy, on behalf of your Outreach Committee

Ice Cream Update for Sept 6 2026

By the end of lunch this past Friday, Sept. 4th, we will have served up 34 large tubs of ice cream, plus oodles of syrups, peanuts, chocolate chips, and jelly dots to the folks at St. John's Kitchen. Our church has been terrific in providing these desserts during our summer Fridays, and providing the funding for this outreach. In particular, I'd like to thank our volunteers for their outstanding efforts: the Butlers (Alf and Roberta), Catherine Carlson, Elizabeth Ceres, Kathy Glaser, Ivan Mariapen, Brent Matheson, Jan Melega, and Dominique van Gent. Way to go St. George's !!!!

John Ryrie

New Office Hours

Our weekly office hours are:

Monday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

For appointments with Fr. Brendon, please feel free to email him (brendonbedford@diohuron.org) or contact the Church Office.

Community Children's Closet

Thank you for your generous donations to this outreach project. We are sorting through everything we have now and organizing it. We are asking if you would please hold on to any other children's items you may have until Sept. to give us time.

PLEASE do not send us adult clothes even if they are smaller sizes unless a teenager wears them. This outreach is TOTS TO TEENS...sizes infant to size 18. We really cannot accommodate adult clothing, under garments or odds and ends of things. Please send children's clothing and toys only. Do not send used car seats, cribs or items like that.

We do appreciate your donations of children's items. Thank you.

Your Outreach Committee

Refugee Family Update as of August 24

Our refugee committee is incredibly warmed and proud that we successfully brought Mapenzi and her three boys to Canada from Tanzania for what we deeply hope will be bright and successful futures for them all. We are also very proud that we worked hard through the Immigration and Refugee cutbacks and delays to get Mapenzi's file advanced, and that for the last month our Team has strongly supported her to the very best of our ability. The family's life story has been incredibly hard and hers probably more so than we had understood from afar. As you might guess, a new family is occasionally deemed to have a higher chance for success by a different form of both financial and guiding support.

Due to legitimate and unforeseen circumstances which neither us nor Mapenzi anticipated, and discovering that she has family in Montreal who are prepared to have the family there, and in working with the Diocese and IRCC to

fully vet the situation, Mapenzi has decided that she and the boys will join her family in Montreal to live.

Our Diocese has reached out to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada requesting “a breakdown in the sponsorship relationship.” They have granted that request, recognizing that we as a team have done everything possible to fulfill our duties as sponsors. As of August 20, 2026, we are no longer responsible for any financial or settlement support. We are very proud of our committee and of all of you, for your continued support and compassion for refugees from around the world.

Book Club

Book club will resume on Tuesday, September 15th at 1:00 pm in the Fireside room. The book we will be discussing is: The Sunset years of Agnes Sharp by Leonie Swann. Everyone is welcome!

Attention Readers

The readers' list for September to November will be placed in your mail folders this week.

Pastoral Care

If you are in the hospital or ill and would like a pastoral visit, please call the church office at 519-744-4751 and leave a message. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Back to Church BBQ

Join us on Sunday, September 13, after the 10:00 am service for our Back to Church BBQ! We'll gather for food, fellowship, and a wonderful time together as we welcome back our church family.

We're also delighted to give a special welcome to Rev. Brendon Bedford and his family. We look forward to celebrating and sharing this time with them! Everyone is warmly invited. We hope to see you there!

Photographs

Pictures taken at worship services and special events may be used for the Parish Website, Facebook page, or the Dragon Flyer. Please speak to the photographer if you do not wish to be included in a picture.

The Communications Committee