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

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 17th, 2024 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

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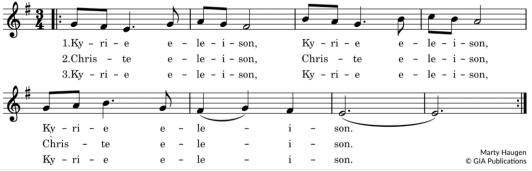
Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)

PLEASE STAND



Music: Marty Haugen Copyright: GIA Publications

Choir: Lord Jesus, you plant a grain in the desert, food to nourish 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.

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, 5, 6f)

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.

Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may be; One with you in joy and sorrow, we the river, you the sea, We the river, you the sea.

God of all our fear and sorrow, God who lives beyond our death, Hold us close through each tomorrow, love as near as every breath, Love as near as every breath.

Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

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A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

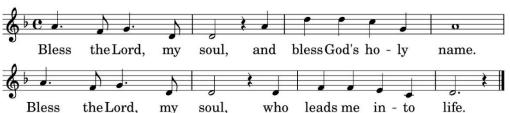
The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)



PLEASE REMAIN SEATED



Choir: Unless the Lord builds the house, their labour is in vain who build it.

Unless the Lord watches over the city, in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.

People: Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Choir: It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; vain, too, to eat the bread of toil, for he gives

to his beloved sleep.

Children are a heritage from the Lord and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

People: Bless the Lord, my soul . . .

Choir: Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.

Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! He shall not be put to shame when he contends

with his enemies in the gate.

People: Bless the Lord, my soul . . .

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

PLEASE BE SEATED

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrew Church.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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 12:20-33

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.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Rev'd Janet

(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 #520 The King of Love My Shepherd Is The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, And on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; And O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever!

Prayer Over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

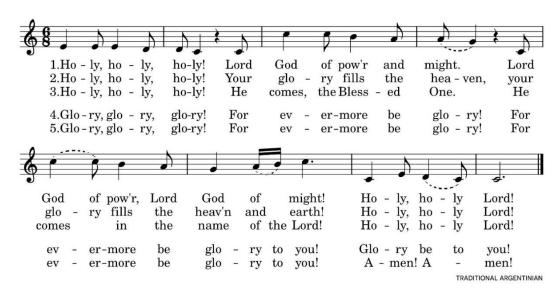
Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

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! Forevermore be glory!

Forevermore be glory to you! Amen, amen!

The Breaking of the Bread #7

Presider: We break this bread,

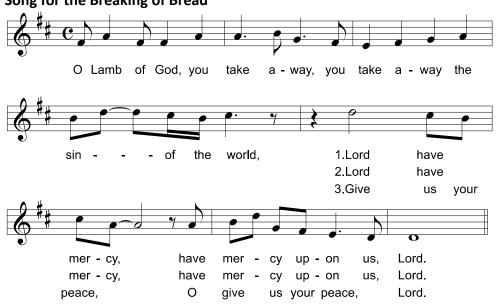
All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

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.

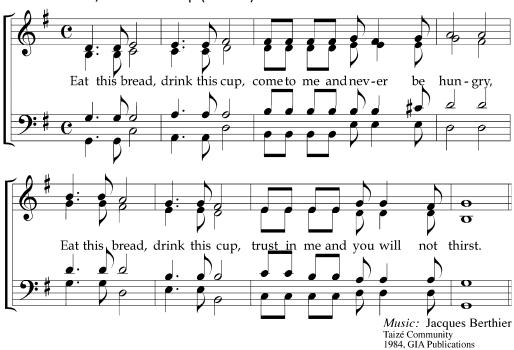
The Communion PLEASE BE SEATED

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)



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 . . .

How Can I Keep from Singing

arr. R. Walters

Prayer after Communion

PLEASE STAND

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #174 Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church Eternal Lord of love, behold your church Walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent, Led by your cloud by day, by night your fire, Moved by your love and toward your presence bent: Far off yet here--the goal of all desire.

So daily dying to the way of self, So daily living to your way of love, We walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod, Knowing ourselves baptized into your death: So we are dead and live with you in God.

If dead in you, so in you we arise, You the first-born of all the faithful dead; And as through stony ground the green shoots break, Glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flower, So in the Father's glory shall we wake.

Dismissal

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

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