

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

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 12th, 2023

10:30am Holy Eucharist

*The crèche (nursery) is downstairs and is available for use by parents of babies and toddlers.
Children are invited to head downstairs before the service for programming,
and will rejoin their caregivers during The Peace so they may participate together in Communion.*

Prelude: Claire de Lune (performed by Hector G.)

C. Debussy

Welcome & Announcements

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

National Anthem: O Canada

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
the True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada,
we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

*Ô Canada! Terre de nos aïeux,
Ton front est ceint de fleurons glorieux!
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,
il sait porter la croix!
Ton histoire est une épopée
des plus brillants exploits.
Et ta valeur, de foi trempée,
Protégera nos foyers et nos droits.
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In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

John McCrae, May 1915

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

The Last Post

The Silence

Reveille

The Calling of the Honour Roll

Act of Remembrance

**All: They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.**

A Prayer for Peace

Royal Anthem

God save our gracious King, long live our noble King,
God save the King:
Send him victorious, happy and glorious,
long to reign over us: God save the King.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

PLEASE BE SEATED

A Reading from the Book of Joshua.

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 78

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 . . .**

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: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Church in Thessalonica.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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 25:1-13

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, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon: Fr. Michelle

(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 #455 Dear God, Compassionate and Kind

Dear God, compassionate and kind, forgive our foolish ways.

Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find,

In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow thee!

O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity
Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff is for the Presider and the second and third are for the People. The lyrics are: Presider: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. 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.**

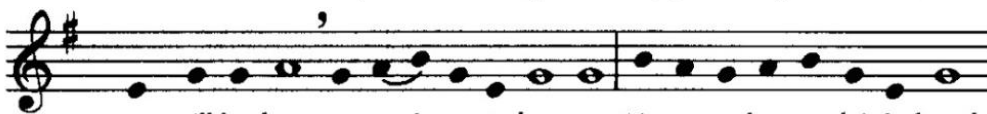
The Lord's Prayer

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

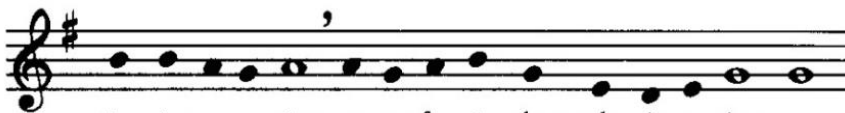
Music by McNeil Robinson



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

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: Abide with Me

J. Locke

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.

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: CP #330 O Praise Ye the Lord

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, all things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord re-echo around;
Loud organs, God's glory proclaim in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story of what God hath done.

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!

Dismissal

Postlude: Where'er You Walk

G.F. Handel

- We welcome Elias Doyle, trumpet, to today's service -

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