

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

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

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**Prelude:** Sunday Morning Processional

R. Pantcheff

### Welcome & Announcements

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

**Processional Hymn:** I Come with Joy

PLEASE STAND

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,  
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,  
In love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread,  
In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends,  
And strangers now are friends.

The spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,  
Is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,  
Alive among us here.

Together met, together bound, by all that God has done,  
We'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,  
The love that makes us one.

### 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 8:26-40

PLEASE BE SEATED

*A Reading from the Book of Acts.*

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)*

**Psalm 22** (*Tune: Land of Rest - 60*)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

For He did not despise nor scorn th'afflicted's suffering;  
Nor hid His face from him, but heard the cry which he did bring.

Within the congregation great, my praise shall be of Thee;  
Before all those who fear You, I'll fulfill my vows to Thee.

The poor shall eat, and shall be filled; those seeking God will give  
praise to the Lord; all you who seek—may your hearts ever live!

And all the ends of earth shall turn, remembering the Lord;  
All fam'lies of the nations will bow down and praise accord.

For all dominion far and near belongs to Him alone.  
The Lord rules over nations all, from His almighty throne.

The rich of earth will worship Him, all who to dust descend;  
And all shall kneel—none of them can their soul from death defend.

Descendants, then, will all serve Him—the children yet to be;  
They will be told about the Lord, future posterity.

**Second Reading:** 1 John 4:7-21

*A Reading from the First Letter of John.*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

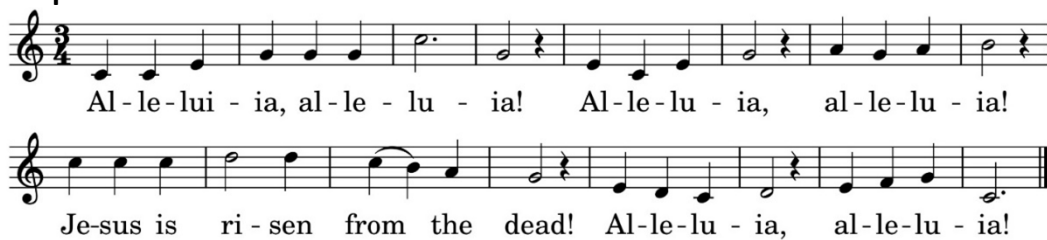
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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 15:1-8**

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!**

**Glorify to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

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

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

Sermon: Rev'd Janet

*(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: #482** Come and Journey with a Saviour

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

Come and journey with a Saviour who has called us from our birth,  
who has washed us in the waters, and who loved us on the earth.  
*Come and journey, come and journey with a Saviour who has come.  
We are all God's sons and daughters; in the Spirit we are one.*

Come and journey, journey inward, come and seek him deep within,  
where he meets us in our living, in our striving and our sin. *Refrain.*

Come and journey, journey outward, telling others of his name,  
telling others of his glory, of his cross and of the shame. *Refrain.*

Come and journey, journey outward, where that cross calls us to care,  
 where injustice and where hunger and the poor call us to share.  
*Come and journey, come and journey with a Saviour who has come.*  
*We are all God's sons and daughters; in the Spirit we are one.*

Come and journey, journey upward. Sing his praises, offer prayer.  
 In the storm and in the stillness find his presence everywhere. *Refrain.*

Come and journey, journey onward; all our gifts we now shall bring  
 to the building of a city that is holy, Christ its King. *Refrain.*

**Prayer Over the Gifts**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

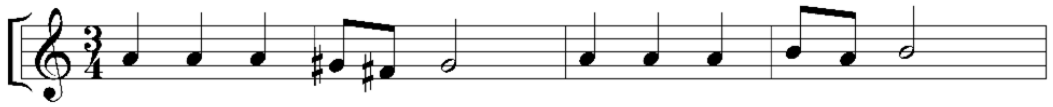
**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**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 1-2 of the Sanctus following:*



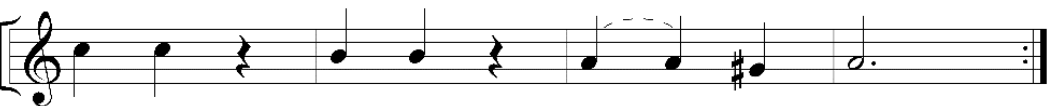
1. Lord God of pow'r and might, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 2. Bless - ed is he who comes, comes in the name of God,  
 3&4. (below)



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, broken and shared,  
life for the world. Let us be wine, love freely poured.  
Let us be one in the Lord.

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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 . . .**

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

**All: Let us be bread . . .**

Incline Thine Ear to Me

F. H. Himmel

## 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.**

### 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: CP #425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

JOIN IN SINGING

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
Stars and angels sing around thee, centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father and our Mother, all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

**Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude:** Carillon

H. Murrill

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