



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

*To all visitors and newcomers, to any who have been away from the Church for a short time or a long time, to any who are skeptical yet curious about the Christian faith, to any who are from other denominations, to any who have never been inside a church before, and to any who have questions and doubts:*

## WELCOME TO ST. GEORGE'S!

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST, 2025, 9:30 AM

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*The crèche (nursery) is downstairs and is available for use by parents with babies and toddlers.*

### Welcome & Announcements

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*We gather with song and prayer as the people of God*

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*The hymn numbers refer to Common Praise (CP), the blue book.  
If standing is at any time uncomfortable, please feel free to be seated.*

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### 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: #378 Crown Him with Many Crowns (vv. 1, 3, 4)

PLEASE STAND

- 1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne:  
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

- 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

## 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 2:4-13

*Read by Nancy-Lou Farrell*

*A Reading from Book of Jeremiah.*

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

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

**Psalm 33:12-15, 18-22** (*Tune: St Anne - 528*)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

Blest is the nation whose God is the Lord, yes, Israel's God.  
Happy the people who were chos'n to be God's heritage.

God looks from heaven on humankind, sees all who dwell on earth.  
God forms their thoughts within their hearts and knows their every deed.

God watches those who fear the Lord, who trust God's steadfast love,  
To pluck their lives from death's embrace and feed them when in want.

We wait for God, our help and shield; our hearts rejoice in God.  
Lord, let your steadfast love keep us, we put our trust in you.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

*Read by Max Maréchaux*

*A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrew Church.*

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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 14:1, 7-14**

**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.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

**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 Nancy-Lou Farrell*

*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 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: #363 My Soul Proclaims Your Glory, Lord (vv. 1, 2, 5)** PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

- 1 My soul proclaims your glory, Lord, my spirit sings with thankful voice,  
For you my lowly prayer have heard: in you, my Saviour, I rejoice.
- 2 Nations unborn will bless your name, giver of boundless grace to me,  
In every age you are the same: you make the humble whole and free.
- 5 Glory to God, all being's Spring, to God the Word, salvation's voice,  
To God the Spirit, praise we sing: with all the ages we rejoice.

### **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!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Ho-san - na in the high - est!  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Ho-san - na in the high - est!  
in the name of the Lord, Ho-san - na in the high - est!  
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Ho-san - na in the high - est!  
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! 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 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**

1&2. Lamb of God, you take a way the sins of the world: have  
mer - cy on us. 3. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

*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: #434** The Love of Jesus Calls Us (vv. 1, 2, 4)

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.
- 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.

## Blessing & Dismissal

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