

CASUAL CHURCH
At St. George's on-the-Hill

SUNDAY
April 30
10:30 AM

45 MINUTES
“NORMAL” LANGUAGE
SIMPLE MUSIC
KIDS & ADULTS

Scavenger Hunt
& Pizza Lunch
following the service

Children's activity leaflets are available at the back of the sanctuary.

WELCOME

Opening Hymn: As We Gather (CP #61)

(Tune: Nettleton)

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us, nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

Greeting and Prayer

Leader: God's grace and peace be with you.

All: **and also with you.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Let us prayer.
**All: Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.
Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: Gracious and loving God,
you raised Christ Jesus from the dead,
the great Shepherd of the sheep;
lead us in every good work
that we may do what is pleasing in your sight,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

LISTENING AND RESPONDING

Godly Play Story: The Good Shepherd and World Communion

Reflection and Discussion

Affirmation

(feel free to say with us or simply listen)

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?
All: We believe and trust in God.

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us, and rose again?
All: We believe and trust in God.

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?
All: We believe and trust in God.

Leader: This the faith of the Church:
**All: This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers

(Please adopt the pose most comfortable for you during the Prayers of the People, and respond as indicated.)

Leader: Let us now bring our prayers before God.
Please respond to the words, "Direct our hearts, O Lord," with "**that we may love you more and more**".

The Peace

Leader: May God's peace be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

THANKSGIVING

Offering Song: Draw the Circle Wide (CP #418)

Refrain:

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

Let this be our song, no one stands alone,

Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

God the still-point of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns;
Nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms. *Refrain.*

Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;
Let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call. *Refrain.*

Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we've ever dreamed before;
Let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door. *Refrain.*

Prayer over the Bread and Wine

Leader: God of loving care,

All: **you spread before us the table of life,
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and our shepherd. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to God.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: You sent Jesus to show us how to live and to bring us back to you again. He died for us on the cross so that through your Spirit we may all be your people. So we sing to you, together with all the angels and saints in heaven:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: On the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. There he took some bread and gave you thanks. He broke it into pieces, and gave it to his friends to eat. "This is my body," he said. "Do this, and know that I am with you."
Later, he took a cup of wine and gave you thanks. He shared it with his friends, and said: "This is my blood, which brings new life. Do this, and know that I am with you."

All: To you be glory and praise forever.

Leader: And so, remembering Jesus, who died, was raised to new life by you, and is alive forever, we are glad to share that life, and live in God. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts so that this bread and wine can be for us the body and blood of Jesus, and through this food give us strength to live as your people. Help us care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us.

All: Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Communion

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Music during Communion: The Lord Is My Shepherd

H. Goodall

Prayer after Communion

Leader: God of love,
watch over the Church saved by the blood of your Son.
May we who share this bread and wine
come safely to heaven,
where there is one flock and one shepherd.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All: Amen.

SENDING OUT

Blessing

Leader: God be your comfort and your strength;
God be your hope and support;
God be your light and your way;
and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer
and Giver of life, remain with you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Song: The Trees of the Field (CP #662)

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
The trees of the field will clap their hands.
The trees of the field will clap their hands,
While you go out with joy.

Dismissal

Leader: Let us go in peace.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Today's liturgy is drawn from the Book of Alternative Services copyright © 1985 and Common Praise copyright © 1998
by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada. All rights reserved.*

*Reproduced under license from ABC Publishing, Anglican Book Centre, a ministry of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, from Anglican
Liturgical Library. Further copying is prohibited.*

Music & lyrics reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733388. All rights reserved.

St. George's on-the-Hill Anglican Church

4600 Dundas St West, Toronto ON M9A 1A5

www.stgeorgesonthehill.ca

416.239.2341 • info@stgeorgesonthehill.ca

The Rev. Michelle Childs-Ward, Rector
The Rev. Canon Dr. Andrew Sheldon, Assoc. Priest
The Rev. Dr. P.J. Carefoote, Honourary Associate
The Rev. Janet Sidey, Honourary Associate
Ran Kim, Director of Music Ministry

Janet Kincaid, People's Warden
Ruth Snowden, Deputy People's Warden
Tony Brathwaite, Rector's Warden
Brian Danby, Deputy Rector's Warden
wardens@stgeorgesonthehill.ca