

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

The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 16th, 2024

9:30 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 -

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

The Apostolic Greeting & Collect for Purity

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: Almighty God,

People: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: #373 This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

PLEASE STAND

This is the day the Lord hath made, its hours to God are known;
Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad, and praise surround the throne.

Today Christ rose and left the dead, and Satan's empire fell;
Today the saints his triumph spread, and all his wonders tell.

Hosanna to the anointed King, to David's holy Son!
Help us, O Lord, descend and bring salvation from thy throne.

Hosanna in the highest strains the church on earth can raise;
The highest heavens in which he reigns shall give him nobler praise.

The Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

First Reading: 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13

PLEASE BE SEATED

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among

his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 139 (*Tune: O Waly Waly - 541*)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

You have searched me and known me, Lord! You know just when I sit and stand;
You know my thoughts from far away; you know my ways so very well.

Lord, you have formed my inward parts, you knit me in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I'm fearfully and wonderfully made by you.

Your works I know well; they are great. My frame was not from you concealed,
When secretly you made my form with care within the depths of earth.

How precious are your thoughts to me! How many of them, Lord, there are.
They number more than grains of sand. When I awake, I'm still with you.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth.

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND



1. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Fr. Andrew

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

Affirmation of Faith (Iona Community)

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 the Iona Community.

**People: We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of the one God,
Maker and Sustainer of earth, sea, and sky.
Born of Mary's womb,
Faithful to the God of Abraham and Sarah,
Jesus healed the sick, served the poor, and proclaimed heaven on earth.
Condemned by the religious, crucified by the state,
He died
But transformed even death and rose to life everlasting.
He blessed the disciples with the Holy Spirit
And sent them forth, east and west, north and south.
We commit ourselves
To Jesus,
To one another as brothers and sisters
And to God's mission in the world.
In the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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, "Lord, have mercy."

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: #527 How Firm a Foundation

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed! For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply:
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not-- I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake, I'll never-- no, never-- no, never forsake!"

Prayer Over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

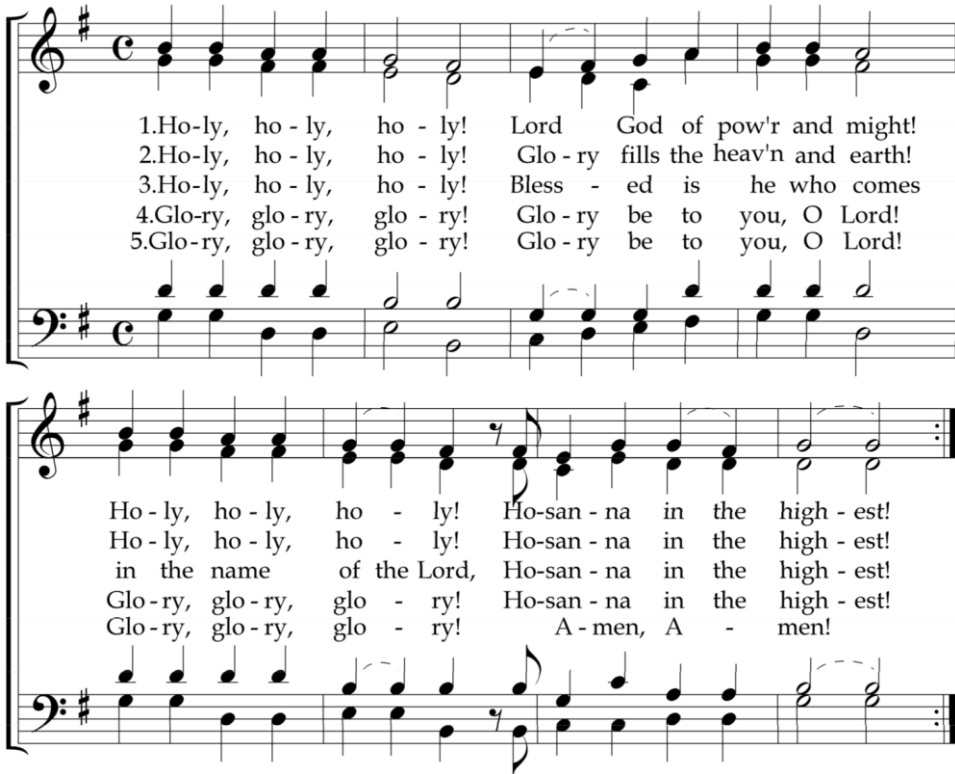
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presiding Celebrant acclaim 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:

(Sing in harmony)



1. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God of pow'r and might!
2. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Glo - ry fills the heav'n and earth!
3. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Bless - ed is he who comes
4. Glo-ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!
5. Glo-ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Ho-san - na in the high - est!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Ho-san - na in the high - est!
in the name of the Lord, Ho-san - na in the high - est!
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Ho-san - na in the high - est!
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! 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 4) **Glory, glory, glory! Glory be to you, O Lord!**
Glory, glory, glory! Hosanna in the highest!

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, glory! Glory be to you, O Lord!**
Glory, glory, glory! Amen, amen!

The Breaking of the Bread #2

Presider: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Song for the Breaking of Bread



1&2. Lamb of God, you take a way the sins of the world: have
mer - cy on us. 3. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: B. Senchur
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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.*

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.**

Closing Hymn: CP #502 You Are Salt for the Earth

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people: life in the kingdom of God!
*Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!*

You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the kingdom of God! *Refrain.*

You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice grow in the kingdom of God! *Refrain.*

We are a blest and a pilgrim people bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the kingdom of God! *Refrain.*

Blessing & Dismissal

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