

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

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 5th, 2023
10:30am Holy Eucharist

The crèche (nursery) is attended and available for babies and toddlers.

Prelude: Processional

D.E. Wagner

"Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord." – Ps 118:19

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

Opening Hymn: #537 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

PLEASE STAND

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more lustre to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

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 *p* 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 *f* 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 58:1-9A PLEASE BE SEATED

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.
Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 147:1-6 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: How good it is to sing praise to our God! How pleasant it is to honour him with praise.

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; he gathers all the exiles of Israel.

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

Choir: He heals with love the broken-hearted, and binds up all their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars, and calls them all by their names.

People: There is one Lord . . .

Choir: Great is our Lord and mighty in power; there is no limit to his wisdom.

The Lord lifts up the lowly but casts the wicked to the ground!

People: There is one Lord . . .

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

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

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" - these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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 5:13-20

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.

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Abraham Thomas

(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.)

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

Offertory Hymn: CP#451 King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You

King of love, O Christ, we crown you Lord of thought and Lord of will,
Each demand of your high challenge dedicated to fulfil;
We with you by grace co-workers, till, where human foot has trod,
Peoples, kings, dominions, races, own the empire of our God.

King of life, you have created wheat in golden harvest spread:
Make your servants strong to serve you by the gift of daily bread.
Feed us with your body broken, with your blood outpoured sustain,
That our souls divinely strengthened may the life eternal gain.

King of mercy, you have saved us from the haunting sense of loss,
Nailing in your vast compassion sin's indictment to the cross.
Those who love, by your sore anguish, from the past you cleanse and free,
Breathing words of absolution throned and reigning from the tree.

King triumphant, King victorious, take your throne our hearts within,
Lest the might of fierce temptation snare us into deadly sin.
By the Spirit's rich anointing, grant us strength life's race to run,
Till the power of sin be vanquished, till the prize of God be won.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff is for the Presider and the second and third are for the People. The lyrics are as follows:

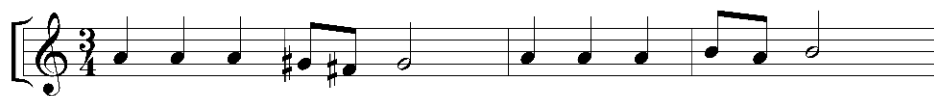
Presider: The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

People: 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."

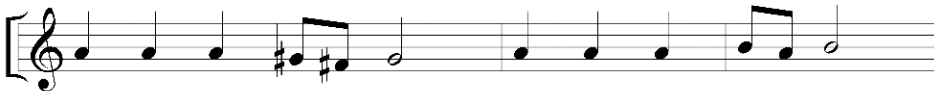
We then sing verses 1-2 of the Sanctus as follows:



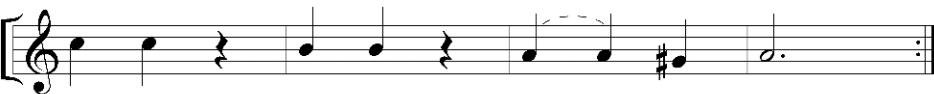
1. Lord God of pow'r and might, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 2. Bless - ed is he who comes, comes in the name of God,
 3&4. (below)



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



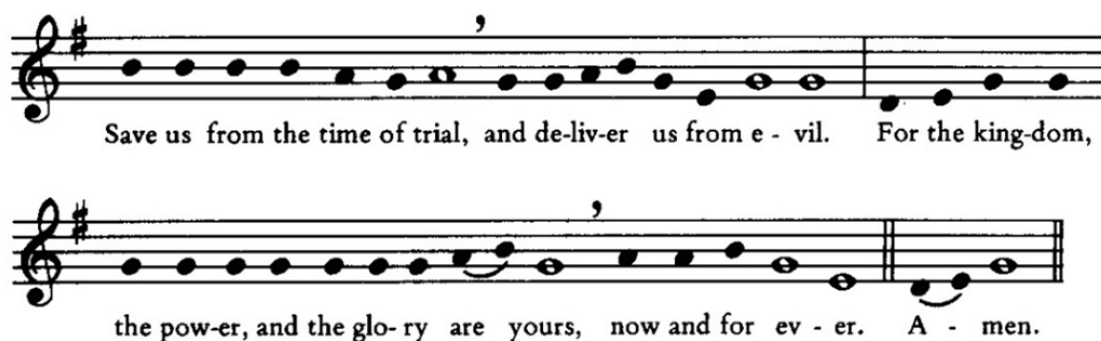
All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,



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-gainst us.



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:



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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

Anthem: Ave Verum

E. Elgar

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 #645 Come Down, O Love Divine
Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illumining.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till they become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

Dismissal

Postlude: Basse de Trompette

F. Couperin

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