

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

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

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

- FULL TEXT VERSION OF LEAFLET -

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)

PLEASE STAND

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,
Chris - te e - le - i - son, Chris - te e - le - i - son,
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Music: Marty Haugen
Copyright: GIA Publications

Choir: Lord Jesus, you give us light in the darkness, light to guide on 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, 4, 6e)

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.
- 4 Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit, come inflame our hearts anew.
We may all your joy inherit if we bear the cross with you,
If we bear the cross with you.
- 6e Give us eyes to see you clearly; make us children of your light.
Give us hearts to live more nearly as your gospel shining bright,
As your gospel shining bright.

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: Joshua 5:9-12

A Reading from the Book of Joshua.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 107:1-6

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer,
when I call, an - swer me, O Lord, hear my prayer, O
Lord, hear my prayer; come and list - en to me.

Cantor: Give thanks to the Lord . . . he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
**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: He gathered them out of the lands . . . a city where they might dwell.
People: O Lord, hear my prayer . . .

Choir: They were hungry and thirsty . . . he delivered them from their distress.
People: O Lord, hear my prayer . . .

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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

From now on, 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! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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 15:1-3, 11b-32

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.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because

he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him! Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

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: #434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

- 1 The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing;
Our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,
For all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received,
And for the generations who faithfully believed.
- 2 The love of Jesus calls us, that we may always be
Companions on a journey, where all the world may see
That serving Christ is freedom which time does not destroy;
Where Christ's command is duty, and every duty joy.
- 3 The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go,
To challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow,
To know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more;
For those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.
- 4 The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days,
To be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways;
That God with men and women may so transform the earth,
That love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.

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:

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly! Lord God of pow'r and might. Lord
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly! Your glo - ry fills the hea - ven, your
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly! He comes, the Bless - ed One. He
4. Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo-ry! For ev - er-more be glo - ry! For
5. Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo-ry! For ev - er-more be glo - ry! For

God of pow'r, Lord God of might! Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
glo - ry fills the heav'n and earth! Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!

ev - er-more be glo - ry to you! Glo - ry be to you!
ev - er-more be glo - ry to you! A - men! A - men!

TRADITIONAL ARGENTINIAN

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



O Lamb of God, you take a - way, you take a - way the



sin - - of the world,

1.Lord have

2.Lord have

3.Give us your



mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us, Lord.

mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us, Lord.

peace, O give us your peace, Lord.

*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

Hymn: #56 I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life

Anthem: Jesu, Grant Me This, I Pray

O. Gibbons

Prayer after Communion

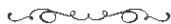
PLEASE STAND

Blessing

Dismissal

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

All: **(sung)** Thanks be to God, we go in peace! Our Lenten journey draws on.
Thanks be to God, we go to serve, and greet the Easter dawn!



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

St. George's on-the-Hill Anglican Church

4600 Dundas St West, Toronto ON M9A 1A5

www.stgeorgesonthehill.ca

416.239.2341 • info@stgeorgesonthehill.ca