

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

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 28th, 2024

10:30am Holy Eucharist

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

Prelude: Prelude on "Old 124th"

H. Willan

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

Hymn: #486 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

PLEASE STAND

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and 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: Song of Creation (Benedicite Omnia Opera)



1. All you works of the Lord glo-ri - fy the Lord,
2. All you ang - els of God glo-ri - fy the Lord,
3. Let the earth bless the Lord, glo-ri - fy the Lord,
4. Let the peo - ple of God glo-ri - fy the Lord,
5. God - the Fa - ther, we sing: glo-ri - fy the Lord,



In the fir - ma - ment, glo-ri - fy the Lord
Sun and moon and stars glo-ri - fy the Lord,
All you beasts of the wild glo-ri - fy the Lord,
All you ser - vants of God glo-ri - fy the Lord,
God the Son, we - ex - alt: glo-ri - fy the Lord,



Praise and mag - ni - fy, glo - ry fy the
Night and day bless the Lord, glo - ri - fy the
All you birds of the air glo - ri - fy the
All you hum - ble of heart glo - ri - fy the
God the Spi - rit, we praise: glo - ri - fy the



Lord, glo-ri - fy the Lord.
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Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

PLEASE BE SEATED

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak - that prophet shall die."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 111:1-6

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

There is one Lord, one faith, one bap - ti - sm;
 There is one God who is Fath - er of all.

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Choir: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart in the assembly of the upright.
Great are the deeds of the Lord! They are studied by all who delight in them.

People: **There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
There is one God who is Father of all.**

Choir: His work is full of majesty, of splendour, and his righteousness endures for ever.
He makes his marvellous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

People: **There is one Lord . . .**

Choir: He gives food to those, to those who fear him; he is mindful of his covenant.
He has shown his people his works in giving them the lands of the nations.

People: **There is one Lord . . .**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth - as in fact there are many gods and many lords - yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND

1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al -
2. Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ! Glo - ry to you, Lord
3. Praise be to you, Lord Je - sus Christ! Praise be to you, Lord

le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al -
Je - sus Christ! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al -
Je - sus Christ! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al -

le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

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.**

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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.)

Affirmation of Faith (Iona Community)

PLEASE STAND

Presider: As we stand, I invite those who would like to make a profession of Christian faith to join with me in these words from the Iona Community:

People: **We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of the one God, Maker and Sustainer of earth, sea, and sky. Born of Mary's womb, faithful to the God of Abraham and Sarah, Jesus healed the sick, served the poor, and proclaimed heaven on earth. Condemned by the religious, crucified by the state, he died but transformed even death and rose to life everlasting. He blessed the disciples with His Holy Spirit**

and sent them forth, east and west, north and south. We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another as brothers and sisters and to His mission in the world. In the grace of the Holy Spirit. 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, "Lord, in your mercy," with the response, "hear our prayer."

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. 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.

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 acclaims the life-giving power of God in the story of salvation and calls on us to join all creation in the song of the angels. We then sing verses 1-3 of the Sanctus following:

(Sing in harmony)

1. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God of pow'r and might!
2. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Glo - ry fills the heav'n and earth!
3. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Bless - ed is he who comes
4. Glo-ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!
5. Glo-ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Ho-san - na in the high - est!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Ho-san - na in the high - est!
in the name of the Lord, Ho-san - na in the high - est!
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Ho-san - na in the high - est!
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! A - men, A - men!

The Presiding Celebrant recounts God's continuing love in the history of humanity and in the sending of his son, Jesus Christ. We join Jesus as he celebrates his Last Supper and acclaim his giving of himself in the gifts of bread and wine. After the words over the cup and the elevation of the chalice we sing the following:

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

The Presiding Celebrant calls on the Holy Spirit to bless the gifts and strengthen us until we come to share the joys of eternity. We praise God's endless love and at the elevation of the bread and cup we sing the following:

People: *(verse 5)* **Glory, glory, glory! Glory be to you, O Lord!
Glory, glory, glory! Amen, Amen!**

The Breaking of the Bread #1

Presider: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All: **Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

Song for the Breaking of Bread

1,2. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
mer - cy on us. 3. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

PLEASE BE SEATED

*All who seek God in Christ are welcome to receive the sacrament of holy communion.
If you would prefer a blessing, simply fold your arms across your chest to indicate this.
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

Music During Communion

Love and Charity (Ubi Caritas)

(Choir sings refrain; People repeat)

Love and cha - ri - ty are gather - ed here.
Love and cha - ri - ty, Christ our Lord is here.

Choir: Your love, O Jesus Christ, has gathered us together.

People: **Love and charity are gathered here.**
Love and charity, Christ our Lord is here.

Choir: Your love, O Jesus Christ, be foremost in our lives.

People: **Love and charity . . .**

Choir: Let us love one another as God has loved us.

People: **Love and charity . . .**

Choir: Let us be one together in the one bread of Christ.

People: **Love and charity . . .**

Choir: The love of God in Jesus Christ bears eternal joy.

People: **Love and charity . . .**

Choir: God's love in Jesus Christ will never have an end.

People: **Love and charity are gathered here.**
Love and charity, Christ our Lord is here.

God Be in My Head
Lead Me, Lord

C.A. Gibbs
S.S. Wesley

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 #631 The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
The captives are freed, the sinners find place.
The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share,
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
Our crisis of judgement for gain and for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
And all things cry "Glory!" to God All-in-All.

Dismissal

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in C-

J.S. Bach

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