

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

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 10th, 2024

10:30am Holy Eucharist

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

- FULL TEXT VERSION OF LEAFLET -

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)

PLEASE STAND

1. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,
2. Chris - te e - le - i - son, Chris - te e - le - i - son,
3. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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Choir: Lord Jesus, you give us light in the darkness, light to guide on 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

PLEASE KNEEL AS YOU ARE ABLE

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.

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.**

Prsider: 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, 4, 6e)

PLEASE STAND

During this hymn, we are sprinkled with water as a symbol of God's forgiveness and our new life in Christ.

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.

Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit, come inflame our hearts anew.
We may all your joy inherit if we bear the cross with you,
If we bear the cross with you.

Give us eyes to see you clearly; make us children of your light.
Give us hearts to live more nearly as your gospel shining bright,
As your gospel shining bright.

Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

PLEASE BE SEATED

A Reading from the Book of Numbers.

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

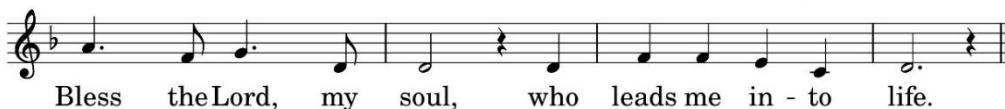
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 32:1-6

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED



Choir: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, * and whose sin is put away!
Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!

**People: Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

Choir: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

People: Bless the Lord, my soul . . .

Choir: Great are the tribulations of the wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

People: Bless the Lord, my soul . . .

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

PLEASE BE SEATED

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

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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)

PLEASE STAND

The Holy Gospel: John 3:14-21

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.

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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 #628 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
O love, how deep, how broad, how high! It fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.

God sent no angel to our race, of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame for us, and to this lost world came.

For us he was baptized, and bore his holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us his daily works he wrought;
by words and signs, and actions, thus still seeking not himself but us.

For us by wickedness betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death; for us at length gave up his breath.

For us he rose from death again, for us he went on high to reign,
for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

To God whose boundless love has won salvation for us through the Son,
to God the Father, glory be both now and through eternity.

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 acclaim 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:



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God of pow'r and might. Lord
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Your glo - ry fills the hea - ven, your
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! He comes, the Bless - ed One. He
 4. Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! For ev - er - more be glo - ry! For
 5. Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! For ev - er - more be glo - ry! For



God of pow'r, Lord God of might! Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 glo - ry fills the heav'n and earth! Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 ev - er - more be glo - ry to you! Glo - ry be to you!
 ev - er - more be glo - ry to you! A - men! A - men!

TRADITIONAL ARGENTINIAN

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



O Lamb of God, you take a - way, you take a - way the



sin - - - of the world, 1.Lord have
 2.Lord have
 3.Give us your



mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us, Lord.
 mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us, Lord.
 peace, O give us your peace, Lord.

Music: Carl Orff
 Carmina Burana

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

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

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp) and common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry, Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst." The music is in a 4/4 time signature.

*Music: Jacques Berthier
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Choir: I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father.

People: **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: Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the bread come down from heaven.

People: **Eat this bread, drink this cup . . .**

Choir: Eat my flesh and drink my blood, and I will raise you up on the last day.

People: **Eat this bread, drink this cup . . .**

Choir: Anyone who eats this bread, will live forever.

People: **Eat this bread, drink this cup . . .**

Choir: If you believe and eat this bread, you will have eternal life.

People: **Eat this bread, drink this cup . . .**

Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

R. Farrant

Prayer after Communion

PLEASE STAND

Polychronia ("Many Years")

(Tune: Tallis' Canon)

Celebrant: Let us call down God's blessing:

All: **God give you many, many years to thank him for his blessings here.
And many, many, many more to pray God still his grace to pour.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #506 Lord of All Hopefulness
Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Dismissal

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

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