

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

The Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, May 21st, 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: Cornet Voluntary

J. Travers

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

Processional Hymn: #246 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

PLEASE STAND

Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou universal Saviour! Thou hast borne our sin and shame;
By thy merits we find favour; life is given through thy name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood;
Opened is the gate of heaven; peace is made 'twixt us and God.

Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory, there forever to abide,
All the heavenly host adore thee, seated at thy Father's side.
Worship, honour, power, and blessing thou art worthy to receive;
Loudest praises, without ceasing, meet it is for us to give.

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 1:1-11

PLEASE BE SEATED

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 93

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED



- 1 The Lord is *King*; † he has put on splendid ap-**pa**-rel; * the Lord has put on his apparel and girded **him**-self with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so **sure** * that it **can**-not be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been es-**ta**-blished; * you are from **ev**-er-last-ing.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted **up** | their voice; | * the waters have lifted **up** their pound-| ing waves. |
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers **of** | the sea, | * mightier is the **Lord** who dwells | on high. |
- 6 Your testimonies are very **sure**, * and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever **and** for ev-|er-more. |

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

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

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and

above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

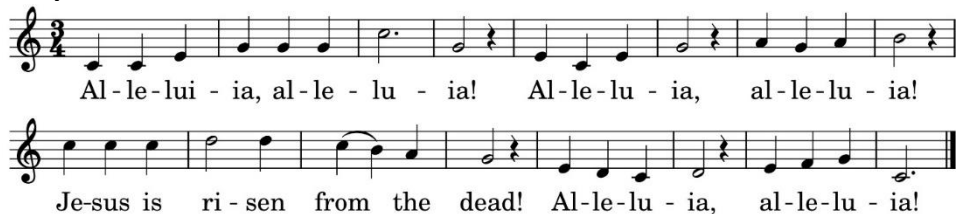
Reader: The word of the Lord.

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: Luke 24:44-53

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

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

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

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

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

Homily: Fr. Michelle

(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 notation is for a hymn in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff is for bells, and the second and third are for the people. 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!"

Music: Howard Hughes
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The Prayer after Baptism

PLEASE STAND

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 #247 Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia! to his throne above the skies; alleluia!

Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, alleluia! enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; alleluia! lift your heads, eternal gates; alleluia!

He hath conquered death and sin; alleluia! take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

Highest heaven its Lord receives, alleluia! yet he loves the earth he leaves; alleluia!

Though returning to his throne, alleluia! still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!

See! He lifts his hands above, alleluia! See! He shows the prints of love; alleluia!

Hark! His gracious lips bestow alleluia! blessings on his church below. Alleluia!

Still for us he intercedes; alleluia! his prevailing death he pleads, alleluia!

Near himself prepares our place, alleluia! he the first-fruits of our race. Alleluia!

Lord, though parted from our sight, alleluia! far above the starry height, alleluia!

Grant our hearts may thither rise, alleluia! seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia!

Prayer Over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer 3

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff is for the Presider and the second and third are for the People. The lyrics are as follows:

Presider: The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

People: 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."

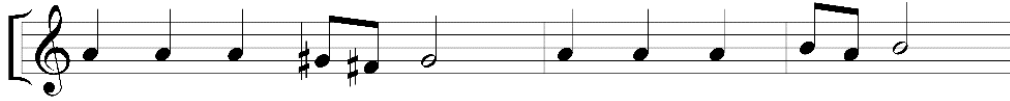
We then sing verses 1-2 of the Sanctus as follows:



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,

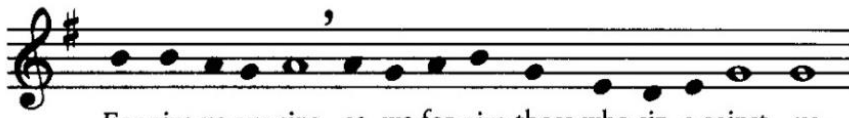
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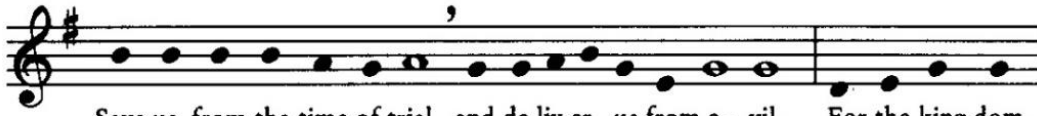
All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,



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 . . .**

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)

Solo: Alleluia

W.A. Mozart

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**

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: #245 O Lord Most High, Eternal King

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

O Lord most high, eternal king, by thee redeemed thy praise we sing.
The bonds of death are burst by thee, and grace has won the victory.

Ascending to the sapphire throne, thou claim'st the kingdom as thine own;
And angels wonder when they see how changed is our humanity.

Be thou our joy, O mighty Lord, as thou wilt be our great reward;
Let all our glory be in thee both now and through eternity.

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to thee let earth accord,
Who art, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit, one. Alleluia!

Dismissal

Postlude: Trumpet Tune

H. Purcell

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