

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

The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

Sunday, February 4th, 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: #599 Awake! Awake! Fling Off the Night (*Tune: Duke Street*)

PLEASE STAND

Awake! Awake! Fling off the night, for God has sent a glorious light,
And we who live in Christ's new day must work of darkness put away.

Awake and sing, with praises strong, in psalm and hymn and spirit-song.
Let love our words and works renew with all that's good and right and true.

Let in the light; all sin expose to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.
Before the cross expectant kneel, that Christ may judge, and judging, heal.

Then rise as children of the light. Be neither proud, nor hide from sight.
Be careful how you live, and wise to sift the truth from cunning lies.

Through Christ give thanks to God, and say to other sleepers on the way:
"Awake, and rise up from the dead that Christ may shine on you instead!"

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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Music: J. Berthier
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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: Malachi 3:1-4

PLEASE BE SEATED

A Reading from the Book of Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 84:1-7 (Tune: Eventide)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord!
My soul longs to be present in your courts.
With joy I sing to you with heart and flesh,
To you, O living God of power and might.

Even the sparrow finds a place to nest
And swallows find a place to lay their young
Near to your altars, Lord, my King and God.
Blest they who dwell in your house, singing praise.

Blesséd are they whose strength is found in you,
Your pilgrim people trav'ling to your house.
They make the wasteland burst with springs and rain.
They grow in strength as they see God in Zion.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrew Church.

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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: Luke 2:22-40

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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

Prisider: 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#381 Praise, My Soul

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.

Alleluia, alleluia, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour to our forebears in distress;

Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;

Alleluia, alleluia, glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;

In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes:

Alleluia, alleluia, widely as his mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish; blows the wind and it is gone;

But, while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on:

Alleluia, alleluia, praise the high eternal one.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;

Sun and moon bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.

Alleluia, alleluia, praise with us the God of grace.

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

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*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.

Let Us with Gladsome Mind
God Be in My Head

A. Ridout
J. Rutter

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 #315 When the Morning Stars Together
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.

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

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.

Dismissal

Postlude: Fugue in Eb+ (St. Anne's)

J.S. Bach

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