

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

The Feast of St George

Sun, April 27, 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 -

Prelude: Lord of the Dance

arr. J. Raney

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

Processional Hymn: #315 When the Morning Stars Together

PLEASE STAND

- 1 When the morning stars together their creator's glory sang,
And the angel host all shouted till with joy the heavens rang,
Then your wisdom and your greatness their exultant music told,
All the beauty and the splendour which your mighty works unfold.
- 2 When in synagogue and temple voices raised the psalmists' songs,
Offering the adoration which alone to you belongs;
When the singers and the cymbals with the trumpet made accord,
Glory filled the house of worship, and all knew your presence, Lord.
- 3 Voice and instrument, in union through the ages, spoke your praise.
Plainsong, tuneful hymns, and anthems told your faithful, gracious ways.
Choir and orchestra and organ each a sacred offering brought,
While, inspired by your own Spirit, poet and composer wrought.
- 4 Lord, we bring our gift of music; touch our lips and fire our hearts,
Teach our minds and train our senses, fit us for this sacred art.
Then with skill and consecration we would serve you, Lord, and give
All our powers to glorify you, and, in serving, fully live.

The Easter Greeting

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**
(repeat three times, each time louder!)

Presider: May his grace and peace be with you!

People: **May he fill our hearts with joy!**

Song of Praise: Gloria (*Tune: Easter Hymn*)

Glory be to God, we sing, Alleluia! Peace on earth to all you bring; Alleluia!
Worship, thanks and glory be, Alleluia! To our God eternally, Alleluia!

Lamb of God, to you we pray, Alleluia! Hear and take our sins away; Alleluia!
You are seated high above, Alleluia! Hear our prayer, O Lord of love. Alleluia!

Glory to the Holy One, Alleluia! You Most High upon your throne; Alleluia!
Jesus Christ the risen Lord, Alleluia! And the Spirit we adore. Alleluia!

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: Revelation 12:7-12

Read by Mary Bartle

A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world — he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven proclaiming, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath because he knows that his time is short!"

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 133 *(Tune: New Britain)*

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

When brethren live as one in peace, at peace in unity,
Behold how good a thing it is, a pleasant thing to see.

It is like flowing, fragrant oil which glistens and runs down
On head and beard, on Aaron's beard and collar of his gown.

It is like Hermon's early dew that falls on Zion's hill,
For there the Lord has promised life and gives his blessing still.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:3-13

Read by Linda Javorski

A Reading from the Second Letter of Timothy.

Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David — that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself.

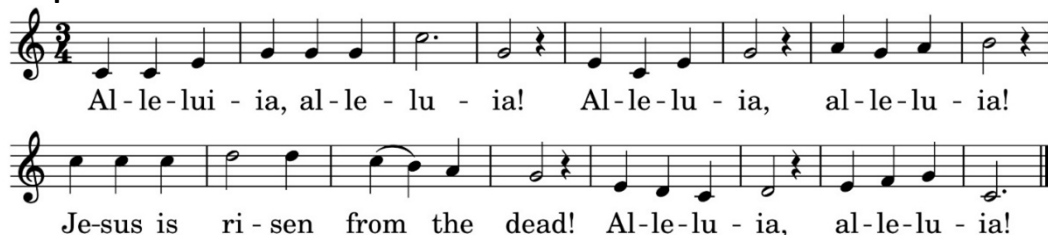
Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND



The Holy Gospel: John 15:18-21

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: *(sung)* **Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

[Jesus said to them:] "If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'Slaves are not greater than their master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: *(sung)* **Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

Sermon: Fr. Andrew

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

Affirmation of Faith: The Baptismal Covenant

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 our baptismal covenant.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Having reaffirmed our faith, let us prepare to offer our prayers to God.

The Prayers of the People

Led by Linda Javorski

Please respond to the petition, "Let us pray to the Lord," with the response, "**Hear us, Lord of Glory.**"

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 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

Hymn: CP #225 Come Away to the Skies

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

- 1 Come away to the skies, my beloved, arise
And rejoice in the day thou wast born.
On this festival day, come exulting away,
And with singing to Zion return.
- 2 Now with singing and praise, let us spend all the days
By our gracious Creator bestowed,
While by grace we receive from God's bounty, we live
To the honour and glory of God.
- 3 For the glory we were first created to share,
Both the nature and kingdom divine!
Now created again that our lives may remain,
Throughout time and eternity thine.
- 4 We with thanks do approve the design of that love
Which has joined us to Jesus' name;
So united in heart, let us nevermore part,
Till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.
- 5 Hallelujah we sing, to the heaven's high King,
And our rapturous praises repeat:
To the Lamb that was slain, hallelujah again,
Sing all heaven, and fall at his feet.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

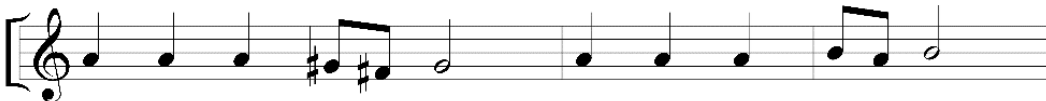
The Presiding Celebrant acclaims the life-giving power of God in the story of salvation and calls on us to join all creation in the song of the angels. We then sing verses 1-2 of the Sanctus following:



1. Lord God of pow'r and might, Lord God of pow'r and might,
2. Bless - ed is he who comes, comes in the name of God,
3&4. (below)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!



Your glo - ry fills the heav'n, your glo - ry fills the earth,
Ho - san - na ev - er - more, ho - san - na ev - er - more,
3. Glo - ry to you, O Lord, glo - ry for ev - er - more!
4. Glo - ry to you, O Lord, glo - ry for ev - er - more!



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
Glo - ry, glo - ry, Glo - ry to you!
A - men, 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 3) **Glory to you, O Lord; glory for evermore!**
Glory, glory, glory 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 4) **Glory to you, O Lord; glory for evermore!**
Amen, amen, amen!

The Breaking of the Bread #8

Presider: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: **Now we are raised to new life.**

Presider: We were buried in your tomb.

All: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Presider: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Song for the Breaking of Bread



URSULA & DIETER TRAUTWEIN (ARR.)

Choir: The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion in the body of Christ.
One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

People: **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread;
One body are we, Lord Jesus, for through many we all are one.**

Choir: All who eat of this bread, alleluia, will live for evermore.
This is the true bread, alleluia, which has come to us from heav'n.

People: **Be known to us, Lord Jesus . . .**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

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*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: Wintertide Hath Passed Away

K. Meek

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.**

Easter Blessing

Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People: **Alleluia!**

Presider: May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. **Alleluia!**

May God who has brought us out of bondage into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Alleluia!**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: CP #211 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

- 1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 The Lord of life is risen today!
Sing songs of praise along his way;
Let all the earth rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dismissal

Presider: Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude: Praise Be to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

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