



the **Church**  
of **St Peter** and  
**St Simon**-the-Apostle

**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**  
Sexagesima – The Sixtieth Day Before Easter  
**Celebrating Black History**  
February 23, 2025

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Welcome to the Church of St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle.

*The flowers at the altar are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God in  
thanksgiving for the lives of two strong women and wonderful mothers,  
Clare Herrema and Lallita Khokher.*

† **HOLY EUCHARIST at 9.00 am.** †

Celebrant & Preacher     The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine  
Collect                     BCP p. 134

† **SUNG EUCHARIST at 10.30 am.** †

Celebrant                     The Reverend Abraham Thomas  
Preacher                     The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine  
Musicians                    Daniel Webb – Interim Director of Music  
                                      Choristers of SPSS  
                                      Denise Williams, Soprano  
                                      Mylz Powell, Trumpet/Sean Sutherland, Piano  
Communion Ministers     Fen Nanton, Spencer Higgins  
Servers                        Ferdinand Galingan, Ashrey, Elijah  
Music of the Mass         *Deutsche Mass*, F. Schubert

Children going to Church School will gather at the font  
with Sileen Phillips and Carol Peck our Church School leaders.

Please join us for a reception in the Parish Hall after the 10.30 am Eucharist.

# The Gathering of the Community

**Prelude** My Tribute - *To God Be The Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**Anthem** *Lift Every Voice and Sing* – *Led by Denise Williams and Sean Sutherland*

Lift ev'ry voice and sing 'til earth and heaven ring  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the list'ning skies  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun  
Let us march on 'til victory is won.

Stony the road we trod bitter the chastening rod  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died.  
Yet with a steady beat  
Have not our weary feet.  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered  
Out from the gloomy past  
'Til now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears  
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way.  
Thou who has by Thy might.  
Led us into the light  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee  
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand  
May we forever stand  
True to our God  
True to our native land.

*Celebrant* Jesus said, “A new commandment I give you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you. *John 13.34.*

**Processional Hymn 341** *God of Mercy, God of Grace*

HEATHLANDS

**Greeting**

*Celebrant* 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 Purity**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*All* **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.**

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* 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 forever.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**Solo Ho, Everyone That Thirsts**

R. NATHANIEL DETT

**The Proclamation of the Word**

**First Lesson** Genesis 45.3-11,15

*Reader:* A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Read by Barbara Pearson

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 ploughing 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.” And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.’ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 37.1-12, 41-42

T. A. Walmisley  
(1814-56)



1. Fret not thyself be-/cause of . the un-/godly:  
neither be thou envious a-/gainst the / evil-/doers.
2. For they shall soon be cut / down . like the / grass:  
and be withered / even . as the / green / herb.
3. Put thou thy trust in the Lord and be / doing / good:  
dwell in the land and / veri-ly / thou shalt . be /fed.
4. Delight thou / in the / Lord: and he shall / give thee . thy / heart's de-/sire.
5. Commit thy way unto the Lord and put thy / trust in / him:  
and / he shall / bring it . to / pass.
6. He shall make thy righteousness as / clear . as the / light:  
and thy just / dealing / as the / noon-day.
7. Hold thee still in the Lord and abide / patient-ly up-/on him:  
but grieve not thyself at those whose way doth prosper \*  
against them that / doeth . after / evil / counsels.

8. Leave off from wrath and let / go dis-/pleasure:  
fret not thyself else shalt thou be / moved to / do / evil.
9. Wicked doers shall be / rooted / out:  
and they that patiently abide the Lord \* / those . shall in-/herit . the / land.
10. Yet a little while and the ungodly shall be / clean / gone:  
thou shalt look after their place and / they shall / be a-/way.
11. (2<sup>nd</sup> Part) But the meek-spirited shall pos-/sess the / earth:  
and shall be re-/freshed . in the / multitude . of / peace.
39. As for the transgressors, they shall / perish . to-/gether:  
and the end of the ungodly is \* they shall be / rooted / out . at the / last.
40. But the salvation of the righteous cometh / of the / Lord:  
who is also their / strength . in the / time of / trouble.

**Epistle** 1 Corinthians 15.35-50

Read by Glenna Simms-Bonk

*Reader* A reading from the First Epistle of St 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. Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, ‘The first man, Adam, became a living being’; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn 60** *I come With Joy*

LAND OF REST

**The Holy Gospel** St Luke 6.27-38 *Please remain standing.*

*Gospeller* The Lord be with you.

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

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. 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.'

