

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

The Patronal Festival of St. George

(The Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Sunday, April 21st, 2024

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

- FULL TEXT VERSION OF LEAFLET -

Prelude: The Lord Is My Shepherd

R. DeBruyn

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God.

Processional Hymn: When in Our Music God Is Glorified *(Tune: Engelberg)*

PLEASE STAND

When in our music God is glorified,
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found
A new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!

So has the Church, in liturgy and song,
In faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue, Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a Psalm that night
When utmost evil strove against the Light?
Then let us sing, for whom He won the fight: Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

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Music: Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

The Easter Greeting

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

(repeat three times, each time louder!)

Presider: May his grace and peace be with you!

People: May he fill our hearts with joy!

Song of Praise: Gloria (*Tune: Easter Hymn*)

Glory be to God, we sing, Alleluia! Peace on earth to all you bring; Alleluia!
Worship, thanks and glory be, Alleluia! To our God eternally, Alleluia!

Lamb of God, to you we pray, Alleluia! Hear and take our sins away; Alleluia!
You are seated high above, Alleluia! Hear our prayer, O Lord of love. Alleluia!

Glory to the Holy One, Alleluia! You Most High upon your throne; Alleluia!
Jesus Christ the risen Lord, Alleluia! And the Spirit we adore. Alleluia!

The Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

PLEASE BE SEATED

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 23 (*Tune: Eventide*)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

The Lord's my Shepherd; I have all I need; He makes me lie down in the pastures green.
Beside still waters, He does gently lead; restores my soul when I upon Him lean.

He guides me in the paths of righteousness; For His name's sake, gives guidance unto me.
Yea, though I walk through paths of darkest death, I fear no evil, for You are with me.

Your rod and staff give comfort unto me. You serve a feast in presence of my foes;
My head anoint with oil for all to see; my heart is full, and my cup overflows.

Surely Your goodness, and Your mercy, Lord, will follow me for all my days and more;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord, dwell in His house and presence evermore.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just

as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND



Al - le - lui - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Je - sus is ri - sen from the dead! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: *(sung)* Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: *(sung)* Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

Sermon: Fr. Andrew

(After the sermon, please keep a period of silence for reflection.)

Affirmation of Faith: The Baptismal Covenant

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 our baptismal covenant.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People: I will, with God's help.

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 "Let us pray to the Lord," with the response, "Hear us, Lord of Glory."

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 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: #520 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

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.**

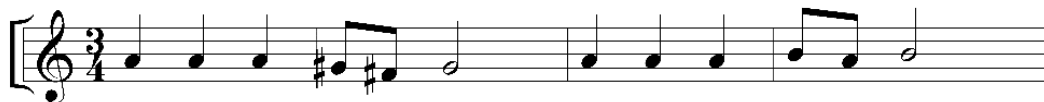
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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 1-2 of the Sanctus following:



1. Lord God of pow'r and might, Lord God of pow'r and might,
2. Bless - ed is he who comes, comes in the name of God,
3&4. (below)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!



Your glo - ry fills the heav'n, your glo - ry fills the earth,
Ho - san - na ev - er - more, ho - san - na ev - er - more,
3. Glo - ry to you, O Lord, glo - ry for ev - er - more!
4. Glo - ry to you, O Lord, glo - ry for ev - er - more!



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
Glo - ry, glo - ry, Glo - ry to you!
A - men, 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 3) **Glory to you, O Lord; glory for evermore!**
Glory, glory, glory 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 4) **Glory to you, O Lord; glory for evermore!**
Amen, amen, amen!

The Breaking of the Bread #8

Presider: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Presider: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Presider: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Song for the Breaking of Bread

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the
break-ing of the bread, One bo - dy are we, Lord
Je - sus, for through ma - ny we all are one.

URSULA & DIETER TRAUTWEIN (ARR.)

Choir: The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion in the body of Christ.
One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

People: Be known to us, Lord Jesus . . .

Choir: All who eat of this bread, alleluia, will live for evermore.
This is the true bread, alleluia, which has come to us from heav'n.

People: Be known to us, Lord Jesus . . .

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

Let Us Be Bread

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, bro-ken and shared,
life for the world. Let us be wine, love free-ly poured.
Let us be one in the Lord.

Thomas J. Porter
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Choir: I am the bread of life, broken for all. Eat now and hunger no more.

**All: Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured. Let us be one in the Lord.**

Choir: You are my friends if you keep my commands, no longer servants but friends.

All: Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.

Let us be wine, love freely poured. Let us be one in the Lord.

Come, Let Us to the Lord Our God

Psalm 23

H. Goodall

Prayer after Communion

PLEASE STAND

Doxology

Presider: Glory to God,

People: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing and Exchange of Wedding Rings for Anne & Peter Rach

Easter Blessing

Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People: Alleluia!

Presider: May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. **Alleluia!**

May God who has brought us out of bondage into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Alleluia!**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: The Risen Christ *(Tune: Woodlands)*

JOIN IN SINGING

The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet
from garden tomb through darkened city street,
Unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,
And speaks a word of peace to all who hear.

The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,
Breathes out his Spirit on them to abide
Whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe,
New grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.

The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand
The bread for those who fail to understand,
Reveals himself, despite their lingering tears,
Enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.

May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand
With the oppressed in this and every land,
Till all are blessed and can a blessing be,
Restored in Christ to true humanity.

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Music: Walter Greatorex, 1916.

Dismissal

Presider: Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Postlude: Lift Up Your Songs of Praise

C. C. Saint-Saëns

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