

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

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 7, 2025, 10:30am Holy Eucharist

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

Proclamation Hymn: #385 Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

PLEASE STAND

- 1 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
Gold of obedience and incense of lowliness bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name!
- 2 Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness; high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness, guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.
- 3 Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;
Truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness, these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.
- 4 These though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness, he will accept for the name that is dear,
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness, trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.
- 5 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
Gold of obedience and incense of lowliness bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name!

Welcome & Blessing of New Incumbent

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Jessica has been called to the ministry of Incumbent of St George's on-the-Hill.

People: Praise be to God, who has called you to this service.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Look with favour upon Jessica whom you have called, O God, and grant that she may be so filled with your Holy Spirit that she may minister in her chosen task with joy and steadfast devotion; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Officiant: In the name of God, we recognize you, Jessica, as Incumbent of this Parish and show you to this prayer desk as a symbol of your ministry.

The Apostolic Greeting & Opening Prayer

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.**

Song of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis

1. Glo - ry be to God in the high - est, peace on earth in all our days.
2. You are seat - ed with the Fath - er, hear our prayer, by all a - dored.

5 Lord and King, al - might - y Fath - er, laud and thanks to you we raise.
You a - lone are High - est and Ho - ly, Je - sus Christ, you are the Lord,

9 Je - sus Christ, the Son of the Fath - er, Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God,
in the glo - ry of the Fath - er, with the Spi - rit ev - er - more,

13 take, O take our sins a - way.
with the Spi - rit. A - men.

Music: Franz Schubert
Arr. & Trans: (c) D. Cowling

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 18:1-11

Read by Janet Kincaid

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

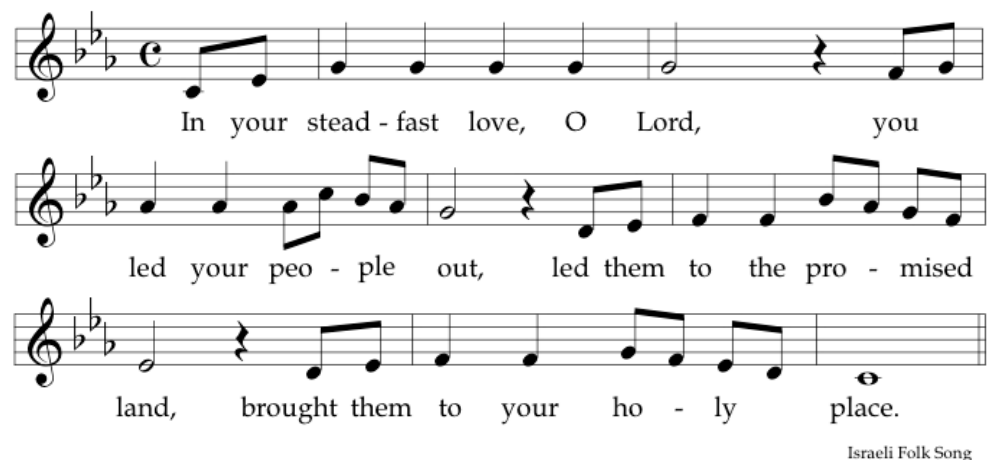
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 19

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING



Choir: The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God, * and the firmament shows | his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to | another, * and one night imparts knowledge | to another.

People: **In your steadfast love, O Lord, you led your people out,
Led them to the promised land, brought them to your holy place.**

Choir: Although they have no word | or language, * and their voi- | ces are not heard,
Their sound has gone out | into all lands, * and their message unto the | ends of the world.

People: **In your steadfast love, O Lord . . .**

Choir: In the deep he has set a pa- | vilion for the sun, * it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it
rejoices like a champion | to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens, and runs about to the end | of it again; * nothing
is hidden | from its burning heat.

People: **In your steadfast love, O Lord . . .**

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

Read by Mary Bartle

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do more than I say.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. Al-le -
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lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.
'Saranam, Saranam'
Trad. Sri Lankan

The Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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 large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: Rev'd Jess

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

Affirmation of Faith *(Common Worship 7)*

PLEASE STAND

Presider: Let us declare our faith in God.

People: **We believe in God the Father,
From whom every family in heaven and on earth is name.**

**We believe in God the Son,
Who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
Who strengthens us with power from on high.**

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

The Prayers of the People

Led by members of the Youth Group

Please respond to the petition "God, in your mercy," with the response, "hear our prayer."

