



ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, JUNE 20th, 2021, 10:30AM

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude:

Ode to Joy (performed by Henry)

L. van Beethoven

Simple Gifts (performed by Sonali)

attr. J. Brackett

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Honouring the Four Directions

Leader: Come Great Spirit, as we gather in your name.

We face East: To your symbol colour Red, the hue of revelation; to your animal symbol the Eagle, strong and nurturing; to your lessons calling us to the balance of your Spirit in Harmony with brothers and sisters; to invoke your wisdom and grace, the goodness of the ages; we pray:

People: Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Leader: We turn to face South: To your symbol colour Gold for the morning star; to your symbol Brother Sun that enlightens our intellect and brings light on our path to live responsibly; to your lessons calling us to balance of Mind in the Spirit of humility; to invoke your spirit of illumination and far-sighted vision; help us to love you and one another with our whole heart, our whole mind, and our whole soul; we pray:

People: Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Leader: We turn to face West: To your symbol colour Black, still and quiet; to your animal symbol the Thunderbird; to your symbol the Thunder mighty and purposeful; to your lessons calling us to balance our emotions in the spirit of Gentleness and Honesty; to invoke your spirit of introspection, seeing within; Give us your strength and the courage to endure; we pray:

People: Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Leader: We turn to face North: To your symbol colour white of clarity and brightness; to your animal symbol the swan which brings us in touch with Mother Earth and growing things; to your lessons calling us to balance of our Body in the spirit of a good sense of humor; to invoke your spirit of innocence, trust and love; help us to open our eyes to the sacredness of every living thing; we pray:

People: Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Leader: We turn to complete the circle and to look: To God, our Creator who cleanses our Mother Earth with snow, wind and rain; to Jesus Christ, the Peacemaker who fills us with the wideness of mercy and lovingly embraces all, and the Holy Spirit who inspires us to action:

People: Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Hymn: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks, and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
The mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf, ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come, and leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honours of thy name.

Prayer of the Day**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 17:32-49

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." David said, "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!" Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand." When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David

ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 139

Tune: O Waly Waly (CP #541)

You have search-ed me and known me, Lord! You know just when I sit and stand;
You know my thoughts from far away; You know my ways so very well.

Lord, you have formed my inward parts, You knit me in my mother's womb.
I praise you for I'm fearfully and wonderfully made by you.

Your works I know well; they are great. My frame was not from you concealed,
When secretly you made my form with care within the depths of earth.

How precious are your thoughts to me! How many of them, Lord, there are.
They number more than grains of sand. When I awake, I'm still with you.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth.

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see - we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return - I speak as to children - open wide your hearts also.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Trad. Sri Lankan

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

'Saranam, Saranam'
Trad. Sri Lanka

The Holy Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Jessica Dowling

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

Musical Reflection: On Wings of Faith

F. Mendelssohn

An Affirmation of Faith

Presider: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

All: Lord the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these. Amen.

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

A Litany for the Healing and Restoration of our Church

The Lord's Prayer

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

People: 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

Presider: Go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Blue Danube Waltz (performed by Charlie)

J. Strauss

Take Five (performed by Hector)

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