

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

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 23rd, 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: #502 You Are Salt for the Earth

PLEASE STAND

You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the kingdom of God!

Share the flavour of life, O people: life in the kingdom of God!

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace;

bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the city of God!

Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the kingdom of God! *Refrain.*

You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the kingdom of God!

Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice grow in the kingdom of God! *Refrain.*

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 28:10-19a

PLEASE BE SEATED

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your

father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 139 (*Tune: New Britain, CP 352*)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

Lord, you have searched and known me well, searched out all I have wrought,
My sitting down and rising up, discerned my every thought.

Where then, O Lord, where can I go? Where can I flee from you?
If up to heaven, you are there; if in the grave, there too.

If on the morning's outstretched wings I reach the utmost shore,
Yet even there your hand will lead and hold me evermore.

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

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

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 13:24-30, 36-43

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 put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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 #330 O Praise Ye the Lord

PLEASE 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! Give praise upon earth;
In tuneful accord, give thanks for new birth;
Praise God who hath brought you all grace from above,
Praise God who hath taught you the pathways of love.

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!

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
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.

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

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: #362 Tell Out My Soul

JOIN IN SINGING

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word; in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out my soul, the greatness of his name! Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same; his holy name-- the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word! Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord to children's children and for evermore!

The Dismissal

Postlude

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