

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

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29th, 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: Minuet from 'Berenice'

G.F. Handel

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

Opening Hymn: #320 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

PLEASE STAND

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,

Raise the glad strain: alleluia!

Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers, virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim,

Lead their praises: alleluia!

Thou bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest, forebears in faith and prophets blest:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing supernal anthems echoing:

Alleluia, alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three-in-One,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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.

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: (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: Micah 6:1-8

PLEASE BE SEATED

A Reading from the Book of Micah.

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalms 111:1-6 PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

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: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart in the assembly of the upright.
Great are the deeds of the Lord! They are studied by all who delight in them.

People: **There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
There is one God who is Father of all.**

Choir: His work is full of majesty, of splendour, and his righteousness endures for ever.
He makes his marvellous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

People: **There is one Lord . . .**

Choir: He gives food to those, to those who fear him; he is mindful of his covenant.
He has shown his people his works in giving them the lands of the nations.

People: **There is one Lord . . .**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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 5:1-12

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.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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.)

The Apostles' Creed

PLEASE STAND

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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 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#436 I Bind Unto Myself Today

I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same, the Three-in-One, and One-in-Three.

I bind this day to me forever, by power of faith, Christ's incarnation,
His baptism in the Jordan river, his death on cross for my salvation.
His bursting from the spiced tomb, his riding up the heavenly way,
His coming at the day of doom, I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself today the virtues of the star-lit heaven,
The glorious sun's life-giving ray, the whiteness of the moon at even,
The flashing of the lightning free, the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,
The stable earth, the deep salt sea around the old eternal rocks.

I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead,
His eye to watch, his might to stay, his ear to hearken to my need,
The wisdom of my God to teach, his hand to guide, his shield to ward,
The word of God to give me speech, his heavenly host to be my guard.

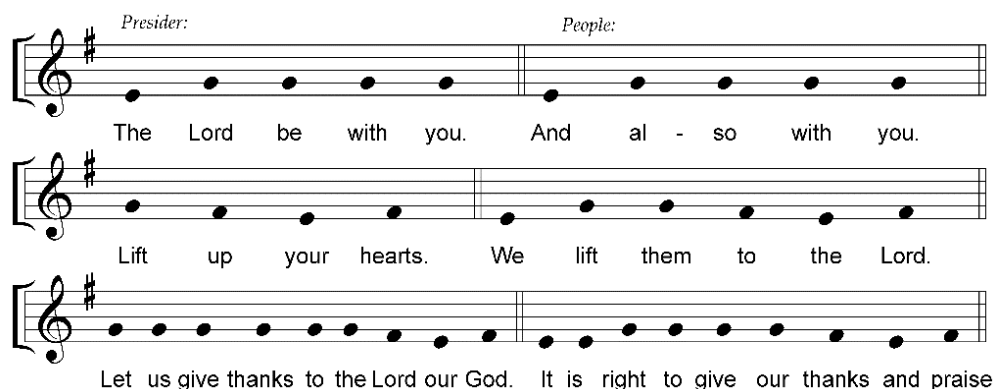
Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same, the Three-in-One, and One-in-Three,
Of whom all nature hath creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my salvation; salvation is of Christ the Lord.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider: *People:*



The Lord be with you. 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!

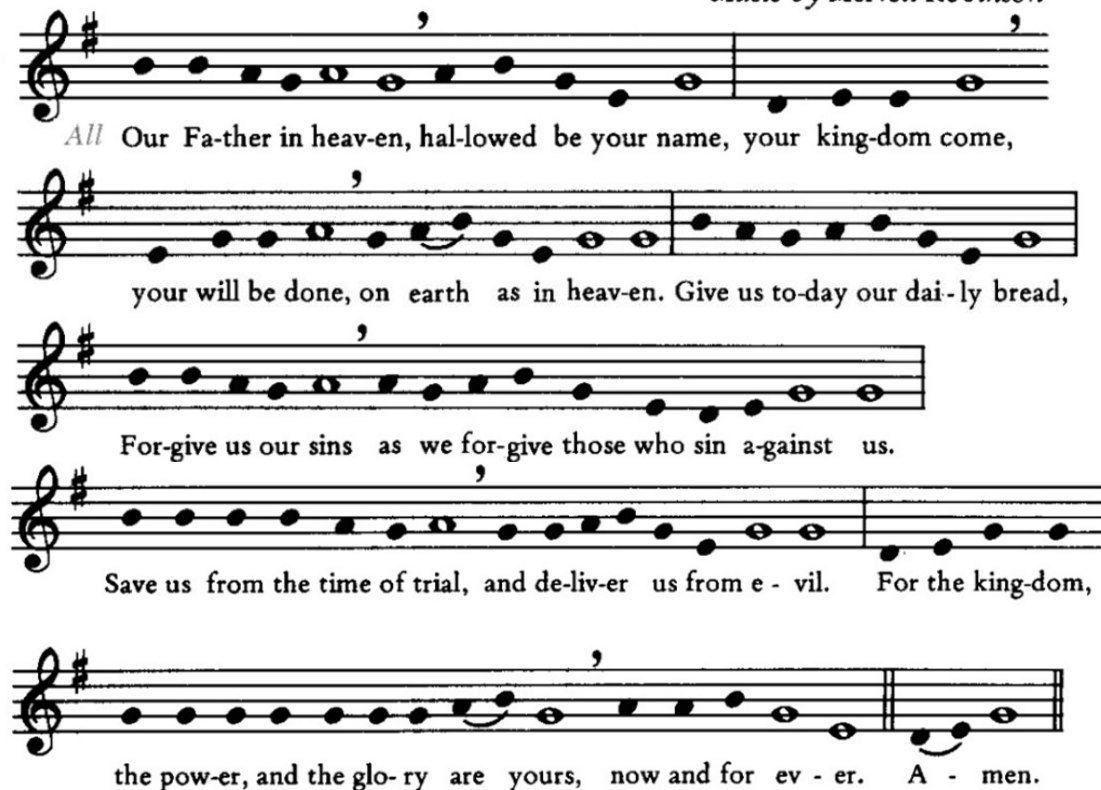
*The Presiding Celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer,
and at the elevation of the bread and cup, we sing verse 4 of the Sanctus:*

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



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:



Ha-py are those who are called to the sup - per of the Lamb;
Al - le - lu - - - ia! ia, A - men!

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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

Hymn: CP #171 What Does the Lord Require

Anthem: Brother James' Air

arr. G. Jacob

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 Blessing

Closing Hymn: CP #502 You Are Salt for the Earth

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the kingdom of God!

Share the flavour of life, O people: life in the kingdom of God!

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace;

Bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the city of God!

Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the kingdom of God! *Refrain.*

You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the kingdom of God!

Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice grow in the kingdom of God! *Refrain.*

We are a blest and a pilgrim people bound for the kingdom of God!

Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the kingdom of God! *Refrain.*

Dismissal

Postlude: Tuba Tune in D+ op. 15

C.S. Lang

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