

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

## The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 28, 2025, 10:30am Holy Eucharist

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### Welcome & Announcements

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

#### Processional Hymn: #315 When the Morning Stars Together

PLEASE STAND

- 1 When the morning stars together their creator's glory sang,  
And the angel host all shouted till with joy the heavens rang,  
Then your wisdom and your greatness their exultant music told,  
All the beauty and the splendour which your mighty works unfold.
- 2 When in synagogue and temple voices raised the psalmists' songs,  
Offering the adoration which alone to you belongs;  
When the singers and the cymbals with the trumpet made accord,  
Glory filled the house of worship, and all knew your presence, Lord.
- 3 Voice and instrument, in union through the ages, spoke your praise.  
Plainsong, tuneful hymns, and anthems told your faithful, gracious ways.  
Choir and orchestra and organ each a sacred offering brought,  
While, inspired by your own Spirit, poet and composer wrought.
- 4 Lord, we bring our gift of music; touch our lips and fire our hearts,  
Teach our minds and train our senses, fit us for this sacred art.  
Then with skill and consecration we would serve you, Lord, and give  
All our powers to glorify you, and, in serving, fully live.

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

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

9 *p* 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 *f* 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 32:1-3a, 6-15

*Read by John Knowles*

*A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.*

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

**Psalm 78**

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

In your stead - fast love, O Lord, you  
led your peo - ple out, led them to the pro - mised  
land, brought them to your ho - ly place.

Israeli Folk Song

Choir: Hear my teaching, O | my people; \* incline your ears to the words | -- of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in | a parable; \* I will declare the myste- | ries of ancient times.

**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: That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers | have told us, \* we will not hide from |  
our children.  
We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the pow- | er of the Lord, \* and the  
wonderful | works he has done.

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

Choir: He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law | for Israel, \* which he commanded them to teach |  
their children.  
That the generations to come might know and the child- | ren yet unborn; \* that they in their turn might  
tell | it to their children.

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

**Second Reading:** 1 Timothy 6:6-19 (FNV)

*Read by Janice Knowles*

(From the First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament)

*A Reading from the First Letter of Small Man (Paul) to He Gives Honour (Timothy).*

It is true that following the ways of the Great Spirit will lead to great possessions, but only when people are at peace with what they have. For we came into this world with nothing and can take nothing with us when we leave it. So, as long as we have food to eat and a roof over our heads, we should be at peace with what we have. Those who long for more and more possessions stumble into temptation and are trapped by many foolish desires that drag them down and take them to a bad end. For the love of possessions is the root of many evil, thorny branches. Some, who have made possessions their aim in life, have walked away from the good road and have been pierced by thorns that bring them much pain and sorrow. But you, O man who follows the Great Spirit, run away from these things and pursue doing what is right, living in a sacred way, trusting, loving, never giving up, and walking softly and in a humble manner. Fight the good fight of trusting Creator. Get a firm hold on the life of the world to come that never fades away, full of beauty and harmony. The Great Spirit called you to this life when you said yes to him and made it known before many people that you had chosen to walk the good road with Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) the Chosen One. As you stand before the Great Spirit who gives life to all things, and before Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) the Chosen One, who told the truth in a good way when he stood before Spear of the Great Waters (*Pilate*), I call on you to follow through with this way of life to which he has called you. Keep walking a path that no one can find fault with until the day comes when our Honoured Chief, Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) the Chosen One, will appear. That day will be revealed when the time is right by the Blessed One who alone rules above all others, the Grand Chief Above All Chiefs. He is the only one over whom death has no power. His life shines so bright no one can even come near him, and no human eye has ever been able to fully see him. To him belongs all honour and power to the time beyond the end of all days. Aho! May it be so! Instruct the ones who have many possessions in this present world not to see themselves as better than others. They must not put their hope in their many possessions, which cannot be depended on, but in the Great Spirit, who, from his great possessions, provides all we need to enjoy life. Instruct them to walk in a good way, to possess many good deeds, and to be willing and ready to share with those in need. In this way, they will be storing up and preparing themselves for the life of the world to come, the true life of beauty and harmony that never grows old or fades away.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**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 16:1-13 (FNV)

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Shining Light Tells the Good Story (*Luke*).

