

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

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19th, 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

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)

PLEASE STAND



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*Music: Marty Haugen
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Choir: Lord Jesus, you give us light in the darkness, light to guide on 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 (vv. 1, 4, 6e)

PLEASE STAND

During this hymn, we are sprinkled with water as a symbol of God's forgiveness and our new life in Christ.

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.

Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit, come inflame our hearts anew.
We may all your joy inherit if we bear the cross with you, if we bear the cross with you.

Give us eyes to see you clearly; make us children of your light.
Give us hearts to live more nearly as your gospel shining bright, as your gospel shining bright.

The Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

PLEASE BE SEATED

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

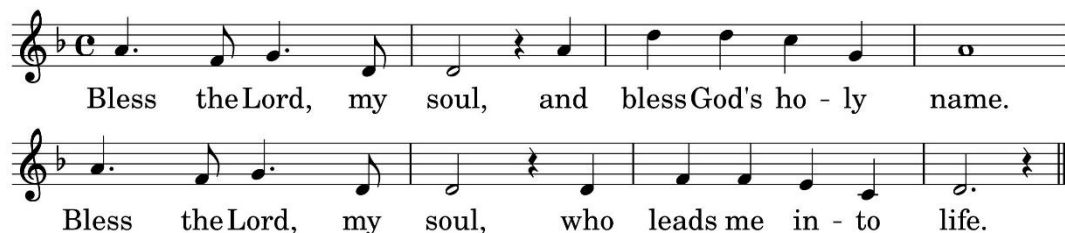
The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalms 32:1-6 PLEASE REMAIN SEATED



Choir: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, * and whose sin is put away!
Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!

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

Choir: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." * Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; * you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

All: Bless the Lord, my soul . . .

Choir: Great are the tribulations of the wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

All: Bless the Lord, my soul . . .

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

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

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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)

PLEASE STAND

The Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?"

Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him.

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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 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 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:

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.
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 #7

Presider: We break this bread,

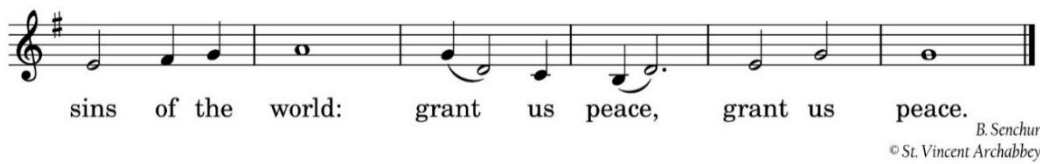
All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

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

1,2. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
mer - cy on us. 3. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



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, 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.

Music During Communion

Communion Hymn: Let Us Be Bread



Choir: I am the bread of life, broken for all. Eat now and hunger no more.

All: **Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured. Let us be one in the Lord.**

Choir: You are my friends if you keep my commands, no longer servants but friends.

All: **Let us be bread . . .**

Anthem: Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

J. Hilton

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 #171 What Does the Lord Require

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?

What sacrifice, desire, or tribute did you bring?

Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?
Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

All who gain wealth by trade, for whom the worker toils,
Think not to win God's aid, if greed your commerce soils.
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

How shall our life fulfill God's law so hard and high?
Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify.
Then justly, in mercy, we'll humbly walk with God.

Dismissal

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

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