



# ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 2021, 10:30AM

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## Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude:** Sinfonia

J.S. Bach

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

### The 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.**

### Hymn: The Love of Jesus Calls Us

*CP #434*

The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing;  
Our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,  
For all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received,  
And for the generations who faithfully believed.

The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go,  
To challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow,  
To know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more;  
For those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.

The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days,  
To be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways;  
That God with men and women may so transform the earth,  
That love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.

### Prayer of the Day

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

**First Reading:** 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

*A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.*

The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of

Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armour-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man." The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

### **Psalm 130**

*Tune: New Britain (CP #352)*

Out of the depths I cry to you; Lord, listen to my cry.

Let your ears be attentive to me as I call for help.

If you recorded all our sins, who would not be condemned?

But, Lord, you are one who forgives, so that we may obey.

My soul waits for the help of God, and in his word I hope.

I wait for him, yes, even more than watchers wait for morn.

O Israel, hope in the Lord, for steadfast is his love,

And plenteous is his saving might. He saves his own from all.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2

*A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Ephesus.*

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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: John 6:35, 41-51

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!**

Jesus said to the people, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

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

**Sermon:** Fr. Michelle

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

## Musical Reflection: Steal Away

arr. H.T. Burleigh

## 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.

## The Prayers of the People

## 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: Allegro**

G.T. Walther



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