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

(From the First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament)

Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) said, "There was once a man with many possessions who always dressed in the best clothes, had more than enough to eat, and lived a life of ease. Every day a beggar named Creator Helps Him (*Lazarus*) was laid at the gate of his lodge. Dogs would come and lick the sores that covered his body as he begged for crumbs from the rich man's table. When the time came for the beggar to cross over to the world of the dead, spirit-messengers carried him into the welcoming arms of his ancestor, Father of Many Nations (*Abraham*). At the same time the rich man also crossed over to death, and his body was buried. In the Dark Underworld of Death (*Hades*) he was suffering and in pain. He looked up and saw his ancestor, Father of Many Nations (*Abraham*), far off in the distance. He could see Creator Helps Him (*Lazarus*) being comforted in his arms. He cried out in his pain, 'Father of Many Nations (*Abraham*), my ancestor, have pity on me. Send Creator Helps Him (*Lazarus*) to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my thirsty tongue. Help me, for I am suffering in this flame.' Father of Many Nations (*Abraham*) said to him, 'My son, do you not remember? All your days were filled with good things, but the days of Creator Helps Him (*Lazarus*) were filled with sorrow and pain. Look! There is a great canyon between us, so wide that none can make the journey from here to there.' The rich man hung his head and said, 'Please, my ancestor, send him back to the lodge of my father and my five brothers. He can warn them of this place of suffering and pain, so they will not have to come here also.' Father of Many Nations (*Abraham*) said to him, 'They have the words of Drawn from the Water (*Moses*) and the words of the prophets. Let your family listen to them.' 'No!' the rich man cried out. 'If someone goes back to them from the world of the dead, they will turn their hearts back to Creator.' Father of Many Nations (*Abraham*) shook his head and said, 'If your family will not listen to Drawn from the Water (*Moses*) and the prophets, then they will not listen even to one who comes back to life from the dead.'"

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 John Knowles*

*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.**

### **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: #529 God, My Hope on You Is Founded**

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

- 1 God, my hope on you is founded; you my faith and trust renew:  
Through all change and chance you guide me, only good and only true.  
God unknown, you alone call my heart to be your own.
- 2 Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown, betray our trust;  
Though with care and toil we build them, tower and temple fall to dust.  
But your power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.
- 3 Daily does the almighty Giver bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
God's desire for us delights us, pleasure leads us where we go.  
Here at hand, love takes stand, joy awaits God's sure command.
- 4 God's great goodness lasts forever, deepest wisdom, passing thought:  
Splendour, light, and life attending, beauty springing out of naught.  
Evermore from God's store new-born worlds rise and adore.
- 5 Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising for the gift of Christ the Son.  
Christ, you call one and all; those who follow shall not fall.

### **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

*Refrain:*



Bread of life, hope of the world, Je-sus Christ, our bro - ther:



feed us now, give us life, lead us to one an - oth - er.

*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.  
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, Jesus Christ, our brother:**  
**Feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.**

**Choir:** We eat this living bread, we drink this saving cup:  
Sign of hope in our broken world, source of lasting love.  
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, Jesus Christ, our brother:**  
**Feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.**

**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:** Be Thou My Vision  
Ubi Caritas

arr. B. Chilcott  
arr. A. Bullard

### 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 #577 God of Grace and God of Glory**

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

- 1 God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;  
Now fulfil your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways.  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days.
- 3 Cure your children's warring madness. Bend our pride to your control.  
Shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be  
Armoured with all Christ-like graces in the fight for liberty.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail ourselves and thee.

**Dismissal**

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** Nun Danket alle Gott

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