

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

The Baptism of the Lord

January 8th, 2023
10:30am Holy Eucharist

*The crèche (nursery) is attended and available for babies and toddlers.
Children are dismissed during the service for children's programming downstairs
and rejoin their caregivers during The Peace so that they may participate together in Communion.*

Prelude: 'Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen'

J. Brahms

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

Opening Hymn: #162 Sing of God Made Manifest

PLEASE STAND

Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,
To whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,
Magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound:
Myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold.

Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do."
Then from heaven a double sign--dove-like Spirit, voice divine--
Hailed the true Anointed One: "This is my beloved Son."

Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding-guest
And at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;
Further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed,
Bringing light and life to all who would listen to God's call.

Sing of God made manifest on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,
Where both voice and vision waned until Christ alone remained:
Glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, given as Jesus set his face
Towards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

Invitation & Procession to Children's Programme

The Apostolic Greeting & Collect for Purity

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.

Gloria

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.

5 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,

9 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,

13 take, O take our sins a - way.
 with the Spi - rit. A - men.

Music: Franz Schubert
 Arr. & Trans: (c) D. Cowling

Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

PLEASE BE SEATED

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

There is one Lord, one faith, one bap - ti - sm;

There is one God who is Fath - er of all.

Music: J. Berthier
Taizé Community
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Choir: Ascribe to the Lord, all you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength,
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

People: There is one Lord . . .

Choir: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters, the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.

People: There is one Lord . . .

Choir: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

People: There is one Lord . . .

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

Peter began to speak to the Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND

Cantor: 1. Hal-le, hal-le-lu - jah! 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: Matthew 3:13-17

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon: Fr. PJ

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

The Baptismal Covenant

PLEASE STAND

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **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.**

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People: I will, with God's help.

The Prayers of the People

PLEASE KNEEL OR STAND AS YOU PREFER

Please respond to the petition, "True and Living God" with the response, "Help us know you more deeply."

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

All: 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 your name. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

PLEASE STAND

Presider: 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.

At this time, children rejoin their caregivers.)

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

Offertory Hymn: CP#132 Of Eternal Love Begotten

Of eternal Love begotten ere the worlds began to be,

He is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,

Of the things that are and have been,

And that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

At his Word the worlds were framed. He commanded, it was done:

Heaven and earth and depths of ocean in their threefold order one;

All that grows beneath the shining

Of the moon and burning sun, evermore and evermore.

O that birth for ever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace,
 By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bare the Saviour of our race,
 And the babe, the world's redeemer,
 First revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord,
 Whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word;
 Now he shines, the long-expected;
 Let creation praise its Lord, evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heaven, adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;
 All dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and king;
 Let no tongue on earth be silent,
 Every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
 Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be,
 Honour, glory, and dominion
 And eternal victory, evermore and evermore.

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.

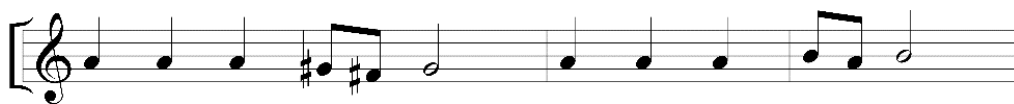
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise

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.

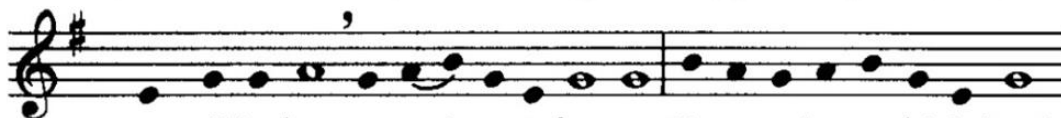
The Lord's Prayer

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

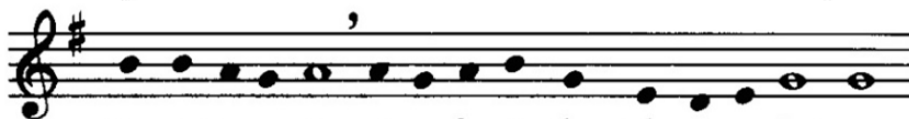
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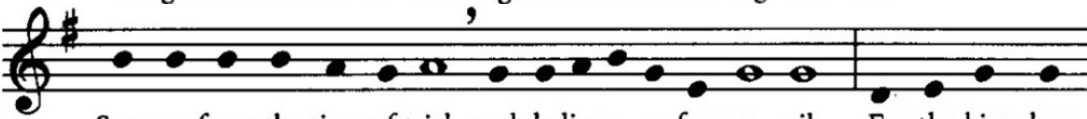
All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,



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-against 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.

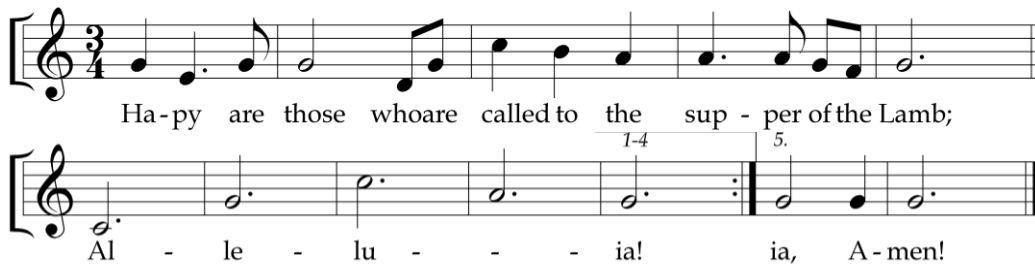
The Breaking of the Bread #6

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

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

Song for the Breaking of Bread

Sing 5 times:



Music: D. Cowling
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Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

All: **Happy are those . . .**

Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

All: **Happy are those . . .**

Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Grant us peace.

All: **Happy are those . . .**

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

All: **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: See Amid the Winter's Snow

J. Goss

Prayer after Communion

PLEASE STAND

The 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Polychronia ("Many Years")

(Tune: Tallis' Canon)

Presider: Let us call down God's blessing:

All: **God give you many, many years to thank him for his blessings here.
And many, many, many more to pray God still his grace to pour.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: CP #160 As with Gladness Men of Old
As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

As with joyful steps they sped, Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before thee, whom heaven and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare,
So may we with joyful song, raising voices pure and strong,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee our heavenly king.

In the heavenly country bright need they no created light:
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing alleluias to our king.

Dismissal

Postlude: Noël

L-C. Daquin

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