



# ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH 2020

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*Good morning! Everything you need for worship today is found in this leaflet.*

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## Prelude

## The Gathering of the Community

### Greeting

**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.**

**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.**

**Song of Praise: #410 Creating God, Your Fingers Trace**

*(Tune: Kedron)*

**Creating God, your fingers trace  
The bold designs of farthest space;  
Let sun and moon and stars and light  
And what lies hidden praise your might.**

**Sustaining God, your hands uphold  
Earth's mysteries known or yet untold;  
Let water's fragile blend with air,  
Enabling life, proclaim your care.**

**Redeeming God, your arms embrace  
All now despised for creed or race;  
Let peace, descending like a dove,  
Make known on earth your healing love.**

**Indwelling God, your gospel claims  
one family with a billion names;  
let every life be touched by grace  
until we praise you face to face.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

### **The Proclamation of the Word of God** *(please be seated)*

**First Reading:** Romans 6:12-23

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

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please keep a period of silence for reflection.)*

## **Psalm 13**

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for ever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I bear pain in my soul,

and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

and my enemy will say, 'I have prevailed';

my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

But I trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord,  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia**

Trad. Sri Lanka



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -  
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'Saranam, Saranam'  
Trad. Sri Lanka

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

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**Sermon:** The Reverend Michelle Childs-Ward

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

**Choir Anthem:** At the River

arr. R.W. White

## **The Apostle's Creed** *(Please stand)*

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Confession**

Presider: Sisters and brothers, we can trust God at all times, for the Holy One is our refuge and our salvation. So with confidence, let us pour out a shared confession of our hearts.

All: **We confess to you, steadfast God,  
that we wander from the path of love  
upon which we are meant to walk.  
Fears divide us, prejudice hardens us,  
violence destroys us.**

One: But God eternally beckons.

All: **We turn our hearts again to you, God of grace and mercy.  
Forgive us of love that is self-satisfied,  
and teach us love that is self- and other-affirming.  
Forgive us of faith that makes us rush to judgment,  
and give us faith that fills us with compassion.  
Forgive us of peace we have made with our divisions,  
and unite us in peace that passes understanding.  
We pray, with thanksgiving, in the name of Christ. Amen.**

One: By God's mercy, our feet are set again upon the path of faithfulness;  
our hearts are set again upon the coming of God's realm.

All: **Thanks be to God, our hope and our guide forever.**

## **The Prayers of the People** *(Please kneel or stand as you prefer)*

*The presider may offer here, or throughout the prayers, particular intentions.*

Leader: Constant Friend, because

People of every sexual orientation, gender expression, and gender identity have the right to live with dignity and without persecution or discrimination, we  
Remember in our prayers: LGBTQ+ *people* of Chechnya, Uganda, Zambia, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and elsewhere who have been murdered and tortured because of who they are. We remember them and the people who love them. LGBTQ+ refugees from around the world

seeking safety and sanctuary. We remember them and the people who welcome them. Trans and gender-diverse people in Canada, the United States, Brazil, and elsewhere, who are targeted victims of hate crimes and assaults. We remember them and the people who love them. LGBTQ+ people whose dignity and self-esteem have been eroded by hateful systems and structures. We remember them and seek to be people who love more fully.

Individually, we each uniquely reflect your glory and express your love, but anti-gay violence, homophobia, and transphobia have blocked many from recognizing your beauty in all people. All of creation suffers from the effects of such hate, fear, and violence.

Daily, may we dedicate ourselves to building bridges of love and hope where harmful divisions have been made, making equity and equality for all people our goal, while working continually for justice, so that

Everyone can live fully in your love. Amen.

*(a prayer by Alydia Smith for Pride month)*

*Leader:* In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."  
For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, for our bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, for this city, and for every city and community, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, that the hungry may be fed, the homeless housed, and all may be cared for, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For the sick and the suffering (*especially . . .*), for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, and for those who give their time and energy to helping those in need, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* We remember those who have died, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, (*especially . . .*). Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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

*People:* **To you, O Lord.**

*Leader:* 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. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Presider:* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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 those who 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.**

### **Recessional Hymn: #418 Draw the Circle Wide**

*(Tune: Browning)*

*(Please join in singing)*

**Refrain:**

**Draw the circle wide.**

**Draw it wider still.**

**Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side,  
draw the circle wide.**

**God the still-point of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns;  
Nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms.**

***Refrain***

**Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;  
Let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.**

***Refrain***

**Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we've ever dreamed before;  
Let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.**

***Refrain***

### **Blessing**

### **Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude:** Carillon

H. Murrill