

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

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 5th, 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: Pïeds-en-l'air from 'Capriol Suite'

P. Warlock

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

Processional Hymn: #645 Come Down, O Love Divine

PLEASE STAND

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace, till they become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

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 10:44-48

PLEASE BE SEATED

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 98 (*Tune: St. Anne - 528*)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

Sing to the Lord a joyful song, for He has done great things;
His right hand and His holy arm salvation to us bring.

The Lord's salvation is made known, the nations see it well.
He has recalled His faithfulness, His love to Israel.

The ends of all the earth have seen salvation of our God;
Shout to the Lord with joy, all earth, burst into joyful song!

Make music to the Lord with harp, with singing make reply;
With trumpets, horn, and shouts of joy before the Lord on high.

Let oceans roar and all therein, all peoples of the earth;
Let rivers clap their hands for joy, and mountains sing His worth.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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 15:9-17

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, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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: #374 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;

Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;

Jesus, out of every nation, hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,

Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay;

Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day;

Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,

Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own;

Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.

Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest;

Thou on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;

Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;

Jesus, out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

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.**

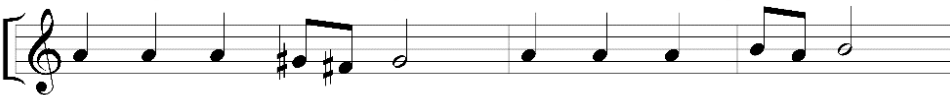
The Presiding Celebrant acclaims the life-giving power of God in the story of salvation and calls on us to join all creation in the song of the angels. We then sing verses 1-2 of the Sanctus following:



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.

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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 . . .**

Come Down, O Love Divine

H. Tadman-Robins

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 #486 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

JOIN IN SINGING

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude: Tuba Tune in D Major, Op. 15

C.S. Lang

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