

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

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 27th, 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: #1 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

PLEASE STAND

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though our sinful human gaze thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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: Exodus 1:8 – 2:10

PLEASE BE SEATED

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in

mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 124 *(Tune: New Britain, CP 352)*

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

Had not the Lord been on our side, may Israel now say;
Had not the Lord been on our side, when men rose us to slay;

They had us swallowed up alive, when their fierce wrath did flame:
The waters had us drowned, our soul had sunk beneath the stream.

Our soul has, like a bird, escaped the cruel fowler's snare;
The snare asunder broken is, and we escapèd are.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

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

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

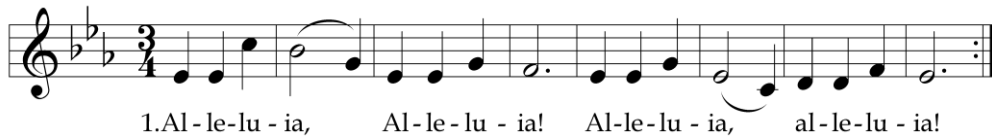
Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND



The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

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.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

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

Homily: Fr. Michelle

(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 #300 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the church in one,
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness, hear thy servants as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls away.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain,
What they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

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 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 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 & Doxology

PLEASE STAND

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: #393 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

JOIN IN SINGING

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all;

We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.

Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;

All laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

The Dismissal

Postlude

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