

# ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL ANGLICAN CHURCH

## Christmas Day | 10:30am Eucharist

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*Childcare and children's programming are not available at this service.*

### Welcome & Announcements

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*We gather with song and prayer as the People of God*

#### Opening Hymn: #153 Good Christians All, Rejoice

PLEASE STAND

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
Listen now to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
Ox and ass before him bow and he is in the manger now!  
Christ is born today; Christ is born today!

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
Hear the news of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this;  
He has opened heaven's door and we are blessed for evermore!  
Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this.

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
Now you need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save:  
Come at his most gracious call to find salvation, one and all!  
Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save!

#### Welcome & Greeting

Presider: "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the Lord.

**All: Now the Word is made flesh and laid in a narrow manger.**

Presider: From eternity to eternity you are God,

**All: and now we see you as a newborn child.**

Presider: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

#### Gloria in Excelsis (*Tune: Iris*)

Glory be to God in heaven, peace on earth in all our days!  
King and Lord, almighty Father, praise and blessing now we raise:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Lamb of God, O Lord most holy, Jesus, take our sins away;  
You are seated with the Father, hear our voices as we pray:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Jesus, you are Lord and Saviour, you alone the Holy One,  
With the Holy Spirit blessed and the Father on the throne.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

## The Collect for Christmas Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

*We read and respond to God's message in scripture*

**First Reading:** Isaiah 52:7-10

PLEASE BE SEATED

*A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.*

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

**Psalm 96** *(Tune: Winchester Old)*

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

Sing to the Lord new songs, proclaim the marvels he has done  
With his right hand and holy arm, the triumph he has won.

The victory the Lord has won He has this day made known;  
To all the world his righteousness has openly been shown.

The Lord recall for Israel His love and faithfulness;  
To all the earth his victory sing to him and rejoice,

Shout now with joy to God the Lord; in praise lift up your voice;  
All nations of the worlds as one sing to him and rejoice.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 1:1-12

*A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrew church.*

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

## Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND

*Cantor:* Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! *People:* Hal - le, ha - le lu - jah!

*Cantor:* Hal - le - lu - jah, ha - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

*People:* Hal - le - lu - jah, ha - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! *repeat v.*

## The Holy Gospel: John 1:1-14

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.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Sermon:** Fr. Michelle

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

## Christmas Day Litany

PLEASE KNEEL OR STAND AS YOU PREFER

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Loving God, on this holy day your Son our Saviour was born in human flesh. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ. Holy God,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: On this holy day, there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty. Holy God,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: On this holy day, Mary, in the pain of labour, brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress. Holy God,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: On this holy day, your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world. Holy God,  
**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: On this holy day, the angels sang, "Peace to God's people on earth." Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world. Holy God,  
**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: On this holy day, shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the good news of Jesus. Holy God,  
**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: On this holy day, strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love. Holy God,  
**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: On this holy day, heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom. Holy God,  
**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: On this holy day, Christians the world over celebrate Jesus' birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today. Holy God,  
**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: On this holy day angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints, through him who is your Word made flesh, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

Prisider: The peace of the Lord be always with you!  
**People: And also with you!**

*(We encourage you to share a sign of peace with those around you as you are comfortable.)*

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

*We share God's banquet of love for this community of faith*

**Offertory Hymn: CP#143** Angels, from the Realms of Glory

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
 You who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
*Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the new-born king.*

Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
 God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light: *Refrain.*

Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar;  
 Seek the great desire of nations; you have seen his natal star: *Refrain.*


Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,  
 Suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: *Refrain.*

Though an infant now we view him, he shall fill the eternal throne,  
 Gather all the nations to him; every knee shall then bow down: *Refrain.*


**Prayer Over the Gifts**

## Eucharistic Prayer


*Presider:*



The Lord be with you.     *People:*  
And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts.     We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.     It is right to give our thanks and praise

*The Presiding Celebrant will begin the Eucharistic Prayer by either singing or saying the preface to the prayer. The preface will conclude with the words "to proclaim the glory of your name."*

*We then sing verses 1-2 of the Sanctus as follows:*



1.Lord God of pow'r and might,     Lord God of pow'r and might,  
2.Bless - ed is he who comes,     comes in the name of God,  
3&4.(below)



Ho - ly,     ho - ly,     ho - ly     Lord!  
Ho - ly,     ho - ly,     ho - ly     Lord!



Your glo - ry fills the heav'n,     your glo - ry fills the earth,  
Ho - san - na ev - er - more,     ho - san - na ev - er - more,  
3.Glo - ry to you, O Lord,     glo - ry for ev - er - more!  
4.Glo - ry to you, O Lord,     glo - ry for ev - er - more!



