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

The First Sunday in Lent

Sun, March 9, 2025, 10:30am Eucharist

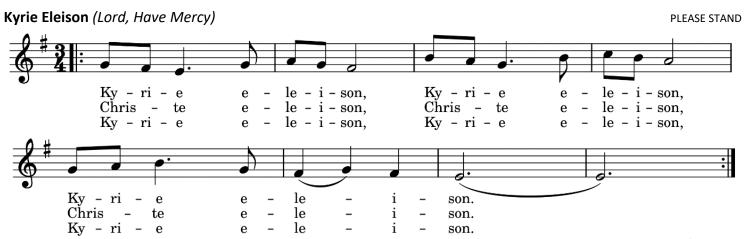
The crèche (nursery) is downstairs and is attended by Renata (RECE). All babies and young children are welcome!

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Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God



Music: Marty Haugen Copyright: GIA Publications

Choir: Lord Jesus, you lead us into the desert, strong to follow your journey.

All: Christe eleison . . .

Choir: You come now in word and sacrament to strengthen us on our journey.

All: Kyrie eleison . . .

The Apostolic Greeting

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: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: God's mercy endures for ever.

Invitation to Confession and Absolution

PLEASE KNEEL AS YOU ARE ABLE

Lent is the season for sober reflection on the ways in which we fall short of God's ideal for us. As such, it is customary to begin our worship with a penitent heart.

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and

invites them to God's table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved

our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and

strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: #179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (vv. 1, 6a, 6b)

PLEASE STAND

During this hymn, we are sprinkled with water as a symbol of God's forgiveness and our new life in Christ.

- 1 Tree of Life and awesome mystery, in your death we are reborn; Though you die in all of history, still you rise with every morn, Still you rise with every morn.
- 6a Light of life beyond conceiving, mighty Spirit of our Lord; Give new strength to our believing, give us faith to live your word, Give us faith to live your word.
- 6b From the dawning of creation you have loved us as your own; Stay with us through all temptation, make us turn to you alone, Make us turn to you alone.

Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

PLEASE BE SEATED

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Read by Bob James

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)



Cantor: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul . . .

Let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

People: O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Choir: Show me your ways, O Lord . . .

In you have I trusted all the day long.

People: O Lord, hear my prayer . . .

Choir: Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love . . .

and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

People: O Lord, hear my prayer . . .

Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

Read by Ceceile Dennis-Arthurs

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

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation: We Are not Alone (P. Choplin)

PLEASE STAND

The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone." Then the devil led him up and showed him in an

instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test." When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Fr. Andrew

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

The Prayers of the People

Led by Bob James

Please respond to the petition "Lord, in your mercy," with the response, "hear our prayer."

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

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

(We encourage you to share a sign of 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: #375 At the Name of Jesus

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

- At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, Every tongue confess him King of glory now; 'Tis his Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.
- Humbled for a season to receive a name
 From the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
 Faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,
 Brought it back victorious when from death he passed.
- Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death, But with awe and wonder, and with bated breath; He is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord, Ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.
- In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue All that is not holy, all that is not true;
 Crown him as your Saviour in temptation's hour;
 Let his will enfold you in its light and power.

5 Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again, With his Father's glory, with his angel train; For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, And our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

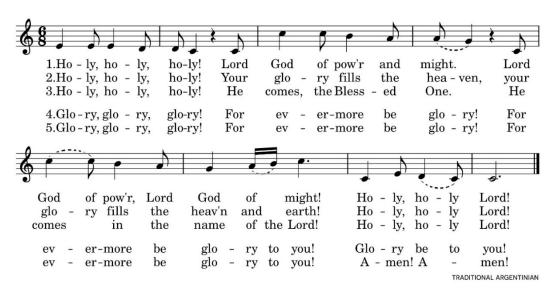
Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

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 1-3 of the Sanctus following:



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! Forevermore be glory! Forevermore be glory to you! Glory be 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 5) Glory, glory, glory! Forevermore be glory!

Forevermore be glory to you! Amen, amen!

The Breaking of the Bread #7

Presider: We break this bread,

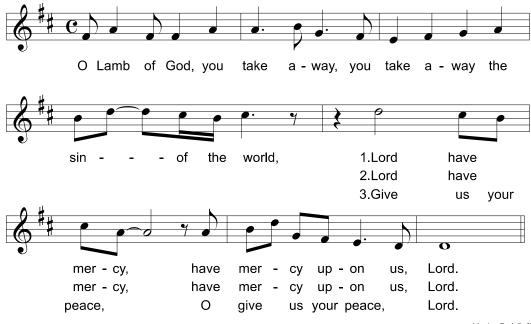
All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Presider: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him;

if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

Song for the Breaking of Bread



Music: Carl Orff Carmina Burana

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Communion

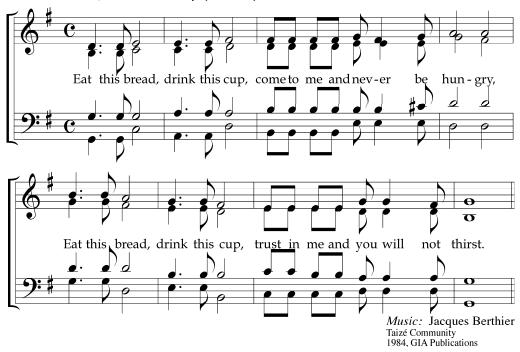
PLEASE BE SEATED

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

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup (CP #63)



Choir: I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father.

People: Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Choir: Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the bread come down from heaven.

People: Eat this bread, drink this cup . . .

Choir: Eat my flesh and drink my blood, and I will raise you up on the last day.

People: Eat this bread, drink this cup . . .

Choir: Anyone who eats this bread, will live forever.

People: Eat this bread, drink this cup . . .

Choir: If you believe and eat this bread, you will have eternal life.

People: Eat this bread, drink this cup . . .

Anthem: Lord, For Thy Mercy's Sake

R. Farrant

Prayer after Communion

PLEASE STAND

(Tune: Tallis' Canon)

Polychronia ("Many Years")

Presider: Let us call down God's blessing:

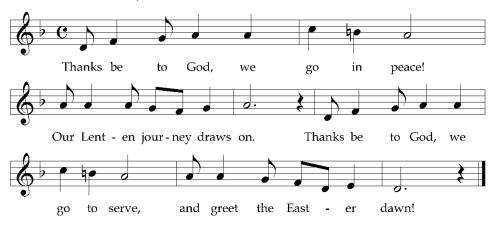
All: God give you many, many years to thank him for his blessings here.

And many, many, many more to pray God still his grace to pour.

Blessing

Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.



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In the spirit of Lent, you are invited to take time for silent reflection and prayer before departing.

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