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

The Second Sunday in Lent

Sun, March 16, 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

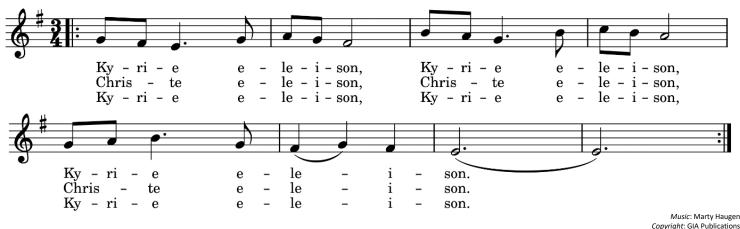
THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

PLEASE STAND

PLEASE KNEEL AS YOU ARE ABLE

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)



Choir: Lord Jesus, you help us take up our cross in joy 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

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, 2, 6c) During this hymn, we are sprinkled with water as a symbol of God's forgiveness and our new life in Christ. PLEASE STAND

- 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.
- Seed that dies to rise in glory, may we see ourselves in you;
 If we learn to live your story we may die to rise anew,
 We may die to rise anew.
- 6c In our call to be a blessing, may we be a blessing true;
 May we live and die confessing Christ as Lord of all we do,
 Christ as Lord of all we do.

Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

PLEASE BE SEATED Read by Ruth Snowden

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

O Lord, Lord, hear my prayer, hear my prayer, Lord, hear my prayer, when Ι call, an - swer me, 0 0 Lord, hear my prayer; and list - en come to me. Cantor: Praise the Lord, you that fear him . . . but when they cry to him he hears them. 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: My praise is of him in the great assembly . . . "May your heart live for ever!" People: O Lord, hear my prayer . . .

Choir: All the ends of the earth shall remember . . . he rules over the nations.

People: O Lord, hear my prayer . . .

Psalm 22:22-27

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Second Reading: Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

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

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

- 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)

The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

- 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.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her

PLEASE STAND

Read by Jonathan Chevreau

brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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: #170 The Glory of These Forty Days

- The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise;
 For Christ, through whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.
- 2 Alone and fasting, Moses saw the loving God who gave the law; And to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.
- 3 So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lions' might; And John, the bridegroom's friend, became the herald of Messiah's name.
- 4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full oft in fast and prayer with thee; Our spirits strengthen with thy grace and give us joy to see thy face.
- 5 O Father, Son, and Spirit blest, to thee be every prayer addressed, Who art in three-fold name adored, from age to age, the only Lord.

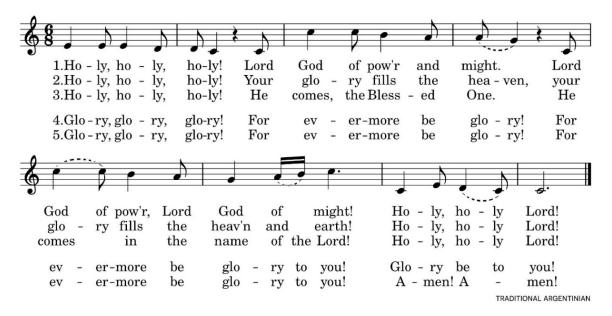
Prayer Over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Celebrant: People:	Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant: People:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

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:

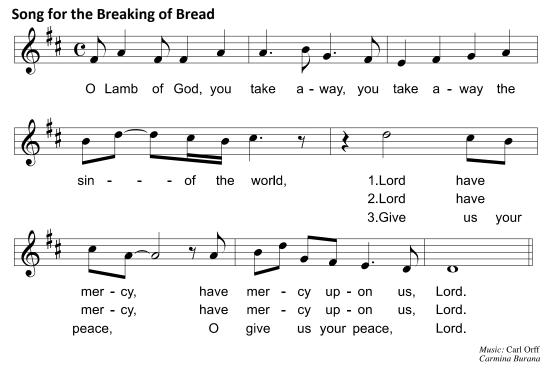
People: (verse 4) Glory, glory, glory! Forevermore be glory! Forevermore be glory to you! Glory be to you!

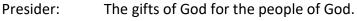
The Presiding Celebrant calls on the Holy Spirit to bless the gifts and strengthen us until we come to share the joys of eternity. We praise God's endless love and at the elevation of the bread and cup we sing the following:

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.





People: Thanks be to God.

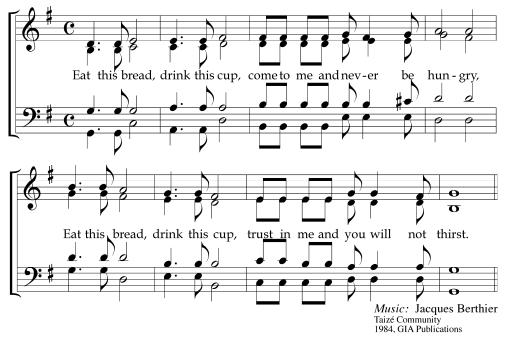
The Communion

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: People:	I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father. 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: People:	Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the bread come down from heaven. Eat this bread, drink this cup	
Choir: People:	Eat my flesh and drink my blood, and I will raise you up on the last day. Eat this bread, drink this cup	
Choir: People:	Anyone who eats this bread, will live forever. Eat this bread, drink this cup	
Choir: People:	If you believe and eat this bread, you will have eternal life. Eat this bread, drink this cup	
Anthem: Lik	e as the Hart	N. Rawsthorne

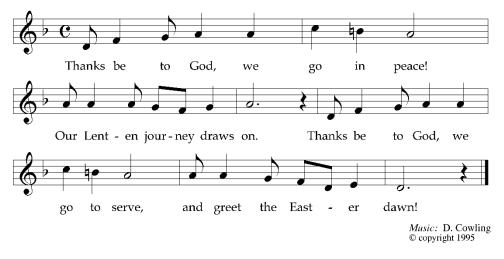
PLEASE STAND

Prayer after Communion

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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