

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

The Second Sunday of Advent

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

Prelude: Divinum Mysterium

S. Vann

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

Processional Hymn: #116 "Your Kingdom Come" – on Bended Knee

PLEASE STAND

- 1 "Your kingdom come"-- on bended knee the passing ages pray;
And faithful souls have yearned to see on earth that kingdom's day.
- 2 But the slow watches of the night not less to God belong,
And for the everlasting right the silent stars are strong.
- 3 And lo, already on the hills the flags of dawn appear.
Gird up your loins, you prophet souls; proclaim the day is near:
- 4 The day in whose clear shining light all wrong shall stand revealed,
When justice shall be throned in might, and every hurt be healed;
- 5 When knowledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth abroad--
The day of perfect righteousness, the promised day of God.

Welcome & Greeting

Presider: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Story of Advent: The Holy Family

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

A child will light one candle on the Advent Wreath during the following hymn. The children will then proceed to children's programming.

Advent Hymn: Prepare the Way

Pre- pare the way of the Lord! Pre- pare the way of the Lord!

Make a stright path for him, make a straight path, pre -

pare the way of the Lord!

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

Read by John Knowles

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 85

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING



In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord - I will re -
joice, come to God, do not be a-fraid. Lift up your
voi - ces, the Lord is near; lift up a voi - ces, the Lord is near

*Music: J. Berthier
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Choir: Show us your mercy, O Lord, * and grant us your salvation.
I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, * for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those
who turn their hearts to him.

People: **In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord, I will rejoice.
Come to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

Choir: Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * that his glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth have met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

People: **In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful . . .**

Choir: Truth shall spring up from the earth, * and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, * and our land will yield its increase.

People: **In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord, I will rejoice.**
Come to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

Read by Janice Knowles

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

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND

Cantor: *People:*

1. Hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le, ha-le-lu-jah!

Hal-le-lu-jah, ha-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah!

Hal-le-lu-jah, ha-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah! repeat v.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance.

Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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)

The Apostles' Creed

PLEASE STAND

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 "We pray to the Lord," with the response, "Lord Jesus, come soon."

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: #103 On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

- 1 On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.
- 2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within.
Prepare we in our hearts a home, where such a mighty guest may come.
- 3 For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge, and our great reward;
Without thy grace we waste away, like flowers that wither and decay.

- 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth, and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.
- 5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee whose advent doth thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

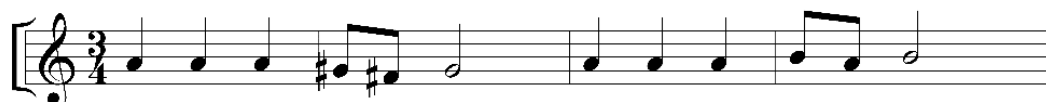
Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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.**

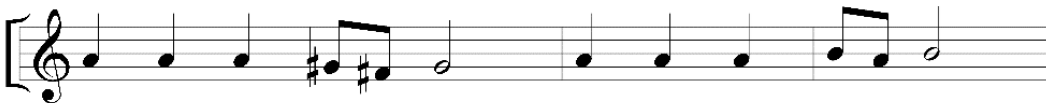
The Presiding Celebrant acclaims the life-giving power of God in the story of salvation and calls on us to join all creation in the song of the angels. We then sing verses 1-2 of the Sanctus following:



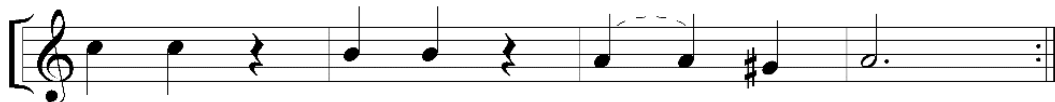
1. Lord God of pow'r and might, Lord God of pow'r and might,
2. Bless - ed is he who comes, comes in the name of God,
3&4. (below)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!



Your glo - ry fills the heav'n, your glo - ry fills the earth,
Ho - san - na ev - er - more, ho - san - na ev - er - more,
3. Glo - ry to you, O Lord, glo - ry for ev - er - more!
4. Glo - ry to you, O Lord, glo - ry for ev - er - more!



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
Glo ry, glo - ry, Glo - ry to you!
A - men, 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 3) **Glory to you, O Lord; glory for evermore!**
Glory, glory, glory to you!

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 4) **Glory to you, O Lord; glory for evermore!**
Amen, amen, amen.

The Breaking of the Bread #5

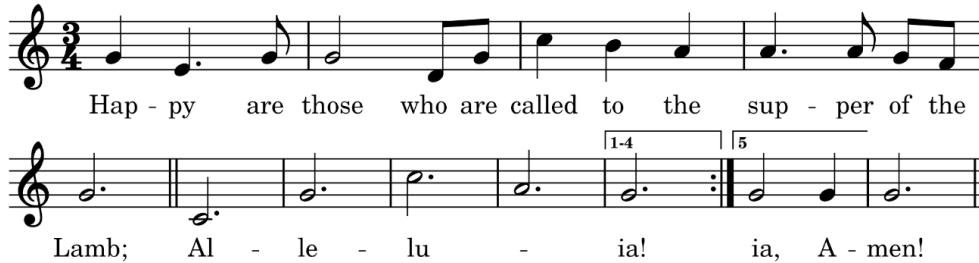
Presider: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All: **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Song for the Breaking of Bread



Music: D. Cowling © 1995

Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

People: **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb; alleluia!**

Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

People: **Happy are those . . .**

Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

People: **Happy are those . . .**

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: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

arr. S. Cleobury

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 #109 When the King Shall Come Again

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

1 When the King shall come again, all his power revealing,
Splendour shall announce his reign, life and joy and healing;
Earth no longer in decay, hope no more frustrated,
This is God's redemption day longingly awaited.

2 In the desert, trees take root, fresh from God's creation;
Plants and flowers and sweetest fruit join the celebration;
Rivers spring up from the earth, barren lands adorning.
Valleys, this is your new birth; mountains, greet the morning!

- 3 Strengthen feeble hands and knees; fainting hearts, be cheerful!
God, who comes for such as these, seeks and saves the fearful.
Deaf ears, hear the silent tongues sing away their weeping;
Blind eyes, see the lifeless ones walking, running, leaping!
- 4 There God's highway shall be seen where no roaring lion,
Nothing evil or unclean, walks the road to Zion:
Ransomed people homeward bound all your praises voicing,
See your Lord with glory crowned, share in his rejoicing!

Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to serve the world God loves.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

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