

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

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sun, May 11, 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: Presto

G. F. Handel

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

Processional Hymn: #330 O Praise Ye the Lord

PLEASE STAND

- 1 O praise ye the Lord! Give praise in the height; rejoice in God's Word, ye angels of light;
Ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made, and worship before him in brightness arrayed.
- 2 O praise ye the Lord! Give praise upon earth; in tuneful accord, give thanks for new birth;
Praise God who hath brought you all grace from above, praise God who hath taught you the pathways of love.
- 3 O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound; each jubilant chord re-echo around;
Loud organs, God's glory proclaim in deep tone, and sweet harp, the story of what God hath done.
- 4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song be ever outpoured all ages along;
For love in creation, for heaven restored, for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

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: Acts 9:36-43

Read by Mary Coppard

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 23 (Tune: Eventide)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

The Lord's my Shepherd; I have all I need;
God makes me lie down in the pastures green.
Beside still waters, God does gently lead;
Restores my soul when I upon God lean.

God guides me in the paths of righteousness;
Gives guidance, for God's name's sake, unto me.
Yea, though I walk through paths of darkest death,
I fear no evil, for You are with me.

Your rod and staff give comfort unto me.
You serve a feast in presence of my foes;
My head anoint with oil for all to see;
My heart is full, and my cup overflows.

Surely Your goodness, and Your mercy, Lord,
Will follow me for all my days and more;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord,
Dwell in God's house and presence evermore.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

Read by Noel Semple

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of

God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

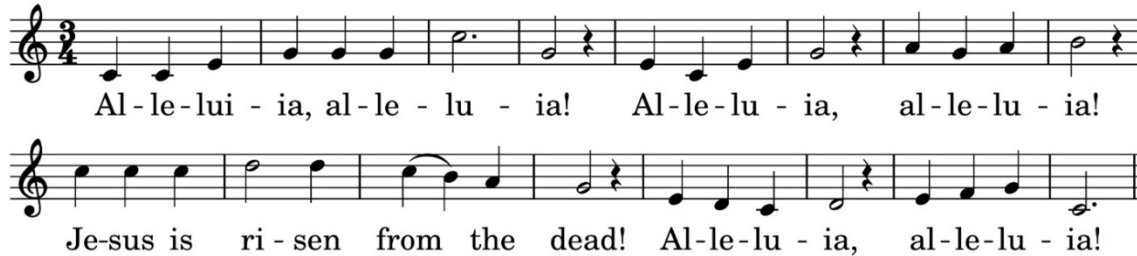
Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND



The Holy Gospel: John 10:22-30

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!

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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.)

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

Presider: Blessed be God,

People: **the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

Presider: by whose great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope,

All: **through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

God's Call

(The presider addresses those who are presenting the candidates)

Presider: God is love. God gives us life. In Christ, God reaches out to us. In baptism, God calls us to respond. Do you accept this call?

Presenters: **We hear and accept God's call to *Rosie Silverthorn*. We ask for baptism.**

Presider: Will you be responsible for seeing that *this child* you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Presenters: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you by your prayers and example help *this child* to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Presenters: I will, with God's help.

(The presider addresses the rest of the congregation)

Presider: God calls the Church to reflect Christ's glory, in baptism, to declare His new life, and to share in the fellowship and in mission. Do you accept this call?

All: We hear and accept God's call.

Turning to Christ

(The presider addresses the presenters and candidates)

Presider: The Christian life means turning away from evil and turning to Christ. Do you renounce evil?

Presenters: I renounce evil.

Presider: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Saviour, putting your whole trust in His grace and love?

Presenters: I do.

(The presider addresses the congregation)

Presider: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

All: We will.

Prayers for the Candidate(s)

Led by Mary Coppard

Celebrant: Let us now pray for *Rosie* who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver *her*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open *her* heart to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill *her* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach *her* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send *her* into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring *her* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

And now, gathering all our prayers, cares and petitions into one, we pray as our Saviour taught us:

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.

Thanksgiving over the Water

(The presider blesses the water)

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Presider: 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.**

(The congregation may be seated)

The Baptism

Presider: I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Bells: *People:*

A - men, A - men! You have put on Christ this
day, in Christ you have been bap-tised. Al - le - lu -
ia, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!

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The Prayer after Baptism

PLEASE STAND

Presider: Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit, you have bestowed upon *this your servant* the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *her* to the new life of grace. Sustain *her*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *her* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Giving of the Light

(The candidate receives a baptismal candle, lit from the Paschal candle)

Presider: Receive the light of Christ.

People: **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

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

Hymn: CP #520 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever!

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

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: The Lord Is My Shepherd

H. Goodall

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.

Polychronia ("Many Years")

(Tune: Tallis' Canon)

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.**

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 #429 For the Beauty (Tune: Dix)

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

- 1 For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
- 2 For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
- 4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
- 5 For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude: Was Gott tut, das ist Wohlgetan (*"The acts of God are righteous"*)

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