

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

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 17th, 2023

10:30am Holy Eucharist

*The crèche (nursery) is available for use by parents of babies and toddlers.
Children's programming resumes on October 15th.
Activity leaflets are available at the back of the sanctuary.*

Prelude: Give Thanks

arr. J. Raney

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

Opening Hymn: #3 Morning Has Broken

PLEASE STAND

Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Song of Praise

1. Glo - ry be to God in the high - est, peace on earth in all our days.
2. You are seat - ed with the Fath - er, hear our prayer, by all a - dored.

5 Lord and King, al - might - y Fath - er, laud and thanks to you we raise.
You a - lone are High - est and Ho - ly, Je - sus Christ, you are the Lord,

9 Je - sus Christ, the Son of the Fath - er, Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God,
in the glo - ry of the Fath - er, with the Spi - rit ev - er - more,

13 take, O take our sins a - way.
with the Spi - rit. A - men.

Music: Franz Schubert
Arr. & Trans: (c) D. Cowling

The Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

First Reading: Exodus 14:19-31

PLEASE BE SEATED

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm Song: The Song of Moses

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED



1.I will sing to God in triumph! Mar-vel at the pre-sence of God!
2.He is now our strength and re-fuge! Mar-vel at the pre-sence of God!
3.He is God and I will praise him! Mar-vel at the pre-sence of God!



Horse and ri - der have been van-quished! Mar-vel at the pre-sence of God!
He is now our might - y sav - iour! Mar-vel at the pre-sence of God!
He is Lord, his name is glo - rious! Mar-vel at the pre-sence of God!



Sing to the Lord! Sing of God's tri-umph! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Lord!



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Words: Song of Moses
Music: Paul Quinlan
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Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

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

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

'Saranam, Saranam'
Trad. Sri Lankan

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

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.

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Fr. Andrew

(After the sermon, please keep a period of silence for reflection.)

The Apostles' Creed

PLEASE STAND

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presider: Having reaffirmed our faith, let us prepare to offer our prayers to God.

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 response, "show us the path of life."

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

PLEASE STAND

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

People: **And also with you.**

(We encourage you to share a sign of 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#527 How Firm a Foundation

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.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply:
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not-- I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake, I'll never-- no, never-- no, never forsake!"

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff is divided into two parts: the first part is labeled 'Presider:' and the second part is labeled 'People:'. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff has the lyrics: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has the lyrics: '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 1-3 of the Sanctus as follows:



1. Ho - ly, - ho - ly, ho - ly Lord! God of pow'r, Lord
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord! God of pow'r, Lord
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord! God of pow'r, Lord
 4. Glo - ry be to you, O Lord! Glo - ry now and
 5. Glo - ry be to you, O Lord! Glo - ry now and



God of might, Ho - san - na in the high - est!
 God of might, Ho - san - na in the high - est!
 God of might! Ho - san - na in - the high - est!
 ev - er - more! Ho - san - na in the high - est!
 ev - er - more! To you for ev - er - more A - men.



1. Hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry, O Lord! -
 2. Bless - ed is he who comes, comes in the name of the Lord!

The Presiding Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

After the words over the cup and the elevation of the chalice, we sing verse 4 of the Sanctus:

People: (verse 4) **Glory be to you, O Lord! Glory now and evermore!
 Hosanna in the highest!**

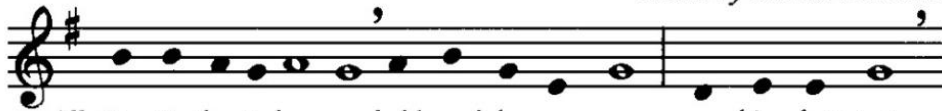
*The Presiding Celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer, and at the elevation of the bread and cup,
 we sing verse 5 of the Sanctus:*

People: (verse 5) **Glory be to you, O Lord! Glory now and evermore!
 To you for evermore. Amen.**

