

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

## The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 10th, 2023

10:30am Holy Eucharist

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*Children are invited to participate in today's service.  
The nursery is available but unattended.*

### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

**Opening Hymn: #416 All Things Bright and Beautiful**  
*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

PLEASE STAND

Each radiant flower that opens, each vibrant bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colours, God made their lively wings. *Refrain.*

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruit in the garden, God made them every one. *Refrain.*

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
how great is the Creator, who has made all things well. *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*

**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.

**The Story of Creation:** 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, "We pray to you, God of creation," with the words, "**show us the path of life.**"*

**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: #259** For the Fruit of All Creation

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;  
Gifts bestowed on every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
For the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
For the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

**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,

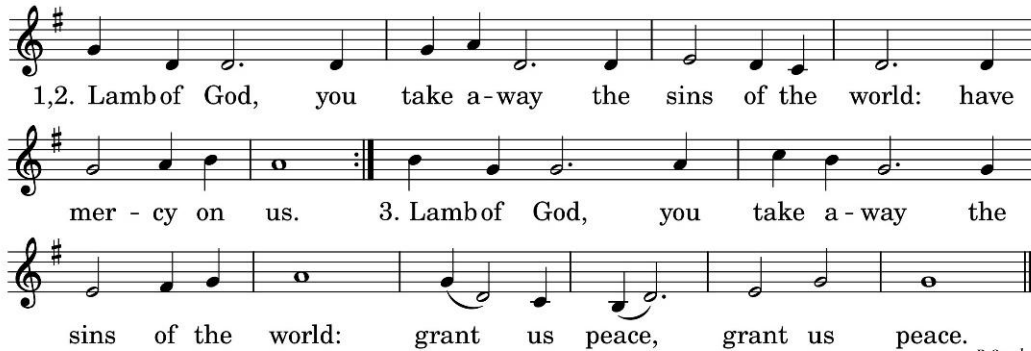
**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory 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 of Backpacks

*Students, teachers, administrators, coaches, staff members, and anyone involved in education are invited to come forward and have their backpack, briefcase or bookbag blessed. This blessing is given in recognition of, and thanksgiving for, God's daily presence in our daily life. These people have each been called by God into their vocations.*

*All participants come forward to the chancel steps to receive a blessing.*

Presider: Come, children, and listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

**Participants: Teach me, O Lord, your ways.**

Presider: I will bless the Lord at all time;  
His praise shall ever be in my mouth.

**Participants: Teach me, O Lord, your ways.**

Presider: I will glory in the Lord;  
Let the humble hear and rejoice.

**Participants: Teach me, O Lord, your ways.**

**Students and Educators: We dedicate these items, our work, and ourselves to the glory of God. We thank you, God, for the opportunity to learn, to teach and to serve, so that your work may be done in the world.**

**Congregation: O God, source of all goodness: We give you thanks for the gift of reason and the opportunity for education.**

**Bless our schools, that they may be places of learning and safety, where teachers challenge minds and nurture the hearts of students.**

**Grant that teachers, students, administrators, coaches and support staff may work together in mutual respect and find joy in the challenges of academic life; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. 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.**

### **The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn: #403** Let All Things Now Living

JOIN IN SINGING

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
Love's banners are o'er us; God's light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into Light.

God's law still enforces the stars in their courses  
And causes the sun in its splendour to shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean in praises combine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration a song let us raise  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

### **The Dismissal**

### **Postlude**

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