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

The First Sunday in Lent

February 26th, 2023 10:30am Holy Eucharist

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.

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY





Choir: Lord Jesus, you lead us into the desert, strong to follow your journey.

All: Christe eleison . . .

Choir: You come now in word and sacrament to strengthen us on our journey. All: Kyrie eleison . . .

The Apostolic Greeting

- 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: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
- People: God's mercy endures for ever.

Invitation to Confession and Absolution

PLEASE KNEEL AS YOU ARE ABLE

Lent is the season for sober reflection on the ways in which we fall short of God's idea for us. As such, it is customary to begin our worship with a penitent heart.

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to God's 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.**

Hymn: #179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery During this hymn, we are sprinkled with water as a symbol of God's forgiveness and our new life in Christ. PLEASE STAND

Tree of Life and awesome mystery, in your death we are reborn; Though you die in all of history, still you rise with every morn, Still you rise with every morn.

Light of life beyond conceiving, mighty Spirit of our Lord; Give new strength to our believing, give us faith to live your word, Give us faith to live your word.

From the dawning of creation you have loved us as your own; Stay with us through all temptation, make us turn to you alone, Make us turn to you alone.

Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

PLEASE BE SEATED

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' "But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 1:1-2, 9-12



Choir: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, * abides under the shadow of the Almighty. He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold; * my God in whom I put my trust."

All:Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Choir: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, * and the Most High your habitation, There shall be no evil happen to you, * neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

All: Bless the Lord, my soul . . .

Choir: For he shall give his angels charge over you, * to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you in their hands, * lest you dash your foot against a stone.

All: Bless the Lord, my soul . . .

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Rome.

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation: We Are Not Alone (P. Choplin)

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

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 was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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 Prayers of the People

PLEASE KNEEL OR STAND AS YOU PREFER

Please respond to the petition "Living God, breathe into us" with "that we may live in you."

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 #381 Praise, My Soul

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise; Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise? Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Maker all your days.

Praise God for the grace and favour shown our forebears in distress. God is still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless; Alleluia, alleluia, sing our Maker's faithfulness.

Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame; Gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same. Alleluia, alleluia, all within me, praise God's name.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish; blows the wind and it is gone; But, while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on: Alleluia, alleluia, praise the high eternal one. Angels, teach us adoration; you behold God face to face; Sun and moon and all creation, dwellers all in time and space. Alleluia, alleluia, praise with us the God of grace.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer



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 1-3 of the Sanctus as follows:



The Presiding Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer. After the words over the cup and the elevation of the chalice, we sing verse 4 of the Sanctus:

People: (verse 4) Glory, glory, glory! For evermore be glory! For evermore be glory to you! Glory be to you! The Presiding Celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer, and at the elevation of the bread and cup, we sing verse 5 of the Sanctus:

People: (verse 5) Glory, glory, glory! For evermore be glory! For evermore be glory to you! Amen, amen!

The Lord's Prayer

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



The Breaking of the Bread #7

Presider: We break this bread,

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Presider: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.



Song for the Breaking of Bread: Lamb of God

Presider:The gifts of God for the people of God.All:Thanks be to God.

The Communion

All are welcome to come forward, including children and infants. Those who are baptised may receive holy communion. Those who do not take communion are welcome to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this to the priest.

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.

All are welcome to receive Lay Anointing and Prayers for Healing when lay anointers are present. If you wish to receive anointing, please go to the Lady Altar and/or Book of Remembrance after partaking in communion. Please state your name and your prayer request, if desired, to the anointer.





Choir: I am the Word that spoke and light was made; I am the seed that died to be reborn; I am the bread that comes from heav'n above; I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.

All: Take and eat . . .

Choir: I am the way that leads the exile home; I am the truth that sets the captive free; I am the life that raises up the dead; I am your peace, true peace my gift to you. All: Take and eat ...

Anthem: O Sacrum Convivium

Prayer after Communion

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 #170 The Glory of These Forty DaysPLEASE JOIN IN SINGINGThe glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise;PLEASE JOIN IN SINGINGFor Christ, through whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

Alone and fasting, Moses saw the loving God who gave the law; And to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lions' might; And John, the bridegroom's friend, became the herald of Messiah's name.

Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full oft in fast and prayer with thee; Our spirits strengthen with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face. G.B Pergolesi

PLEASE STAND

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest, to thee be every prayer addressed, Who art in three-fold name adored, from age to age, the only Lord.

Dismissal

In the spirit of Lent, you are invited to take time for silent reflection and prayer before departing.

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