

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

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 14th, 2023

10:30am Holy Eucharist & the Sacrament of Baptism

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

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

Lay Anointing and Prayers for Healing are available after communion when lay anointers are present.

Prelude: Jupiter

G. Holst

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

Processional Hymn: #645 Come Down, O Love Divine

PLEASE STAND

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.

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 illuming.

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.

The Easter Greeting

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Presider: May his grace and peace be with you!

People: May he fill our hearts with joy!

Song of Praise: Gloria & Fanfare (*Tune: Easter Hymn*)

Glory be to God, we sing, Alleluia! Peace on earth to all you bring; Alleluia!
Worship, thanks and glory be, Alleluia! To our God eternally, Alleluia!

Lamb of God, to you we pray, Alleluia! Hear and take our sins away; Alleluia!
 You are seated high above, Alleluia! Hear our prayer, O Lord of love. Alleluia!

Glory to the Holy One, Alleluia! You Most High upon your throne; Alleluia!
 Jesus Christ the risen Lord, Alleluia! And the Spirit we adore. Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

PLEASE BE SEATED

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown God.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

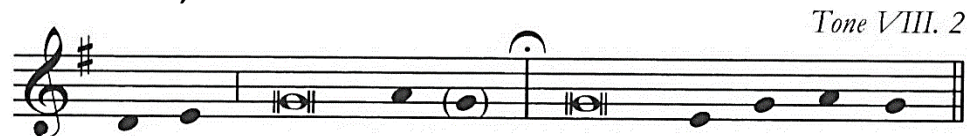
Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 66:7-9, 14-18

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED



7 Bless our God, you **peo**-ples; * make the voice of his **praise** to be heard;
 8 Who holds our souls in **life**, * and will not al-**low** our feet | to slip. |
 9 For you, O God, have **proved** us; * you have tried us just as **sil**-ver is tried.
 14 Come and listen, all you who fear **God**, * and I will tell you what **he** has done | for me. |
 15 I called out to him with my **mouth**, * and his **praise** was on | my tongue. |
 16 If I had found evil **in** | my heart, | * the Lord would **not** have heard me;
 17 But in truth God has **heard** me; * he has attended to the **voice** of my prayer.
 18 Blessèd be God, who has not rejected my **prayer**, * nor with-**held** his love | from me. |

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord.

Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND

Al-le-lui - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia!
Je-sus is ri - sen from the dead! Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia!

The Holy Gospel: John 14:15-21

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: *(sung)* Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: *(sung)* Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

Homily: Fr. Andrew

(After the sermon, please keep a period of silence for reflection.)

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

Presider: Blessed be God,

People: **the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

Presider: by whose great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope,

All: **through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

God's Call

(The presider addresses those who are presenting the candidate)

Presider: God is love. God gives us life. In Christ, God reaches out to us. In baptism, God calls us to respond. Do you accept this call?

Presenters: We hear and accept God's call to NN. We ask for baptism.

Presider: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Presenters: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you by your prayers and example help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Presenters: I will, with God's help.

(The presider addresses the rest of the congregation)

Presider: God calls the Church to reflect Christ's glory, in baptism, to declare His new life, and to share in the fellowship and in mission. Do you accept this call?

All: We hear and accept God's call.

Turning to Christ

(The presider addresses the presenters and candidate)

Presider: The Christian life means turning away from evil and turning to Christ. Do you renounce evil?

Presenters: I renounce evil.

Presider: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Saviour, putting your whole trust in His grace and love?

Presenters: I do.

(The presider addresses the congregation)

Presider: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ?

All: We will.

Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant: Let us now pray for **N** who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.
Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

(The presider blesses the water)

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **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.**

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

(The congregation may be seated)

The Baptism

Presider: I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

The musical score consists of three staves. The first staff is for the bells, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. It begins with a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, and then a series of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The second staff is for the people, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. It begins with a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, and then a series of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are: "A - men, A - men! You have put on Christ this day, in Christ you have been bap-tised. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!" The third staff continues the melody with a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, and then a series of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4.

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The Prayer after Baptism

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The Giving of the Light

(The candidate receives a baptismal candle, lit from the Paschal candle)

Presider: Receive the light of Christ.

People: **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: **And also with you!**

(At this time, we encourage you to share a sign of peace with those around you.)

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

Hymn: CP #375 At the Name of Jesus

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'Tis his Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season to receive a name
From the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death,
But with awe and wonder, and with bated breath;
He is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.