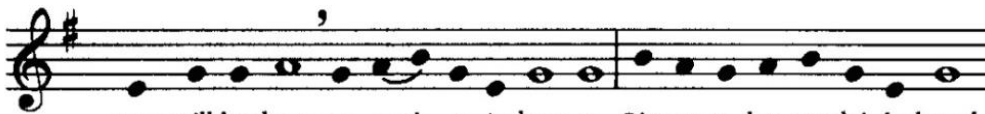
The Lord's Prayer

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

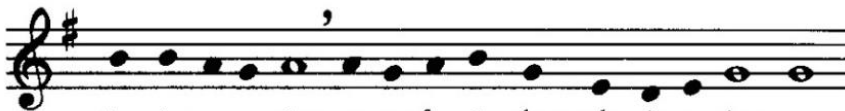
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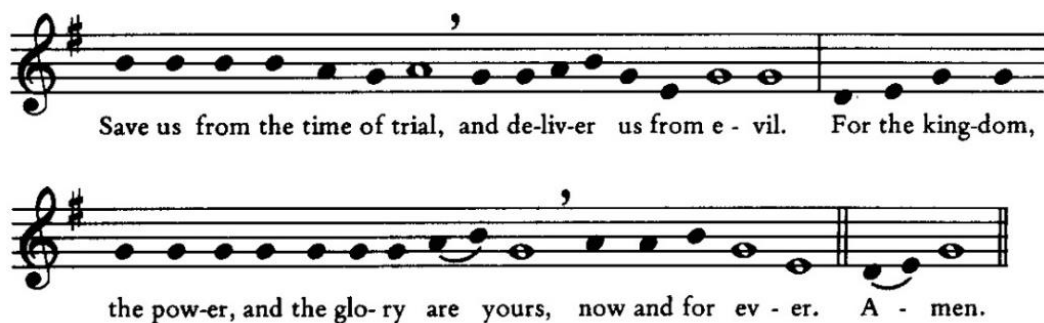
All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,



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-gainst 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 #4

Presider: "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

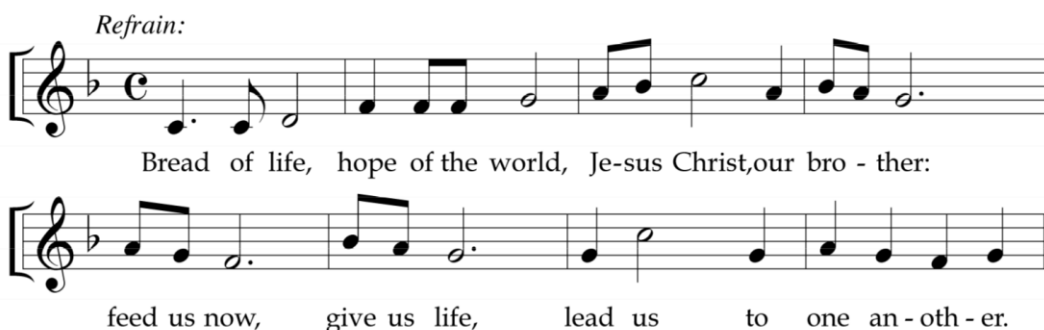
All: Give us this bread for ever.

Presider: "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All: May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

Song for the Breaking of Bread

Refrain:



Bread of life, hope of the world, Je-sus Christ, our bro - ther:
feed us now, give us life, lead us to one an - oth - er.

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Choir: As we proclaim your death, as we recall your life,
We remember your promise to return again.
The bread we break and share was scattered once as grain:
Just as now it is gathered, making your people one.

All: Bread of life, hope of the world . . .

Choir: We eat this living bread, we drink this saving cup:
Sign of hope in our broken world, source of lasting love.
Hold us in unity, in love for all to see;
That the world may believe in you, God of all who love.

All: Bread of life, hope of the world . . .

Choir: You are the bread of peace, you are the wine of joy,
Broken now for your people, poured in endless love.

All: Bread of life, hope of the world . . .

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

All: 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: Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. M. How

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

Presider: God the Father, who created the world,
give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation. **Amen.**

God the Son, who redeemed the world,
inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole creation,
help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: CP #497 Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round

JOIN IN SINGING

Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round of circling planets singing on their way,
Guide of the nations from the night profound into the glory of the perfect day:
Rule in our hearts, that we may ever be guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.

We are of thee, the children of thy love, companions of thy well-beloved Son;
Descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove, into our hearts that we may be as one:
As one with thee, to whom we ever tend; as one with him, our pattern and our friend.

We would be one in hatred of all wrong, one in our love of all things sweet and fair,
One with the joy that rises into song, one with the grief that finds no voice in prayer,
One in the power that makes thy children free to follow truth, and thus to follow thee.

O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord, thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine;
Our inspiration be thy constant word; we ask no victories that are not thine:
Give us the shield of faith that we may be steadfast, attentive, firm in serving thee.

Dismissal

Postlude: I Will Sing of My Redeemer

arr. J.F. Wilson

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