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

The Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 3rd, 2024 10:30am Holy Eucharist

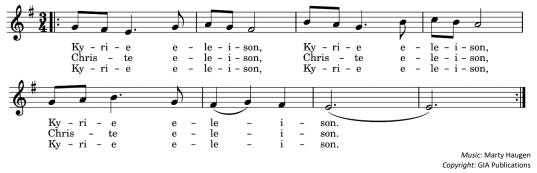
The crèche (nursery) is downstairs and is available for use by parents of babies and toddlers.

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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 give your laws to guide us as we 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, 3, 6d) 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.

We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and word; Every person lost and broken wears the body of our Lord, Wears the body of our Lord.

Living Water of salvation, be the fountain of each soul; Springing up in new creation, flow in us and make us whole, Flow in us and make us whole.

Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

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A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

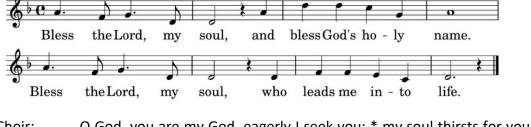
God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED



Choir: O God, you are my God, eagerly I seek you; * my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, * that I might behold your power and your glory. People: Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Choir: For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; * my lips shall give you praise.
So will I bless you as long as I live * and lift up my hands in your Name.
People: Bless the Lord, my soul . . .

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Psalm 63:1-4

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

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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: John 2:13-22

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The people then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The people then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE STAND

PLEASE BE SEATED

(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 #401 My Life Flows On in Endless Song My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation. I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing; it sounds and echoes in my soul; how can I keep from singing? *Refrain*.

What though the tempest 'round me roar, I hear the truth it liveth. What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth. *Refrain*.

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells ringing; when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing? *Refrain*.

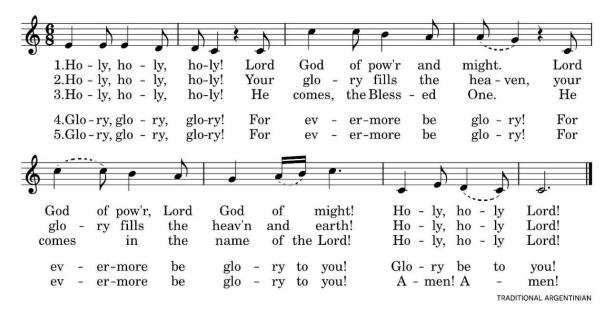
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing. All things are mine since I am his; how can I keep from singing? *Refrain*.

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:



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!

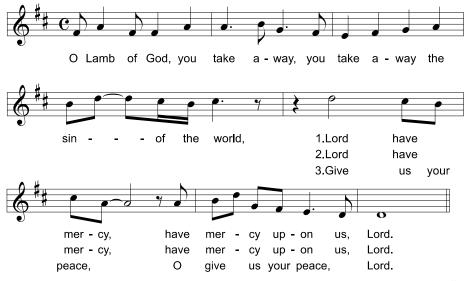
The Breaking of the Bread #7

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.

Song for the Breaking of Bread



Music: Carl Orff Carmina Burana Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

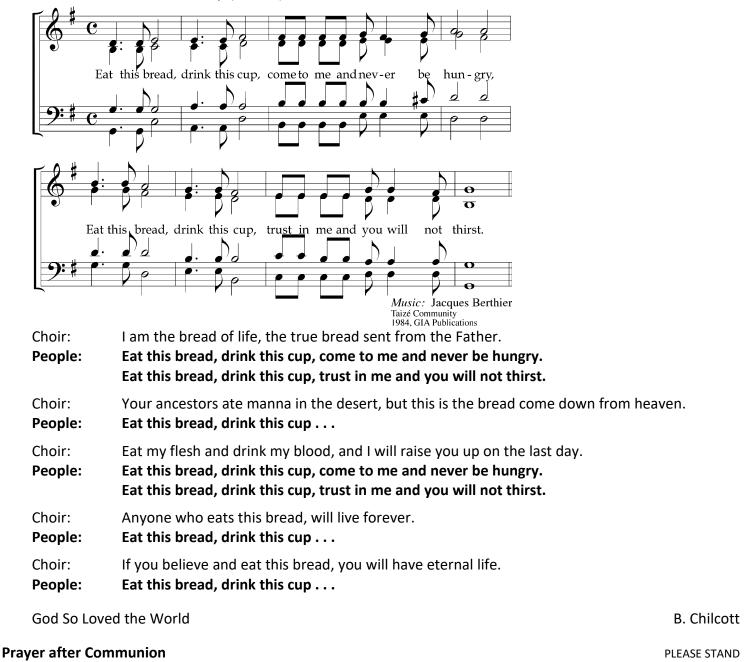
The Communion

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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)



The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #177 A Spendthrift Lover is the Lord A spendthrift lover is the Lord who never counts the cost or asks if heaven can afford to woo a world that's lost. Our lover tosses coins of gold across the midnight skies and stokes the sun against the cold to warm us when we rise.

Still more is spent in blood and tears to win the human heart, to overcome the violent fears that drive the world apart. Behold the bruised and thorn-crowned face of one who bears our scars and empties out the wealth of grace that's hinted by the stars.

How shall we love this heart-strong God who gives us everything, whose ways to us are strange and odd; what can we give or bring? Acceptance of the matchless gift is gift enough to give. The very act will shake and shift the way we love and live.

Dismissal

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

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