

ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Third Sunday of Easter

Sun, May 4, 2025, 10:30am Eucharist

The crèche (nursery) is downstairs and is attended by Renata (RECE). All babies and young children are welcome!

- FULL TEXT VERSION OF LEAFLET -

Prelude: Presto

G. F. Handel

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God.

Processional Hymn: #237 Now the Green Blade Rises

PLEASE STAND

- 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 2 In the grave they laid him, Love by hatred slain,
Thinking that he would never wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Your touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

The Easter Greeting

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**
(repeat three times, each time louder!)

Presider: May his grace and peace be with you!

People: **May he fill our hearts with joy!**

Song of Praise: Gloria *(Tune: Easter Hymn)*

Glory be to God, we sing, Alleluia! Peace on earth to all you bring; Alleluia!
Worship, thanks and glory be, Alleluia! To our God eternally, Alleluia!

Lamb of God, to you we pray, Alleluia! Hear and take our sins away; Alleluia!
You are seated high above, Alleluia! Hear our prayer, O Lord of love. Alleluia!

Glory to the Holy One, Alleluia! You Most High upon your throne; Alleluia!
Jesus Christ the risen Lord, Alleluia! And the Spirit we adore. Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

PLEASE BE SEATED

First Reading: Acts 9:1-20

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 4 (Tune: Crimond)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

Give ear unto me when I call, God of my righteousness:
Have mercy, hear my pray'r; thou hast enlarged me in distress.

O who will show us any good? is that which many say:
But of thy countenance the light, Lord, lift on us alway.

Upon my heart, bestowed by thee, more gladness I have found
Than they, ev'n then, when corn and wine did most with them abound.

I will both lay me down in peace, and quiet sleep will take;
Because thou only me to dwell in safety, Lord, dost make.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshipped.

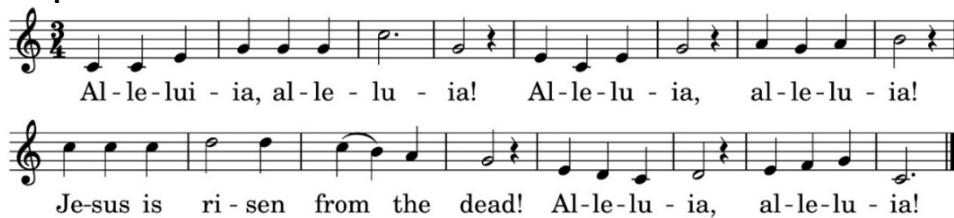
Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND

**The Holy Gospel: John 21:1-17**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: *(sung)* **Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: *(sung)* **Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

Sermon: Rev'd Janet

(After the sermon, please keep a period of silence for reflection.)

Affirmation of Faith: The Baptismal Covenant

PLEASE STAND

Presider: As we stand, I invite those who would like to make a profession of Christian faith to join with me in these words from our baptismal covenant.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Having reaffirmed our faith, let us prepare to offer our prayers to God.

The Prayers of the People

Please respond to the petition, "Let us pray to the Lord," with the response, "Hear us, Lord of Glory."

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.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you!**

(We encourage you to share peace with those around you as you are comfortable.)

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

We share God's banquet of love for this community of faith

Hymn: CP #217 Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

1 Christ the Lord is risen again; Christ has broken every chain.
Hear the angel voices cry, singing evermore on high: alleluia!

2 He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
is our paschal lamb today; we too sing for joy and say: alleluia!

3 He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross
lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry: alleluia!

- 4 He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save;
through the universe it rings that the lamb is King of kings: alleluia!
- 5 Now he bids us tell abroad how the lost may be restored,
how the penitent forgiven, how we too may enter heaven: alleluia!
- 6 Christ, our paschal lamb indeed, all your ransomed people feed!
Take our sins and guilt away; let us sing by night and day: alleluia!

Prayer Over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

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 our thanks and praise.**

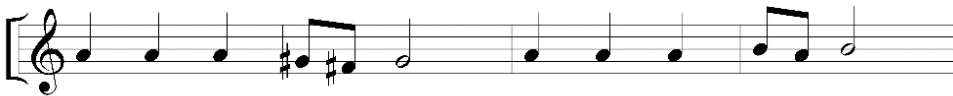
The Presiding Celebrant acclaims the life-giving power of God in the story of salvation and calls on us to join all creation in the song of the angels. We then sing verses 1-2 of the Sanctus following:



1. Lord God of pow'r and might, Lord God of pow'r and might,
2. Bless - ed is he who comes, comes in the name of God,
3&4. (below)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!



Your glo - ry fills the heav'n, your glo - ry fills the earth,
Ho - san - na ev - er - more, ho - san - na ev - er - more,
3. Glo - ry to you, O Lord, glo - ry for ev - er - more!
4. Glo - ry to you, O Lord, glo - ry for ev - er - more!



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
Glo ry, glo - ry, Glo - ry to you!
A - men, A - men, A - men.

The Presiding Celebrant recounts God's continuing love in the history of humanity and in the sending of his son, Jesus Christ. We join Jesus as he celebrates his Last Supper and acclaim his giving of himself in the gifts of bread and wine. After the words over the cup and the elevation of the chalice we sing the following:

People: (verse 3) **Glory to you, O Lord; glory for evermore!**
Glory, glory, glory to you!

The Presiding Celebrant calls on the Holy Spirit to bless the gifts and strengthen us until we come to share the joys of eternity. We praise God's endless love and at the elevation of the bread and cup we sing the following:

People: (verse 4) **Glory to you, O Lord; glory for evermore!**
Amen, amen, amen!

The Breaking of the Bread #8

Presider: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: **Now we are raised to new life.**

Presider: We were buried in your tomb.

All: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Presider: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Song for the Breaking of Bread



URSULA & DIETER TRAUTWEIN (ARR.)

Choir: The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion in the body of Christ.
One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

People: **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread;**
One body are we, Lord Jesus, for through many we all are one.

Choir: All who eat of this bread, alleluia, will live for evermore.
This is the true bread, alleluia, which has come to us from heav'n.

People: **Be known to us, Lord Jesus . . .**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

PLEASE BE SEATED

All who seek God in Christ are welcome to receive the sacrament of holy communion. If you would prefer a blessing, simply fold your arms across your chest to indicate this. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Music during Communion: Christians, Shout for Joy and Gladness

arr. A. Bullard

Prayer after Communion

PLEASE STAND

Doxology

Presider: 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing of Prayer Shawls

Easter Blessing

Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People: **Alleluia!**

Presider: May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. **Alleluia!**

May God who has brought us out of bondage into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Alleluia!**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: CP #218 Rejoice, Angelic Choirs, Rejoice

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

- 1 Rejoice, angelic choirs, rejoice! Rejoice now, all creation!
Let trumpets loudly raise their voice to hail the Lord's salvation;
Let all Christ's holy people sing the triumph of their mighty King
In festive celebration!
- 2 O earth, exult in radiance bright, illumined by Christ's splendour!
Your darkness now is put to flight; to him due praises render!
Be glad, O church! Sing out your songs! Your temples fill with shouting throngs
To hail the glorious victor!
- 3 Let all who gather round this flame, the sign of Christ's arising,
The deathless light of Christ acclaim, his saving mercy prizing;
That all may live by faith in him who conquered death, despair, and sin
To make us his forever.

Dismissal

Presider: Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Postlude: Was Gott tut, das ist Wohlgetan (*"The acts of God are righteous"*)

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