



# ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL

## The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th, 2021, 10:30AM

**Prelude:** Adagio

W.A. Mozart

**Welcome and Announcements**

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

**Hymn:** Sing Ye Praises to the Father (*Sung by cantor*)

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Sing ye praises to the Father, sing ye praises to the Son,  
Sing ye praises to the Spirit, living and eternal One.  
God has made us, and has blessed us, and has called us to be true;  
God is Lord of all creation, daily making all things new.

Join the praise of every creature, sing with singing birds at dawn;  
When the stars shine forth at nightfall, hear their heavenly antiphon.  
Praise our God for light of summer, autumn glories, winter snows,  
For the coming of the springtime and the life of all that grows,

Praising on our days of gladness for the summons to rejoice,  
Praising in our times of sadness for the comfort of God's voice.  
Hail, Creator, strong and loving, Christ our Saviour, Leader, Lord,  
Living God, sustaining Spirit--be thy holy name adored!

#### 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:** 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.**

#### Song of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis

1. Glo-ry be to God in the high-est, Peace on earth in all our days,  
2. You are seat-ed with the Fath-er, Hear our prayer, by all a-dored.

Lord and King, -al- might - y Fath - er, Laud and thanks to you we raise,  
You a - lone are High - est and Ho - ly, Je - sus Christ, you are the Lord,

Je - sus Christ, the Son of the Fath - er, Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God,  
In the glo - ry of the Fath - er, with the Spi - rit ev - er more,  
take, O take our sins a - way.  
with the Spi - rit, A - men.

*Music: Franz Schubert  
Arr. & trans copyright  
D.Cowling*

**Prayer of the Day**

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**First Reading:** Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

*A reading from the book of Esther.*

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me - that is my petition - and the lives of my people that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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

**Psalm 105** *(Please remain seated, sung by cantor)*

In your stead - fast love, O Lord, you  
led your peo - ple out, led them to the pro - mised  
land, brought them to your ho - ly place.

*Israeli Folk Song*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
and speak of all his marvelous works.

*In your steadfast love, O Lord . . .*

Glory in his holy name.

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength;  
continually seek his face.

*In your steadfast love, O Lord . . .*

Remember the marvels he has done,  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant,  
O children of Jacob his chosen.

*In your steadfast love, O Lord . . .*

**Second Reading:** James 5:13-20

*A reading from the letter of James.*

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is **'truth |**

Sanctify us **'in the truth.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Holy Gospel: Mark 9:38-50**

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!**

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell

you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**Sermon:** Fr. Michelle

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

### **The Apostles' Creed**

Presider: I invite those who would like to make a profession of Christian faith to join with me in these words from the Apostles' Creed.

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Please respond to the petitions by saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."*

### **Confession and Absolution**

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.

**All: 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**

#### **The Peace**

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: **And also with you!**

# THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

## Prayer Over the Gifts

### Eucharistic Prayer 3

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*(The Proper Preface is recited/chanted by the Presider, the Sanctus is chanted by the cantor)*

Blessed are you, gracious God . . . we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

*(The cantor sings verses 1-3 of the Sanctus)*



1. Ho - ly, - ho - ly, Ho - ly!	Lord God of pow'r and might	Lord
2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly!	Your glo - ry fills the hea - ven,	your
3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly!	He comes the Bless - ed One	He
4. Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!	For ev - er - more be glo - ry!	For
5. Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!	For ev - er more be glo - ry!	For



God of pow'r, Lord God of might!	Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
glo - ry fills the heav'n and earth!	Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
comes in the name of the Lord!	Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
ev - er more be glo - ry to you!	Glo - ry - be to you!
ev - er more be glo - ry to you!	A - men, A - men!

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*(After the words over the cup and the elevation of the chalice, the cantor sings verse 4 of the Sanctus)*

Therefore, we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified + by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time,

reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

*(The cantor sings verse 5 of the Sanctus)*

### **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 Breaking of the Bread**

Presider: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Communion**

#### **Music During Communion** *(Sung by cantor)*

Praise the Lord, O My Soul

M. Greene

### **Prayer after Communion**

#### **Doxology**

Presider: Glory to God,

**All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Blessing & Dismissal**

**Postlude: Allegro**

T. Arne

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF INDIGENOUS TERRITORIES**

In keeping with Indigenous protocol, we would like to acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional territories. The territories include the Wendat, Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nations, and the Métis Nation. The treaty that was signed for this particular parcel of land is collectively referred to as the Toronto Purchase and applies to lands east of Brown's Line to Woodbine Avenue and north towards Newmarket. We also recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples on this land.

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