

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

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 19th, 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: Prayer

R. Vierne

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

Opening Hymn: CP #315 When the Morning Stars Together

PLEASE STAND

When the morning stars together their creator's glory sang,
And the angel host all shouted till with joy the heavens rang,
Then your wisdom and your greatness their exultant music told,
All the beauty and the splendour which your mighty works unfold.

When in synagogue and temple voices raised the psalmists'songs,
Offering the adoration which alone to you belongs;
When the singers and the cymbals with the trumpet made accord,
Glory filled the house of worship, and all knew your presence, Lord.

Voice and instrument, in union through the ages, spoke your praise.
Plainsong, tuneful hymns, and anthems told your faithful, gracious ways.
Choir and orchestra and organ each a sacred offering brought,
While, inspired by your own Spirit, poet and composer wrought.

Lord, we bring our gift of music; touch our lips and fire our hearts,
Teach our minds and train our senses, fit us for this sacred art.
Then with skill and consecration we would serve you, Lord, and give
All our powers to glorify you, and, in serving, fully live.

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

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

9 *p* Je - sus Christ, the Son of the Fath - er, *f* 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: Judges 4:1-7

PLEASE BE SEATED

A Reading from the Book of Judges.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Haroshethgoyim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

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: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, * for his mercy endures for ever.
Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord, * or show forth all his praise?

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

Choir: Happy are those who act with justice, * and always do what is right.
Remember me, O Lord, with the favour you have for your people, * and visit me with your saving help.

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

Choir: That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad in the gladness of your people, * that I may
glory with your inheritance.
We have sinned as our forbears did; * we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

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

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 25:14-30

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 it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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, "Open our hearts and mind, O Lord," with the response, "to understand your love."

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 #108 Hark, a Herald Voice is Sounding

Hark, a herald voice is sounding: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say.

"Cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day!"

Wakened by the solemn warning, let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us all, with deep repentance, pray that we may be forgiven,

That when next he comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear,
With his mercy he may shield us, and with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son,
With the everlasting Spirit, while eternal ages run.

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 for the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The third staff continues the Presider's part with the lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The final line of lyrics, "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise", is written below the third staff without a corresponding musical line.

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!**

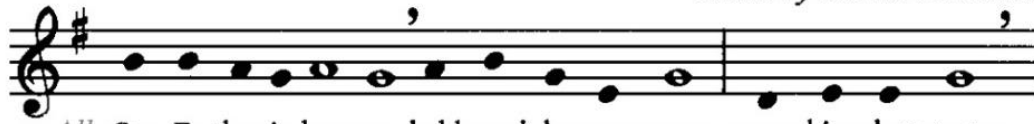
*The Presiding Celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer,
 and at the elevation of the bread and cup, we sing verse 5 of the Sanctus:*

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

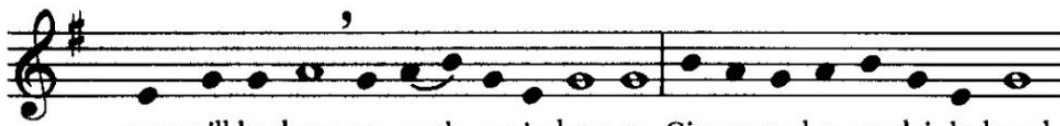
The Lord's Prayer

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

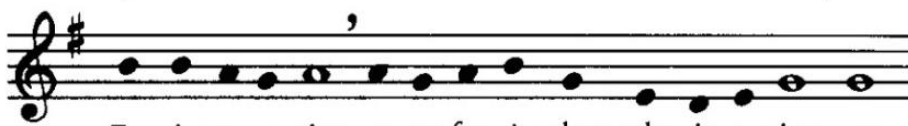
Music by McNeil Robinson



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 - 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.**

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: Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

J. Hilton

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

Closing Hymn: CP #375 At the Name of Jesus

JOIN IN SINGING

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'Tis his Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last, brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death, but with awe and wonder, and with bated breath;
He is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord, ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true;
Crown him as your Saviour in temptation's hour; let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory, with his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Dismissal

Postlude: Fantasia 'Adoro Te Devote'

A-P-F. Boëly

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