



# ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL

## The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22nd, 2021, 10:30AM

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### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude:** Sonata in G Major #1 (performed by Norbert)

attr. L. van Beethoven

### 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: Giver of the Perfect Gift

*CP #180*

Giver of the perfect gift, only hope of human race,  
Hear the prayer our hearts uplift, trembling at thy throne of grace.

Though the accusing voice within speaks of many a wrong to thee,  
Thou canst cleanse from every sin; thou canst set the conscience free.

God the holy Trinity, grant the mercy we implore;  
God the One, all praise to thee through the ages evermore.

#### Prayer of the Day

### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

*A Reading from the First Book of Kings.*

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even

heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive. Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name - for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm - when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

#### **Psalm 84**

*Tune: Eventide (CP #24)*

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord!  
My soul longs to be present in your courts.  
With joy I sing to you with heart and flesh,  
To you, O living God of power and might.

Even the sparrow finds a place to nest  
And swallows find a place to lay their young  
Near to your altars, Lord, my King and God.  
Blest they who dwell in your house, singing praise.

One day in your courts is far better than  
One thousand days in any other place.  
I'd rather stand in God's house at the door  
Than live within the homes of wicked ones.

For our Lord God is glorious and strong;  
He blesses us; favour and honour gives.  
God gives good things to those who do what's right.  
Blest is the one, O Lord, who trusts in you.

#### **Second Reading:** Ephesians 6:10-20

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

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming

arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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 6:56-69**

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, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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: Calm as the Night**

C. Bohm

## **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:** Romanze (performed by Norbert)



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