

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

Ascension Sunday

Sunday, May 12th, 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: O Worship the King

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

Processional Hymn: #246 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus
Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou universal Saviour! Thou hast borne our sin and shame;
By thy merits we find favour; life is given through thy name.

PLEASE STAND

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood;
Opened is the gate of heaven; peace is made 'twixt us and God.

Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory, there forever to abide,
All the heavenly host adore thee, seated at thy Father's side.
Worship, honour, power, and blessing thou art worthy to receive;
Loudest praises, without ceasing, meet it is for us to give.

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 1:1-11

PLEASE BE SEATED

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 47 (*Tune: Beach Haven - 177*)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

O clap your hands, you nations all, and shout with joyful mirth!
How awesome is the Lord Most High, great King o'er all the earth!
He brought down nations under us, and peoples 'neath our feet.
He chose inheritance for us; His love did Jacob meet.

God has ascended with a shout—the Lord with trumpet sound.
Sing praise to God, sing to our King; sing praises long and loud.
For God is King of all the earth—sing with a psalm of praise.
God reigns o'er nations; He sits on His holy throne always.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

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

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

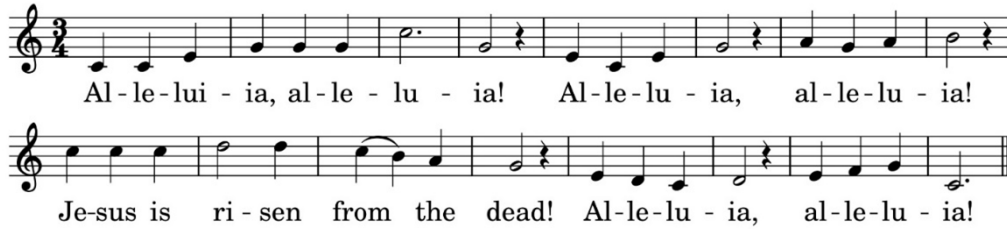
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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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: Luke 24:44-53

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

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

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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: #247 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia! To his throne above the skies; alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, alleluia! Enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; alleluia! Lift your heads, eternal gates; alleluia!
He hath conquered death and sin; alleluia! Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

Highest heaven its Lord receives, alleluia! Yet he loves the earth he leaves; alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, alleluia! Still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!

See! He lifts his hands above, alleluia! See! He shows the prints of love; alleluia!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow alleluia! Blessings on his church below. Alleluia!

Still for us he intercedes; alleluia! His prevailing death he pleads, alleluia!
Near himself prepares our place, alleluia! He the first-fruits of our race. Alleluia!

Lord, though parted from our sight, alleluia! Far above the starry height, alleluia!
Grant our hearts may thither rise, alleluia! Seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia!

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.

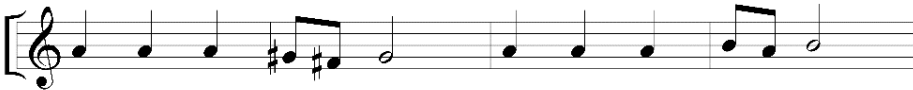
The Presiding Celebrant acclaims the life-giving power of God in the story of salvation and calls on us to join all creation in the song of the angels. We then sing verses 1-2 of the Sanctus following:



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, in the breaking of the bread,
One body are we, Lord Jesus, for through many we all are one.**

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 . . .**

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

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

Come to the Waters

G. F. Handel

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.**

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.**

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 #245 O Lord Most High, Eternal King

JOIN IN SINGING

O Lord most high, eternal king,
By thee redeemed thy praise we sing.
The bonds of death are burst by thee,
And grace has won the victory.

Ascending to the sapphire throne,
Thou claim'st the kingdom as thine own;
And angels wonder when they see
How changed is our humanity.

Be thou our joy, O mighty Lord,
As thou wilt be our great reward;
Let all our glory be in thee
Both now and through eternity.

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to thee let earth accord,
Who art, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit, one. Alleluia!

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude: Toccata on "Leoni"

G. Young

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