

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

The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 7th, 2024

10:30am Holy Eucharist

The crèche (nursery) is downstairs and is available for use by parents of babies and toddlers.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

Hymn: #162 Sing of God Made Manifest

PLEASE STAND

Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,
To whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,
Magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound:
Myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold.

Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do."
Then from heaven a double sign--dove-like Spirit, voice divine--
Hailed the true Anointed One: "This is my beloved Son."

Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding-guest
And at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;
Further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed,
Bringing light and life to all who would listen to God's call.

Sing of God made manifest on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,
Where both voice and vision waned until Christ alone remained:
Glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, given as Jesus set his face
Towards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

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.**

Gloria

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

Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

PLEASE BE SEATED

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 85

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord - I will re -
joice, come to God, do not be a - afraid. Lift up your
voi - ces, the Lord is near; lift up a voi - ces, the Lord is near

Music: J. Berthier
Taizé Community
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Choir: Show us your mercy, O Lord, * and grant us your salvation.
I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, * for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

People: **In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice**
Come to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Choir: Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * that his glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth have met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

People: **In the Lord I'll ever be thankful . . .**

Choir: Truth shall spring up from the earth, * and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, * and our land will yield its increase.

People: **In the Lord I'll ever be thankful . . .**

Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied - altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff is for the Cantor, with lyrics: "1. Hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le, ha-le-lu-jah!". The second staff is for the Cantor, with lyrics: "Hal-le-lu-jah, ha-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah!". The third staff is for the People, with lyrics: "Hal-le-lu-jah, ha-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah! repeat v.".

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after

me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon: The Rev'd Janet Sidey

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

The Baptismal Covenant

PLEASE STAND

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **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.**

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

The Prayers of the People

PLEASE KNEEL OR STAND AS YOU PREFER

Please respond to the petition, "Come, O come," with the response, "let us walk in the light of the Lord."

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#155 From East to West, from Shore to Shore

From east to west, from shore to shore, let every heart awake and sing
The holy child whom Mary bore, the Christ, the everlasting King.

Behold! The world's creator wears the form and fashion of a slave;
Our very flesh our Maker shares, his fallen creature now to save.

For this how wondrously he wrought! A maiden, in her lowly place,
Became, in ways beyond all thought, the chosen vessel of his grace.

Assenting to the angel's word, she chose what God the Spirit willed,
And suddenly the promised Lord that pure and hallowed temple filled.

He shrank not from the oxen's stall, he lay within the manger bed,
And he whose bounty feeds us all at Mary's breast himself was fed.

And while the angels in the sky sang praise above the silent field,
To shepherds poor the Lord most high, the one great Shepherd, was revealed.

All glory for this blessed morn to God, the source of all, is due;
All praise to you, O Virgin-born; all praise, O Holy Ghost, to you.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: 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."

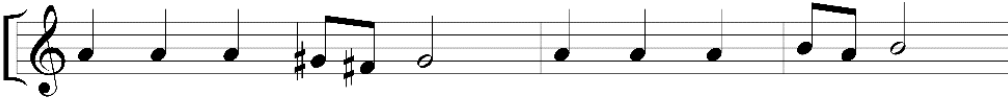
We then sing verses 1-2 of the Sanctus as follows:



1. Lord God of pow'r and might, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 2. Bless - ed is he who comes, comes in the name of God,
 3&4. (below)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!



Your glo - ry fills the heav'n, your glo - ry fills the earth,
 Ho - san - na ev - er - more, ho - san - na ev - er - more,
 3. Glo - ry to you, O Lord, glo - ry for ev - er - more!
 4. Glo - ry to you, O Lord, glo - ry for ev - er - more!



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 Glo ry, glo - ry, Glo - ry to you!
 A - men, A - men, A - men.

The Presiding Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

After the words over the cup and the elevation of the chalice, we sing verse 3 of the Sanctus:

People: (verse 3) **Glory to you, O Lord; glory for evermore!**
Glory, glory, glory to you!

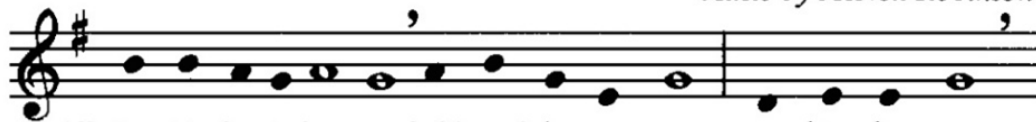
*The Presiding Celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer,
 and at the elevation of the bread and cup, we sing verse 4 of the Sanctus:*

People: (verse 4) **Glory to you, O Lord; glory for evermore!**
Amen, amen, amen.

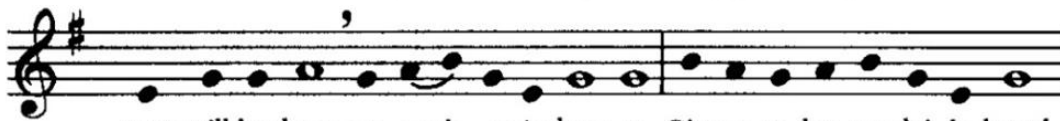
The Lord's Prayer

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

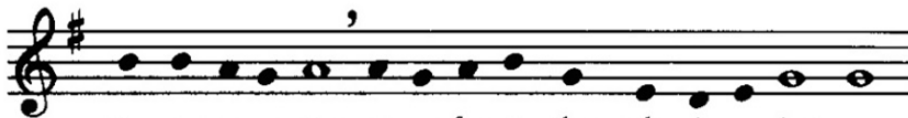
Music by McNeil Robinson



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 #6

Presider: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

Song for the Breaking of Bread

Sing 5 times:

Ha-py are those who are called to the sup - per of the Lamb;
Al - le - lu - - - ia! ia, A - men!

*Music: D. Cowling
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Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

All: Happy are those . . .

Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

All: Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb; alleluia!

Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Grant us peace.

All: Happy are those . . .

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: A New Year Carol

B. Britten

Prayer after Communion

PLEASE STAND

The Doxology

Presider: Glory to God,

All: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: CP #150 On This Day Earth Shall Ring
On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing
to the Lord, Christ our king,
Born on earth to save us; him the Father gave us.
Id-e-o-o-o, Id-e-o-o-o,
Id-e-o gloria in excelsis Deo!

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came down to earth
Bethlehem saw his birth;
Ox and ass beside him from the cold would hide him. *Refrain.*

God's bright star, o'er his head, wise men three to him led;
Kneel they low by his bed,
Lay their gifts before him, praise him and adore him. *Refrain.*

On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring,
Praising Christ, heaven's king,
Born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us. *Refrain.*

Dismissal

Postlude

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