

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

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 24, 2025, 9:30am Holy Eucharist

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

The Apostolic Greeting & Collect for Purity

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: Almighty God,

People: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: #564 Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

PLEASE STAND

- 1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing every blessing if our God our Father be.
- 2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us; all our weakness thou dost know;
Thou didst tread this earth before us, thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Lone and dreary, faint and weary, through the desert thou didst go.
- 3 Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
Love with every passion blending, pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy.

The 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: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Read by Wendy Dimmock

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 71 (Tune: *Ein Feste Burg* - #526)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

In you, I take my refuge, Lord;
Let me be ashamed never.
In justice, save and rescue me;
Incline your ear and save me.
O Lord, be unto me
A rock for my safety,
A fortress of great strength,
In which I may be saved;
You are my crag and stronghold.

Save me, O God, from wicked hands,
From the unjust and cruel.
For you, Lord God, are all my hope;
From days of youth, I trust you.
Upon you I have leaned,
Yes, ever since my birth;
You are the one who took
Me from my mother's womb.
I will at all times praise you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

Read by Fran McBride

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrew Church.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken - that is, created things - so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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: Luke 13:10-17

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 he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Fr. Andrew

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

Affirmation of Faith (Iona Community)

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 the Iona Community.

**People: We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of the one God,
Maker and Sustainer of earth, sea, and sky.
Born of Mary's womb,
Faithful to the God of Abraham and Sarah,
Jesus healed the sick, served the poor, and proclaimed heaven on earth.
Condemned by the religious, crucified by the state,
He died
But transformed even death and rose to life everlasting.
He blessed the disciples with the Holy Spirit
And sent them forth, east and west, north and south.
We commit ourselves
To Jesus,
To one another as brothers and sisters
And to God's mission in the world.
In the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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

The Prayers of the People

Led by Wendy Dimmock

Please respond to the petition, "Let us pray to the Lord," with the response, "Lord, have mercy."

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

Offertory Hymn: #374 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (vv. 1, 3, 5)

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation, hath redeemed us by his blood.
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.
- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

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 1-3 of the Sanctus following:

(Sing in harmony)

1. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God of pow'r and might!
2. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Glo - ry fills the heav'n and earth!
3. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Bless - ed is he who comes
4. Glo-ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!
5. Glo-ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!



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! Glory be to you, O Lord!**
Glory, glory, glory! Hosanna in the highest!

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:

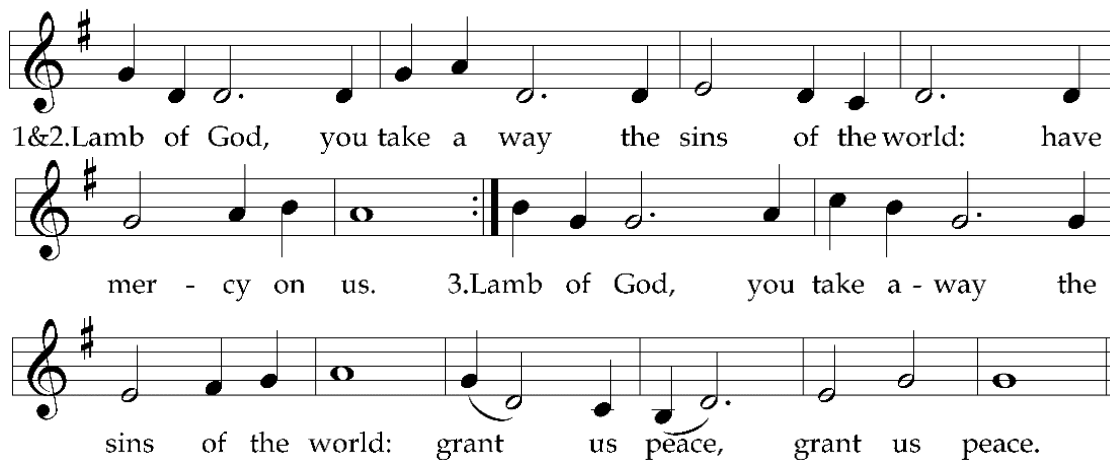
People: (verse 5) **Glory, glory, glory! Glory be to you, O Lord!**
Glory, glory, glory! Amen, amen!

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Song for the Breaking of Bread



*Music: B. Senchur
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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.

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.**

Closing Hymn: CP #565 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Blessing & Dismissal

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