

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

Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday, October 5, 2025, 10:30am Holy Eucharist

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

Processional Hymn: #259 For the Fruit of All Creation

PLEASE STAND

- 1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;
Gifts bestowed on every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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

The musical notation is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The first staff begins with a double bar line and repeat dots. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Dynamics are indicated by 'f' (forte) and 'p' (piano). The lyrics are written below the notes, with two versions: a traditional version and a more contemporary version.

f *p*

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 *f* *p*

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 *p* Je - sus Christ, the Son of the Fath - er, *f* 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: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 100

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: Be joyful in the Lord | -- all you lands, * serve the Lord | with gladness.
Come before his pre- | sence with a song. * Know this: the Lord him- | self is a God.

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: He himself made us, | and we are his; * we are his people and the sheep of | his pasture.
Enter his gates with | thanksgiving, * go in- | to his courts with praise.

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

Choir: Give thanks to him and call | upon his Name. * For | the Lord is good.
His mercy is ev- | erlasting, * and his faithfulness en- | dures from age to age.

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

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Philippi.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND



'Saranam, Saranam'
Trad. Sri Lankan

The Holy Gospel: John 6:25-35

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

When they found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the

bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

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

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: #406 When the Lord Brought Back

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

1 When the Lord brought back from captivity his flock,
We were all like people in a dream.
Then our throats with laughter rang and our tongues burst out in song;
We awoke like people from a dream.

Refrain:

*Though with tears we set out sadly in the early morn,
Bearing forth the seed to be sown,
We shall come back rejoicing at the setting of the sun,
we shall come back carrying the sheaves.*

*We shall come back rejoicing, carrying the sheaves,
 We shall come back rejoicing all the way.
 Though we left in the morning with a bitter seed to sow,
 We shall come back rejoicing all the way.*

- 2 Then they said among the nations, "God for them has done great things;
 Mighty marvels God has done indeed."
 Yes, the Lord has wonders done, saving wonders from above,
 And we are glad indeed. *Refrain.*
- 3 Restore, O Lord, our fortunes as of old,
 Like the torrents of the deserts in the south.
 Those who weeping sow the seed shall in joy the harvest reap.
 Life shall be restored as torrents of the south. *Refrain.*

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.**

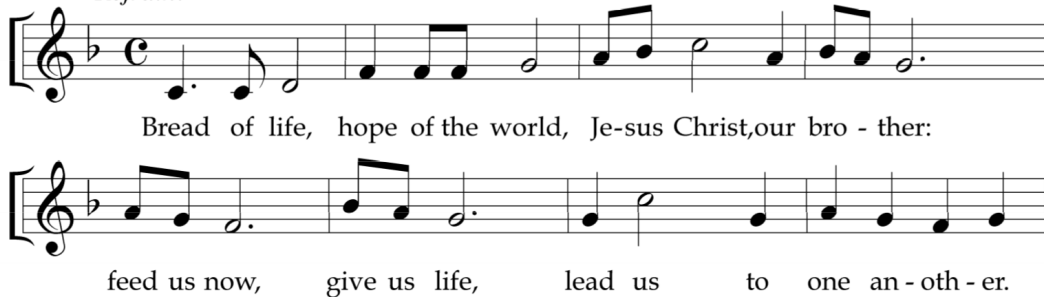
The Breaking of the Bread #1

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:



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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:

Harvest Carol
Sing to the Lord of Harvest

I. Ray
arr. H. Willan

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 #387 All Praise to Thee

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

- 1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
Didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
That in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine: alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Thou camest to us in lowliness of thought;
By thee the outcast and the poor were sought,
And by thy death was God's salvation wrought: alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
Who wast a servant that we might be free,
Humbling thyself to death on Calvary: alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou
Art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
And given the name to which all knees shall bow: alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 Let every tongue confess with one accord
In heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
And God the Father be by all adored: alleluia, alleluia!

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Alleluja

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