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.

Blessing on the Anniversary of a Marriage for Diana & David De Gennaro

The Peace

PLEASE STAND

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: #384 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
All ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
Praise him in glad adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen how thy entreaties have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriend thee.
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
Biddeth them cease, turneth their fury to peace,
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.
- 5 Praise to the Lord, who when darkness of sin is abounding,
Who when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
Sheddeth his light, chaseth the horrors of night,
Saints with his mercy surrounding.
- 6 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
Gladly for aye we adore him.

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:



1. Ho - ly, - ho - ly, ho - ly Lord! God of pow'r, Lord
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord! God of pow'r, Lord
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord! God of pow'r, Lord
4. Glo - ry be to you, O Lord! Glo - ry now and
5. Glo - ry be to you, O Lord! Glo - ry now and



God of might, Ho - san - na in the high - est!
God of might, Ho - san - na in the high - est!
God of might! Ho - san - na in - the high - est!
ev - er - more! Ho - san - na in the high - est!
ev - er - more! To you for ev - er - more A - men.



1. Hea-ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry, O Lord! -
2. Bless-ed is he who comes, comes in the name of the 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 be to you, O Lord! Glory now and evermore!**
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:

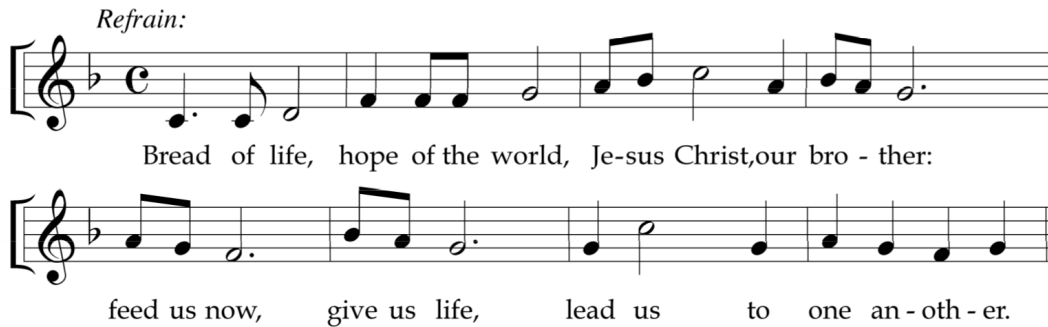
People: (verse 5) **Glory be to you, O Lord! Glory now and evermore!**
To you for evermore. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread #1

Presider: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**All: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

Song for the Breaking of Bread



*Text & Music: B. Farrell
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Choir: As we proclaim your death, as we recall your life,
We remember your promise to return again.

**People: Bread of life, hope of the world, Jesus Christ, our brother:
Feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.**

Choir: The bread we break and share was scattered once as grain:
Just as now it is gathered, make your people one.

People: Bread of life, hope of the world . . .

Choir: We eat this living bread, we drink this saving cup:
Sign of hope in our broken world, source of lasting love.

People: Bread of life, hope of the world . . .

Choir: Hold us in unity, in love for all to see;
That the world may believe in you, God of all who love.

People: Bread of life, hope of the world . . .

Choir: You are the bread of peace, you are the wine of joy,
Broken now for your people, poured in endless love.

People: Bread of life, hope of the world . . .

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: On Wings of Faith
The Lord Bless You and Keep You

F. Mendelssohn
J. Rutter

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.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: CP #391 Sing Ye Praises to the Father

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

- 1 Sing ye praises to the Father, sing ye praises to the Son,
Sing ye praises to the Spirit, living and eternal One.
God has made us, and has blessed us, and has called us to be true;
God is Lord of all creation, daily making all things new.
- 2 Join the praise of every creature, sing with singing birds at dawn;
When the stars shine forth at nightfall, hear their heavenly antiphon.
Praise our God for light of summer, autumn glories, winter snows,
For the coming of the springtime and the life of all that grows,
- 3 Praising on our days of gladness for the summons to rejoice,
Praising in our times of sadness for the comfort of God's voice.
Hail, Creator, strong and loving, Christ our Saviour, Leader, Lord,
Living God, sustaining Spirit--be thy holy name adored!

Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Hymn to Joy

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