

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

## The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sun, May 25, 2025, 10:30am Eucharist

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

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**Prelude:** Largo

G. F. Handel

### Welcome & Announcements

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

**Processional Hymn: #342** We Praise You, O God

PLEASE STAND

- 1 We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.
- 2 We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,  
Through trial and tempest companion and guide.  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
But faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.
- 3 With voices united, our praises we offer  
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing.  
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

### 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 16:9-15

*A Reading from the Book of Acts.*

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)*

## **Psalm 98** (*Tune: St Anne - 528*)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

Sing to the Lord a joyful song, for God has done great things;  
God's mighty hand and holy arm salvation to us bring.

The Lord's salvation is made known, the nations see it well;  
Your mercy and your faithfulness, your love to Israel.

The ends of all the earth have seen salvation of our God;  
Shout to the Lord with joy, all earth, burst into joyful song!

Make music to the Lord with harp, with singing make reply;  
With trumpets, horn, and shouts of joy before the Lord on high.

Let oceans roar and all therein, all peoples of the earth;  
Let rivers clap their hands for joy, and mountains sing God's worth.

## **Second Reading:** Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5

*A Reading from the Revelation to John.*

And in the spirit, an angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day - and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

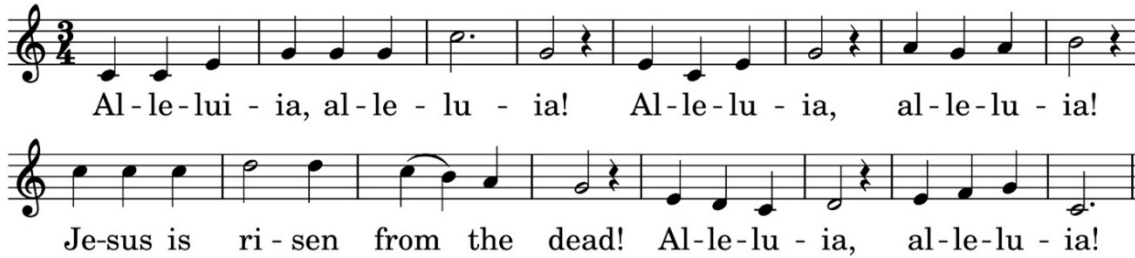
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)*

### Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND



### The Holy Gospel: John 14:23-29

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 answered, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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**

*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 #408 Wind upon the Waters**

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

- 1 Wind upon the waters, voice upon the deep,  
Rouse your sons and daughters, wake us from our sleep,  
Breathing life into all flesh,  
Breathing love into all hearts,  
Living wind upon the waters of my soul.
- 2 Showers from the heavens, water from the earth,  
Gift so wholly given, source of every birth,  
Joy of every living thing,  
making all creation sing,  
Shower down upon the dry earth of my soul.
- 3 Rock and hill and garden, wood and desert sand,  
Prairie, field, and meadow shaped by Love's own hand,  
Love that fills the world around,  
Springing up from barren ground,  
Grow your love within the garden of my soul.
- 4 Blazing light of wonder, flame that pierces night,  
Burst the dark asunder, fill our souls with light.  
Lord of glory, fill the skies,  
Make an end to hatred's cries,  
Be the blazing sun of justice in our lives.
- 5 Wind upon the waters, rains upon the sand,  
Grace your sons and daughters, new-born by your hand.  
Come, O Spirit, and renew  
All the life that comes from you,  
Send your winds upon the waters of my soul.

## 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.**

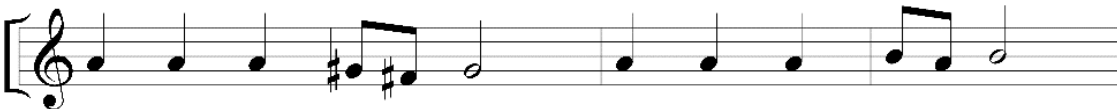
*The Presiding Celebrant acclaims the life-giving power of God in the story of salvation and calls on us to join all creation in the song of the angels. We then sing verses 1-2 of the Sanctus following:*



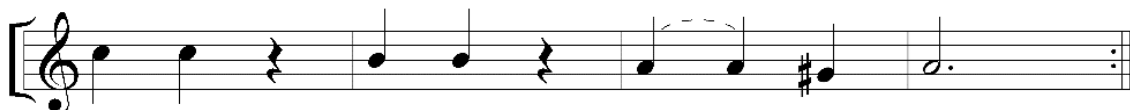
1. Lord God of pow'r and might, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
2. Bless - ed is he who comes, comes in the name of God,  
3&4. (below)



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:** Brother James' Air

G. Jacob

## 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 #644** Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

- 1 Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove,  
With light and comfort from above;  
Be thou our guardian, thou our guide;  
O'er every thought and step preside.
- 2 The light of truth to us display  
And make us know and choose thy way;  
Plant holy fear in every heart,  
That we from God may ne'er depart.
- 3 Lead us to Christ, the living way,  
Nor let us from his pastures stray;  
Lead us to holiness, the road  
That we must take to dwell with God.
- 4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share  
Fullness of joy forever there;  
Lead us to God, our final rest,  
To be with him forever blest.

**Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude:** Choral Song

S. S. Wesley

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