

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

## The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 1st, 2023

10:30am Holy Eucharist

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*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:** I Love Thee

### Welcome & Announcements

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

**Opening Hymn: CP #323** Ye Holy Angels Bright  
Ye holy angels bright, who wait at God's right hand,  
Or through the realms of light fly at your Lord's command,  
Assist our song,  
Or else the theme too high doth seem for mortal tongue.

PLEASE STAND

Ye blessed souls at rest, who ran this earthly race,  
And now, from sin released, behold the Saviour's face,  
Your praises sound  
As in God's sight with sweet delight ye do abound.

Ye saints, who toil below, adore your heavenly King,  
And onward as ye go some joyful anthem sing;  
In God rejoice,  
And thus proclaim the holy name with sounding voice.

My soul, bear thou thy part, triumph in God above,  
And with a well-tuned heart sing thou the songs of love!  
Let all thy days  
Till life shall end, whate'er God send, be filled with praise.

### 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 17:1-7

PLEASE BE SEATED

*A Reading from the Book of Exodus.*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

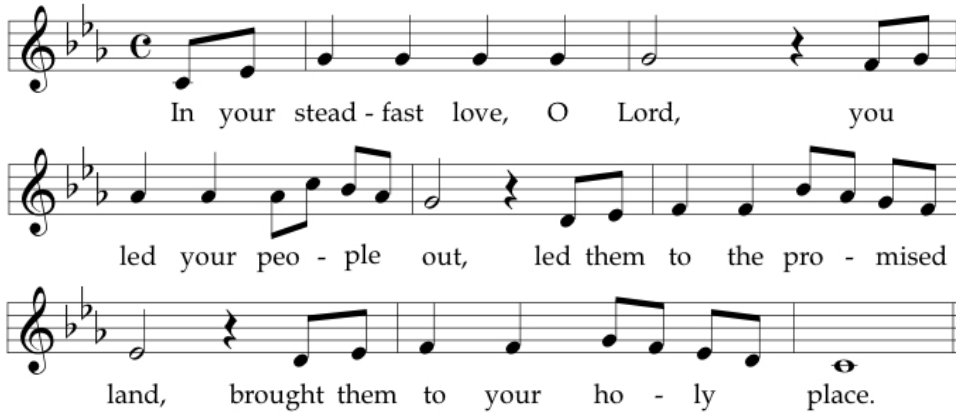
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)*

**Psalm 105:1-6**

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED



In your stead - fast love, O Lord, you  
led your peo - ple out, led them to the pro - mised  
land, brought them to your ho - ly place.

Israeli Folk Song

**Choir:** Hear my teaching, O my people; \* incline your ears to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in a parable; \* I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

**People:** **In your steadfast love, O Lord . . .**

**Choir:** That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, \* we will not hide from our children.  
We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \* and the wonderful works he has done.

**People:** **In your steadfast love, O Lord . . .**

**Choir:** He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, \* which he commanded them to teach their children;  
That the generations to come might know and the children yet unborn; \* that they in their turn might tell it to their children.

**People:** **In your steadfast love, O Lord . . .**

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:1-13

*A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Church in Philippi.*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

'Saranam, Saranam'  
Trad. Sri Lankan

## The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

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, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Sermon:** Rev. Janet

*(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 #384** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:

All ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,

Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:

Hast thou not seen how thy entreaties have been

Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;

Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,

If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,

Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,

Biddeth them cease, turneth their fury to peace,

Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord, who when darkness of sin is abounding,

Who when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,

Sheddeth his light, chaseth the horrors of night,

Saints with his mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!

Let the Amen sound from his people again:

Gladly for aye we adore him.



## The Lord's Prayer

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

Music by McNeil Robinson

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, Jesus Christ, our brother:  
Feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.**

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**

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*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:** God So Loved the World

B. Chilcott

**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 #577** God of Grace and God of Glory

JOIN IN SINGING

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;  
Now fulfil your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways.  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.



Cure your children's warring madness. Bend our pride to your control.  
Shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be  
Armoured with all Christ-like graces in the fight for liberty.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail ourselves and thee,  
Lest we fail ourselves and thee.

### **Dismissal**

**Postlude:** Now Thank We All Our God

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