



ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL ANGLICAN

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST, 2021, 10:30AM

The Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Announcements

Kyrie Eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
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Cantor 1: Lord Jesus, you plant a grain in the desert, food to nourish your journey.

Cantor 2: *Kyrie eleison . . .*

Cantor 1: You come now in word and sacrament to strengthen us on our journey.

Cantor 2: *Kyrie eleison . . .*

The Apostolic 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: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: God's mercy endures for ever.

The General Confession

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to God's table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

People: Most merciful God, 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 God's name. Amen.

The Absolution

Hymn: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

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Tree of life and awesome mystery, in your death we are reborn;

Though you die in all of history, still you rise with every morn, still you rise with every morn.

Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may be;
One with you in joy and sorrow, we the river, you the sea, we the river, you the sea.

God of all our fear and sorrow, God who lives beyond our death,
Hold us close through each tomorrow, love as near as every breath, love as near as every breath.

Prayer of the Day

The Proclamation of the Word of God

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 51:1-13



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer,
when I call, an - swer me, O Lord, hear my prayer, O
Lord, hear my prayer; come and list - en to me.

Cantor 1: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses. Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

Cantor 2: *O Lord, hear my prayer . . .*

Cantor 1: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

Cantor 2: *O Lord, hear my prayer . . .*

Cantor 1: And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment. For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Cantor 2: *O Lord, hear my prayer . . .*

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation: We are Not Alone

The Holy Gospel: John 12:20-33

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: We are Not Alone

Homily: The Rev. Michelle Childs-Ward

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

Musical Reflection: Eye Hath Not Seen

A.R. Gaul

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Presider: Nourished by the Word of God and empowered by the Holy Spirit, let us renew 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 baptismal covenant, let us prepare to offer our prayers to God.

The Prayers of the People

Cantor: In God Alone my Soul can Find Rest

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(Please respond to the petitions by saying, "Lord, hear and have mercy.")

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.**

The Blessing & Dismissal

Postlude: Agnus Dei

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