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

The Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 25th, 2024 10:30am Holy Eucharist

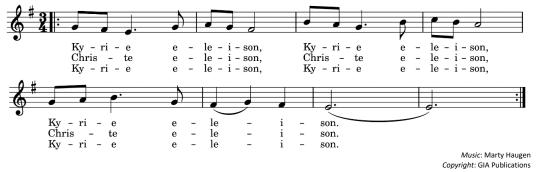
The crèche (nursery) is downstairs and is available for use by parents of babies and toddlers.

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Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)



Choir:Lord Jesus, you help us take up our cross in joy to follow your journey.All:Christe eleison . . .

Choir: You come now in word and sacrament to strengthen us on our journey.

All: Kyrie eleison . . .

The Apostolic Greeting

- 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: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
- People: God's mercy endures for ever.

Invitation to Confession and Absolution

Lent is the season for sober reflection on the ways in which we fall short of God's ideal for us. As such, it is customary to begin our worship with a penitent heart.

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to God's table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

PLEASE STAND

PLEASE KNEEL AS YOU ARE ABLE

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.**

Hymn: #179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (vv. 1, 2, 6c) During this hymn, we are sprinkled with water as a symbol of God's forgiveness and our new life in Christ. PLEASE STAND

Tree of Life and awesome mystery, in your death we are reborn; Though you die in all of history, still you rise with every morn, Still you rise with every morn.

Seed that dies to rise in glory, may we see ourselves in you; If we learn to live your story we may die to rise anew, We may die to rise anew.

In our call to be a blessing, may we be a blessing true; May we live and die confessing Christ as Lord of all we do, Christ as Lord of all we do.

Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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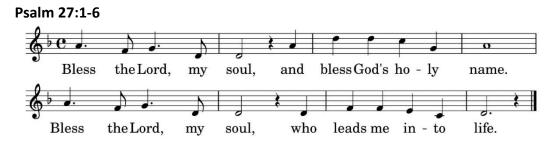
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A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)



Choir: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. People: Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life. Choir: Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid; And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him. People: Bless the Lord, my soul . . . Choir: One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. People: Bless the Lord, my soul . . .

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Rome.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation: We Are Not Alone (P. Choplin)

The Holy Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

- 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.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my

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words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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.)

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#375 At the Name of Jesus 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.

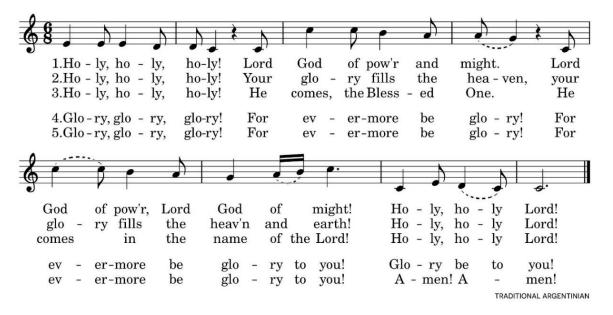
Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again, With his Father's glory, with his angel train; For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, And our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer					
Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.				
People:	And also with you.				
Celebrant: People:	Lift up your hearts. 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:



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! Forevermore be glory! Forevermore be glory to you! Glory be to you!

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! Forevermore be glory! Forevermore be glory to you! Amen, amen!

The Breaking of the Bread #7

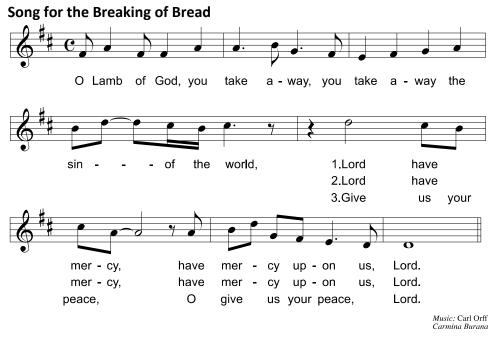
Presider: We break this bread,

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Presider: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him;

if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.



Presider:	The gifts of God for the people of God.
People:	Thanks be to God.

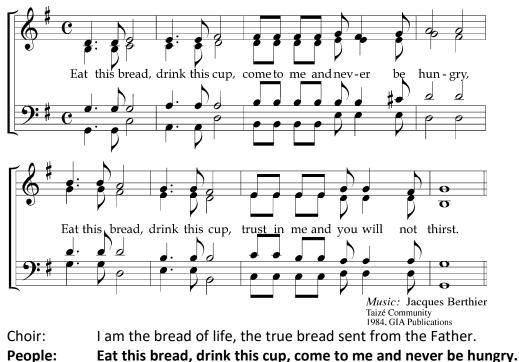
The Communion

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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

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup (CP #63)



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Choir: Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the bread come down from heaven.People: Eat this bread, drink this cup . . .

	Choir: People:	Eat my flesh and drink my blood, and I will raise you up on the last day. Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.	
	Choir: People:	Anyone who eats this bread, will live forever. Eat this bread, drink this cup	
	Choir: People:	If you believe and eat this bread, you will have eternal life. Eat this bread, drink this cup	
	Like as the Hart		N. Rawsthorne
Pr	ayer after Co	mmunion	PLEASE STAND

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #537 In the Cross of Christ I Glory In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, Never shall the cross forsake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way, From the cross the radiance streaming adds more lustre to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

Dismissal

In the spirit of Lent, you are invited to take time for silent reflection and prayer before departing

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