



# ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 29th, 2021, 10:30AM

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## Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: St. Anne

C.S. Lang

## 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: Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round

*CP #497*

Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round  
Of circling planets singing on their way,  
Guide of the nations from the night profound  
Into the glory of the perfect day:  
Rule in our hearts, that we may ever be  
Guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.

We are of thee, the children of thy love,  
Companions of thy well-beloved Son;  
Descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove,  
Into our hearts that we may be as one:  
As one with thee, to whom we ever tend;  
As one with him, our pattern and our friend.

We would be one in hatred of all wrong,  
One in our love of all things sweet and fair,  
One with the joy that rises into song,  
One with the grief that finds no voice in prayer,  
One in the power that makes thy children free  
To follow truth, and thus to follow thee.

### Prayer of the Day

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

**First Reading:** Song of Solomon 2:8-13

*A Reading from the Song of Solomon.*

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

**Psalm 45**

*Tune: St. Catherine (CP #328)*

A goodly theme o'er-flows my heart;  
I write this song unto the king;  
My tongue is ready with a poem  
Like the pen of one who writes well.  
You are most handsome of all men;  
You speak with eloquence and grace.

God's blessing rests on you, O king;  
God gives your kingdom evermore.  
With justice do you rule your own;  
You love the right and hate the wrong.  
Your God anoints you with the oil  
Of gladness o'er all other kings;

Your robes are fragrant with perfume,  
Aloes and myrrh and cassia.  
Musicians with stringed instruments  
In ivory houses make you glad.  
Daughters of rulers grace your court.  
The queen's at your right, decked in gold.

**Second Reading:** James 1:17-27

*A Reading from the Letter of James.*

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look

at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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!**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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.)*

### 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:** Nocturne (performed by Ping)

F. Chopin



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