

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

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 25th, 2023

9:30am Holy Eucharist

*Children's activity leaflets are available at the back of the sanctuary.
There is no nursery care or children's programming during the summer.*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

Opening Hymn: #527 How Firm a Foundation

PLEASE STAND

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed! For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

The Apostolic Greeting & Collect for Purity

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: Almighty God,

People: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

First Reading: Genesis 21:8-21

PLEASE BE SEATED

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a

nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 86 (*Tune: New Britain, CP 352*)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

To my complaint, O Lord my God, thy gracious ear incline;
Hear me, distressed and destitute of all relief but thine!

Do thou, O God, preserve my soul, that does thy Name adore;
Thy servant keep, and him, whose trust relies on thee, restore.

Thou, Lord, art good; nor only good, but prompt to pardon too;
Of plenteous mercy to all those who for thy mercy sue.

Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

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

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND



1. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

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.**

Jesus said, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: 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, "Hear us, Living God," with the words, "Your Word is life and strength."

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you!**

(We encourage you to share 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 #529 God, My Hope on You Is Founded

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

God, my hope on you is founded; you my faith and trust renew:

Through all change and chance you guide me, only good and only true.

God unknown, you alone call my heart to be your own.

God's great goodness lasts forever, deepest wisdom, passing thought:

Splendour, light, and life attending, beauty springing out of naught.

Evermore from God's store new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done,

High above all praises praising for the gift of Christ the Son.

Christ, you call one and all; those who follow shall not fall.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

The Presiding Celebrant may sing or say the following:

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift the to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presiding Celebrant begins 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 the Sanctus as follows:

Sanctus: #719 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

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. Hosanna in the highest.

The Presiding Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom, 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 Breaking of the Bread #2

Presider: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Song for the Breaking of Bread

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
sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Communion

PLEASE BE SEATED

All who are baptized are welcome to receive the sacrament of communion in the Anglican Church. Those who are not yet baptized are encouraged to come forward to the altar for a blessing – simply fold your arms across your chest as an indication of your desire for a blessing. This invitation is extended to all – children and infants included. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Music During Communion

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.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #330 O Praise Ye the Lord

JOIN IN SINGING

O praise ye the Lord! Give praise in the height;
Rejoice in God's Word, ye angels of light;
Ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,
And worship before him in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord re-echo around;
Loud organs, God's glory proclaim in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story of what God hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
Be ever outpoured all ages along;
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
For grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

The Dismissal

Postlude

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