Ho - ly,     ho - ly,     ho - ly     Lord!  
Ho - ly,     ho - ly,     ho - ly     Lord!  
Glo ry,     glo - ry,     Glo - ry to you!  
A - men,     A - men,     A - men.

*The Presiding Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.*

*After the words over the cup and the elevation of the chalice, we sing verse 3 of the Sanctus:*

**People:** (verse 3) **Glory to you, O Lord; glory for evermore!  
Glory, glory, glory to you!**

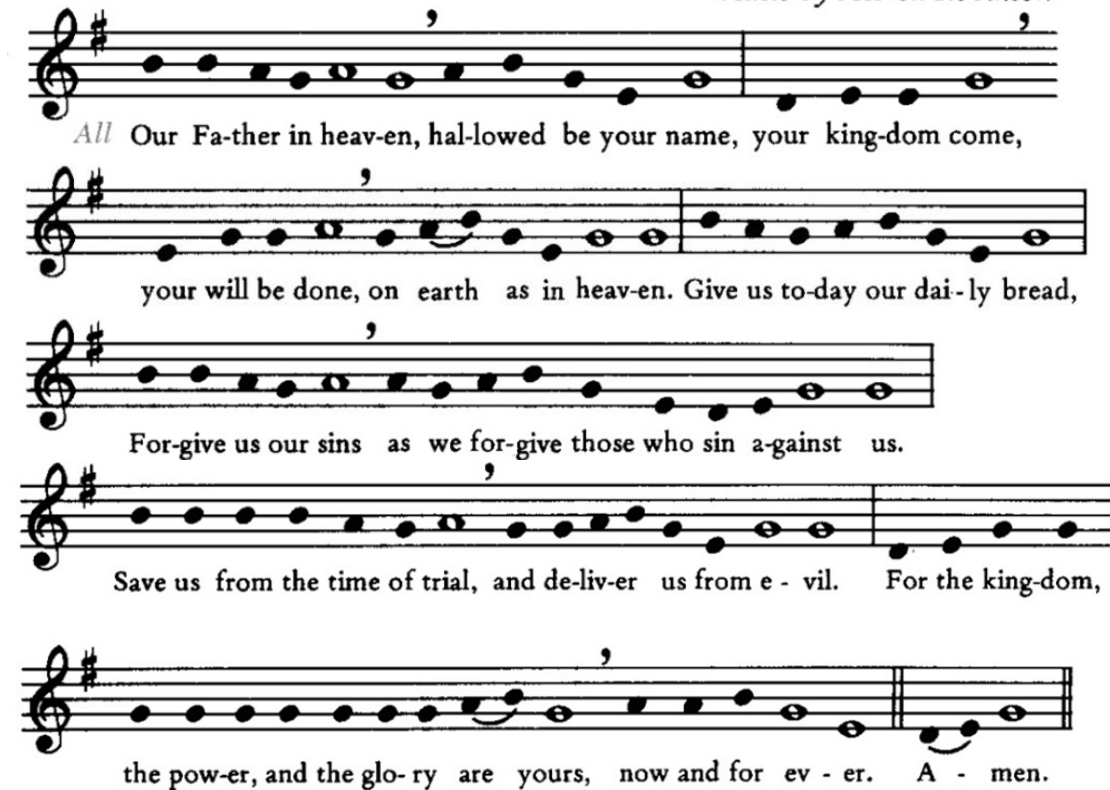
*The Presiding Celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer,  
and at the elevation of the bread and cup, we sing verse 4 of the Sanctus:*

**People:** (verse 4) **Glory to you, O Lord; glory for evermore!  
Amen, amen, amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

Music by McNeil Robinson



The musical notation consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is a simple, melodic line with a final cadence on the last staff.

All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread,  
For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the king-dom,  
the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread #6

Presider: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here with us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## The Communion

PLEASE BE SEATED

*All are welcome to come forward to the altar rail. Those who are baptised may receive the sacrament of holy communion. Those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this to the priest. This invitation is extended to all – children and infants included.*

*If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, please cross your hands over your chest when you are presented with the chalice. Dipping the bread in the chalice is not permitted. Receiving in one kind is considered full participation in the sacrament.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

## Music During Communion

Solo: God's Surprise

J.L. Bell

**Hymn: #137 What Child Is This**

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
*This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. *Refrain.*

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain.*

### Prayer after Communion & Doxology

PLEASE STAND

Prsider: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Blessing

Prsider: May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Closing Hymn: CP #154 Joy to the World

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive the King;  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns: let us glad songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy.  
No more let wrongs and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow far as our sin is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love.

### Dismissal

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