

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

## Transfiguration Sunday

February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
10:30am Holy Eucharist

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*The crèche (nursery) is attended and available for babies and toddlers.  
Lay Anointing and Prayers for Healing are available after communion when lay anointers are present.*

**Prelude:** Treuer Gott, ich muss dir klagen (*"To God, in Whom I Trust"*)

J. Pachelbel

### Welcome & Announcements

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

### Opening Hymn: #510 You Have Passed By

PLEASE STAND

You have passed by, you came like fire that lights the skies;  
Sparks falling from your name glow in our hearts like eyes.  
In tatters hangs your word, draped round our world and torn;  
Now we shall live in you; like clothing you are worn.

You have passed by, as brief as footprints on the sea;  
Why did you go so far? You went too far for me.  
You are forever now as deep in God as breath;  
No stillness captures you, unthinkable your death.

You have passed by, a strange and yet familiar face,  
A fragment of our being, a flickering light, a trace.  
Your light is in my blood, my body is your day;  
I hope my whole life long to meet you on the way.

### 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:** Exodus 24:12-18

PLEASE BE SEATED

*A Reading from the Book of Exodus.*

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

**Psalm 99** *(Tune: St. Anne)*

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

The LORD God reigns; let nations shake and tremble before God.  
 Let all earth shake — God sits enthroned between the cherubim.

The LORD is great in Zion, and all nations God does own.  
 Let nations praise Your awesome name; God's holy, God alone.

Exalt the LORD, our mighty God, and worship at God's throne.  
 Come worship at God's footstool for God's holy, God alone.

Exalt the LORD, the LORD our God, and worship at God's throne.  
 Come worship at God's holy hill; God's holy, God alone.

## Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

*A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter.*

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from 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 17:1-9

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.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon: Fr. Andrew

*(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 #628** O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

O love, how deep, how broad, how high! It fills the heart with ecstasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.

God sent no angel to our race, of higher or of lower place,  
But wore the robe of human frame for us, and to this lost world came.

For us he was baptized, and bore his holy fast, and hungered sore;  
For us temptations sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us his daily works he wrought;  
By words and signs, and actions, thus still seeking not himself but us.

For us by wickedness betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death; for us at length gave up his breath.

For us he rose from death again, for us he went on high to reign,  
For us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

To God whose boundless love has won salvation for us through the Son,  
To God the Father, glory be both now and through eternity.

## 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!

*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**

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*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 common cup, 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.*

*The ministry of Lay Anointing and Prayers for Healing will be offered when lay anointers are present. After communion, if you wish to receive anointing, you may go to the Lady Altar and/or Book of Remembrance. Please say your name to the anointer; you may share a specific prayer request, though this is not required. All are welcome to receive this ministry.*

### **Music During Communion**

Anthem: Eternal Father

G. Holst

### **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 #524** O Christ, the Great Foundation

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand  
To preach your true salvation in every age and land:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,  
To keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.

Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,  
We bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth.  
One holy people gathered in love beyond our own;  
By grace we were invited, by grace we make you known.

Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak,  
Where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak;  
There let your church awaking attack the powers of sin,  
And, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.

This is the moment glorious when he, who once was dead,  
Shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head.  
The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings:  
The final consummation, the glory of all things.

### **Dismissal**

**Postlude:** Fugue in E-flat Major (St. Anne's)

J.S. Bach

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