

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

The 6th Sunday after Pentecost / Canada Day

Sunday, June 30th, 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.

National Anthem: O Canada

PLEASE STAND

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
the True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada,
we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

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: #9 Today I Awake

1. Today I awake and God is before me.
At night, as I dreamt, he summoned the day;
For God never sleeps, but patterns the morning
With slithers of gold or glory in grey.
2. Today I arise and Christ is beside me.
He walked through the dark to scatter new light.
Yes, Christ is alive, and beckons his people
To hope and to heal, resist and invite.

3. Today I affirm the Spirit within me
At worship and work, in struggle and rest.
The Spirit inspires all life which is changing
From fearing to faith, from broken to blest.
4. Today I enjoy the Trinity round me,
Above and beneath, before and behind;
The Maker, the Son, the Spirit together--
They called me to life and call me their friend.

The Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 32:1-5, 16-18

PLEASE BE SEATED

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

See, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule with justice. Each will be like a hiding-place from the wind, a covert from the tempest, like streams of water in a dry place, like the shade of a great rock in a weary land. Then the eyes of those who have sight will not be closed, and the ears of those who have hearing will listen. The minds of the rash will have good judgement, and the tongues of stammerers will speak readily and distinctly. A fool will no longer be called noble, nor a villain be said to be honourable. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust for ever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting-places.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 85 (*Tune: Mozart - 435*)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

Favour, Lord, you've shown your land; Jacob's fortunes you restored.
You forgave your people's sin, pardoned their iniquity.

Let me hear what God will say for he speaks peace to his own,
To the ones he calls his saints, those who turn their hearts to him.

Love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace embrace.
Faithfulness springs from the ground; justice will look down from heav'n.

God will give us what is good, bounteous harvests we'll receive.
Righteousness before him goes to prepare a path for him.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

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

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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: John 15:12-17

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

'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: **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.

A Litany of Inclusion

God, you have made people of every imaginable kind:

Colours and shapes,

Privileged and marginalized,

Rich and poor,

Gay and straight,

She, he, and they.

We have differences of every imaginable kind:

Perspectives and worldviews,

Countries and cultures,

Philosophies and theologies,

Sexualities and identities,

Accepting and struggling.

We acknowledge that we tend to fear what we don't understand,

And that love is more powerful than fear.

We acknowledge that we must work to understand each other

And that this work is Kingdom work.

We acknowledge that each perspective brings your nature into clearer picture

And that we need each other's points of view.

Help us to love one another

Even though we are different.

Help us to celebrate one another

Even though we may not agree.

Help us to be kind to one another

Even when we have been hurt.

Help us to open the doors to our churches,

Homes,

Organizations,

Governing bodies,

Dinner tables,

Even though it may feel awkward and impractical.

We know that the diversity of the people of the world is a good gift:

For our growth and edification,

To help us see your vision for the world

Where there are neither slave nor free,

Male nor female nor other,

One race nor the other;

But we are all free, beloved, and united

In the peace of Christ Jesus. 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: #617 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee (Tune: St Anne)

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

1. Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills the breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.
2. No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind recall
A sweeter sound than Jesus' name, the Saviour of us all.
3. O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek;
To those who ask, how kind thou art, how good to those who seek!
4. But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is none but his lovers know.
5. Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;
In thee be all our glory now, and through eternity.

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:

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 #418 Draw the Circle Wide

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

Draw the circle wide.

Draw it wider still.

Let this be our song, no one stands alone,

Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

1. God the still-point of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns;
Nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms. Refrain.
2. Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;
Let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call. Refrain.
3. Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we've ever dreamed before;
Let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door. Refrain.

Blessing & Dismissal

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