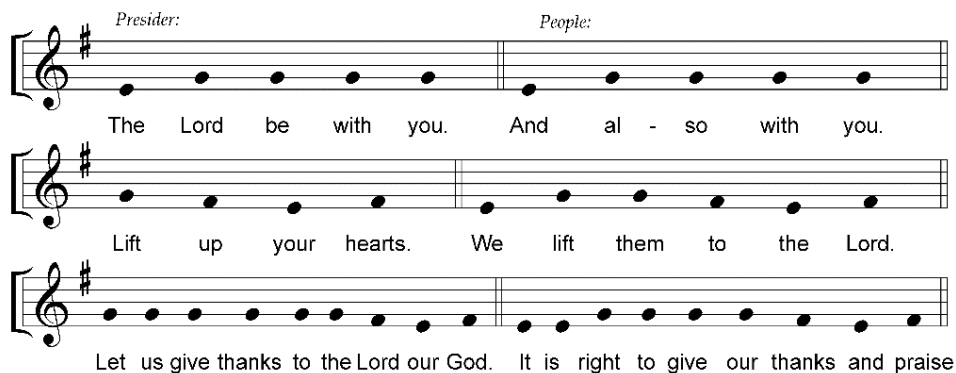
In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true;
Crown him as your Saviour in temptation's hour;
Let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
With his Father's glory, with his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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!

Presider: Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: **we remember his death,**
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

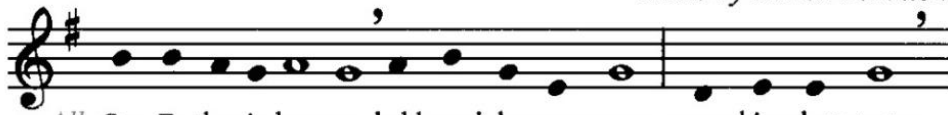
The Presiding Celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer, and at the elevation of the bread and cup, we sing verse 4 of the Sanctus:

People: (verse 4) **Glory to you, O Lord; glory for evermore!**
Amen, amen, amen!

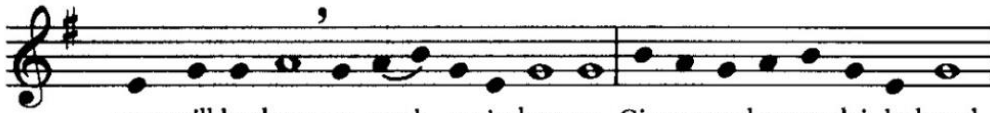
The Lord's Prayer

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

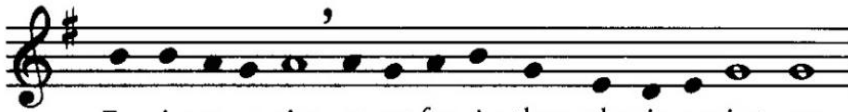
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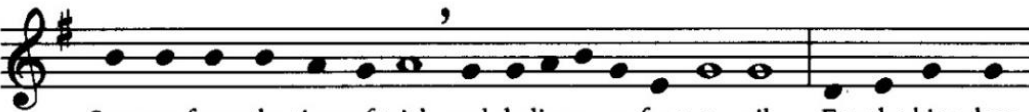
All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,



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

Presider: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: **Now we are raised to new life.**

Presider: We were buried in your tomb.

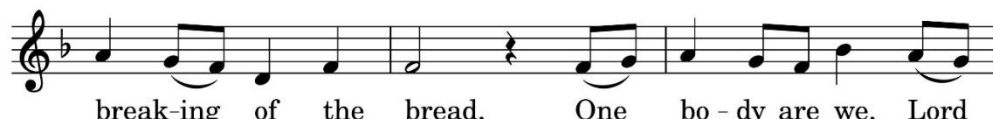
All: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Presider: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Song for the Breaking of Bread



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the



break-ing of the bread, One bo - dy are we, Lord



Je - sus, for through ma - ny we all are one.

URSULA & DIETER TRAUTWEIN (ARR.)

Choir: The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion in the body of Christ.
One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

People: Be known to us, Lord Jesus . . .

Choir: All who eat of this bread, alleluia, will live for evermore.
This is the true bread, alleluia, which has come to us from heav'n.

People: Be known to us, Lord Jesus . . .

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: 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: #62 Come, Let Us Eat

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. (repeat)

Our Lord's body let us take together. (repeat)

Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured. (repeat)

Jesus' blood poured let us drink together. (repeat)

In his presence now we meet and rest. (repeat)

In the presence of our Lord we gather. (repeat)

Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word. (repeat)

Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom. (repeat)

Anthem: Canon of Love

H.H. Hopson

Prayer after Communion

PLEASE STAND

Doxology

Presider: Glory to God,

People: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Polychronia ("Many Years")

(Tune: Tallis' Canon)

Celebrant: Let us call down God's blessing:

**All: God give you many, many years to thank him for his blessings here.
And many, many, many more to pray God still his grace to pour.**

Easter Blessing

Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Alleluia!**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. **Alleluia!**

May God who has brought us out of bondage into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Alleluia!**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: #425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
Stars and angels sing around thee, centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Dismissal

Postlude: Deo Gracias

H. Willan

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