*Gospeller* The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Homily**

**Song** An excerpt from *Praise God and Dance*

FROM DUKE ELLINGTON'S SACRED CONCERTS

**Nicene Creed** – *Please stand.*

*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.**

### **Prayers of the People**

Led by Spencer Higgins

*Please kneel, sit or stand as comfortable.*

*The intentions are offered. The litany follows.*

*Leader* In peace, let us pray saying, “Lord, graciously hear us.”

*Leader* For peace from on high and for our salvation; for the guidance of the Spirit in this Season of Spiritual Renewal in our diocese, and for the unity of all. Lord hear us,

*People* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader* For the peace of the whole world, especially Gaza and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, for all places and people affected by war and unrest, and for the welfare of the holy Church of God, praying today for the Anglican Church in Brazil and giving thanks for the ministry and witness of black Anglicans in our parish and diocese. Lord, hear us,

*People* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader* For Andrew and Kevin our bishops, for the outreach ministries of the Parish of Lloydtown, the Church of the Messiah and the Parish of Minden-Kinmount. For all the clergy and people, that they may be faithful in their calling. Lord hear us,

*People* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader* For Charles our King, Mary our Governor General, Justin our Prime Minister, Doug our Premier and Olivia our Mayor; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, that they may serve the common good with wisdom and humility. Lord hear us,

*People* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader* For this city of Toronto, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, particularly the homeless, that our communities may be peaceful, safe and just. Lord hear us,

*People* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader* For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, for our commitment to be good stewards of all entrusted to us, that your people will be nourished and fed. Lord, hear us,

*People* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Celebrant* For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering (especially *NN.*), for prisoners, captives and all in need; for their safety, health, and salvation. Lord hear us,

*People* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader* For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, Lord hear us.

*People* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader* For all who have died in the peace of Christ and for those whose faith is known to God alone (especially *NN.*), that they may rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory. Lord hear us,

*People* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader* In a moment of silence we offer other prayers and thanksgivings. *Silence.*

*The Celebrant concludes:*

Grant these our prayers O Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

*The Celebrant offers the invitation to confession.*

*Silence is kept. You are invited to kneel as able.*

*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.**

*The absolution is pronounced.*



you thanks, saying, “Take, and eat: this is my body which is this is my body which is broken for you.” In the same way he 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 for ever. **Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer – *Said by all.***

*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 the Bread**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God.

*All*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Agnus Dei** CP 747 *Jesus Lamb of God*

*All*        **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Redeemer, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

### **Holy Communion**

- Holy Communion will be administered at both the High Altar and at the St Peter’s Altar (standing). If you are communicating at the High Altar, please return to your pew through the side Sacristy door.
- Communion is administered in both kinds, bread and wine. Please do not intinct (dip the wafer in the wine). The fullness of the sacrament is present in the bread only. If you are not receiving the chalice, you may touch the base while the words of administration are spoken.

- If you would like only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this to the priest.
- Anointing for healing will be administered in the north and south aisles of the Church.

**Hymn** *Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees*

LET US BREAK BREAD  
New Century Hymnal #330

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees;  
when I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees;  
when I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees;  
when I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

**Hymn 66** *And Now, O Father Mindful of the Love*

UNDE ET MEMORES

**Motet** *Let Thy Merciful Ears*

THOMAS MUDD

### **Thanksgiving after Communion**

*Celebrant* All your works praise you, O Lord,  
*All* **And your faithful servant bless you.**

*Celebrant* Gracious God,  
*All* **we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of our Son, Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

**Hymn 525** *The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

## Dismissal

*Leader* Go forth in the name of Christ.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Fantasia of Four Parts*

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## IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY:

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil.

Diocese Cycle of Prayer: Prince of Peace Parish, Wasaga Beach.

Outreach and Advocacy Cycle of Prayer: *Pray for the Parish of Lloydtown*, its support of the King Township food bank, Christmas in King community initiative, and Schomberg Country Run supporting the Pikangikum water project.

*for the Church of the Messiah*, its community garden and hosting of the Avenue Road Food Bank; *for the Parish of Minden-Kinmount*, its Thrift Shop, and the outreach initiatives it supports.

Parish Cycle: Sheila Sangwine, Betty Scantlebury, Nigel and Claire Scotchmer, Barbara Scott.

Home Bound Parishioners: Marie Adams, Alice Fox, Dennis Gittens, Lawrine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, Everton Morris, Denise Orioux, Marie Samuels–Isaac, Lucy Simons, Vernita Theobalds, Duncan Towe, Lila Vamosi, Vashti White.



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**Church Office Hours** - Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.

We acknowledge that in gathering to worship Almighty God, we are in the traditional territory of many First Nations peoples including the Mississaugas of the New Credit, the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunees, and the Huron-Wendat.

*"The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is, the world and all who dwell therein." Psalm 24.1.*