



PROPER 20B – SPIRITUAL EUCHARIST

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We are in the heart of downtown Toronto, and we gather to celebrate on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Our beautiful building connects us to the rich heritage of our city while also drawing us deeper into the roots of our Anglican tradition. Just as the streetscape around us has evolved over the years, our members have changed to reflect the growing, vibrant and progressive Christian community found at the Redeemer today. We come from a variety of faith traditions (and sometimes no faith tradition at all), and we like it that way. We are students, workers, retired, homeless, not limited by sexual orientation, gender identity or personal history. We are at the very beginning of our life with Jesus, and we are deeply steeped in a life complicated by faith. We open our doors to worship God and to learn about Jesus, and how all of this might just transform our lives.

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Presider: Steven Mackison

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: #505 (Common Praise) “Be Thou My Vision”

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1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, nor the world's emp - ty praise;
4. High King of heav - en, when vic - tory is won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art,
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, bright heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be,
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 high King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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✠ The Gathering of the Community

Steven Mackison

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

All: **And also with you.**

The Collect of the Day

Steven Mackison

Priest: Divine love, undaunted by death and fear,
 who went to the depths to bring back life:
 in the power of the cross shape a people for service,
 who break bread for a hungry world;
 through Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Murray Bryant

Reader: A Reading from the First Book of Kings.

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established. Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king

shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

1 Kings 2.10–12; 3.3–14

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 111 (*George Black / Nan Merrill*)

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Refrain



Our reverence for You is the beginning of wisdom.

Praise the Beloved, O my soul!

I will give thanks to You with my whole heart,
To all who will listen, I will tell of your greatness.

Wonderous is Creation, Great Builder;

I take pleasure in pondering your Work. **Refrain**

Full of honour and integrity are your teachings;
those who follow them will find new life.

You lift the hearts of those who suffer;

You come to them in their need. **Refrain**

Your steadfast Love is food for the soul,
nourishment in time of fear.

You are ever-mindful of your covenant,
a very Presence to the weary and the afflicted. **Refrain**

Your Voice is the truth to those with ears to hear,
your precepts are sure;

Written on the hearts of your people
they are to be lived forever with faith-filled love and assurance. **Refrain**

You bring new life to the world;

Yes! Life in abundance is your gift to us.

Holy and glorious is your Name!

Reverence for You, O Holy One, is the beginning of wisdom;
a good understanding have all who practice it.

Your spirit endures forever. **Refrain**

A moment of silence is observed.

The Gospel

Steven Mackison

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said to the people, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

John 6.51–58

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

A moment of silence is observed.

Homily: Anne Evers

A moment of silence is observed.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray saying:

We long for your wisdom, O Lord.

All: **Feed us with your living bread.**

Leader: We are so hungry, Creator God.

Hungry for a place of welcome. Hungry for a place where all are fed. We thank you for the ways that this community meets the hunger in our hearts and the hunger of our community.

Pause to share thanksgivings aloud or in our hearts

Leader: We long for your wisdom, O Lord.

All: **Feed us with your living bread.**

Leader: We are so hungry, Peacemaking God.

Hungry for a world where bombs do not drop on schools and hospitals. Hungry for a place where children are not starving in refugee camps. Hungry for a world where fire is not ravaging the homes of animals, birds, and people. We pray for those surrounded by violence in the Ukraine, Russia, Gaza, Lebanon, Israel, the West Bank, Iran, and the Sudan. We pray for Jasper and for Athens and all those suffering from smoky skies. We pray for peace in our time, O Lord, for the nations and for creation.

Pause to pray aloud or in our hearts for our suffering world

Leader: We long for your wisdom, O Lord.

All: **Feed us with your living bread.**

Leader: We are so hungry, Compassionate Saviour.
Hungry for a city where there are homes for all who need them. Hungry for a community that creates circles of healing for those who have been wounded, those who are traumatized, those who no longer know how to trust. We are hungry for physical food, to fill the bellies of all who have too little. We pray for those living on our streets, those who come to the Common Table and Sanctuary and Yonge Street Mission. Help us to know how to meet these hungers.

Pause to pray aloud or in our hearts for those hungry in our community

Leader: We long for your wisdom, O Lord.

All: Feed us with your living bread.

Leader: We are so hungry, Wounded Saviour.

Hungry for healing as we struggle with physical infirmities. Hungry for healing as anxiety, grief, and fear fill our hearts. Hungry for your comfort in the night as the darkness surrounds us, and in the day as we realize our limits. Hungry for new life for those who have died. Hold us in your wounded hands, we pray.

*Pause to pray aloud or in our hearts for those who have died, those grieving,
and for those with physical, emotional or mental challenges in our community*

Leader: We long for your wisdom, O Lord.

All: Feed us with your living bread.

Leader: We are so grateful, Comforting Spirit.

Grateful for all the ways that you feed our hunger. Grateful for the ways that you surround us with a world of beauty and awe: with shooting stars, the song of birds, the beauty of flowers. In the midst of our hunger, may we never forget the ways in which we have been fed by your generous and gracious hand.

Leader: We are grateful for your wisdom, O Lord.

All: We are thankful that you have fed us with your living bread. Amen.

The Peace

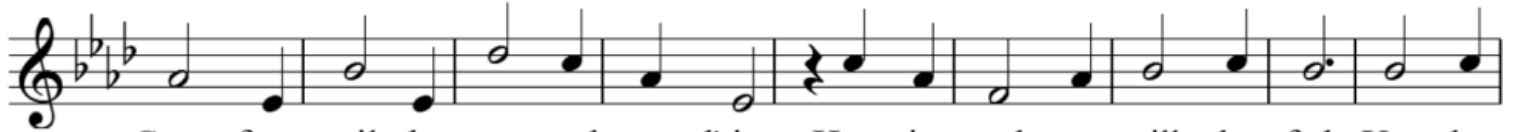
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Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.



1. All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
 2. All who hun-ger, nev - er stran-gers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3. All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here, in truth we will be fed. You that
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are



yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 once were lost and scat-tered in com-mun-ion's love have stood.
 those who from this ta - ble live their lives in grat - i - tude.

Refrain



Taste and see the grace e - ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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The Lord's Prayer

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All: **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.**

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Sunday August 18 (Proper 20B)

7:00 PM – Be Still (in the Church and through YouTube)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday August 25 (Proper 21B)

9:00 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

7:00 PM – Be Still (in the Church and through YouTube)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)