

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

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday, January 25, 2026, 10:30am Holy Eucharist

### THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual ecumenical celebration that invites us to pray for the unity of all Christians. In the spirit of ecumenism, this year we are holding a pulpit swap with St. Giles Kingsway Presbyterian Church!

**We are pleased to welcome Pastor Tim Bruneau to St. George's today.**

Rev'd Jess is preaching at St. Giles this morning.

### Welcome & Announcements

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

**Processional Hymn: #560** God, Whose Almighty Word

PLEASE STAND

1. God, whose almighty Word chaos and darkness heard,  
And took their flight:  
Hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel-day  
Sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light!
2. Saviour, who came to bring on your redeeming wing  
Healing and sight,  
Health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind:  
Now for all humankind let there be light!
3. Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy Dove,  
Speed on your flight!  
Move on the water's face bearing the lamp of grace,  
And in earth's darkest place let there be light!
4. Gracious and holy Three, glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, love, might,  
Boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride:  
Through the world far and wide let there be light!

### 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: Song of Creation (Benedicte Omnia Opera)**



1. All you works of the Lord glo-ri - fy the Lord,  
 2. All you ang - els of God glo-ri - fy the Lord,  
 3. Let the earth bless the Lord, glo-ri - fy the Lord,  
 4. Let the peo - ple of God glo-ri - fy the Lord,  
 5. God - the Fa - ther, we sing: glo-ri - fy the Lord,



In the fir - ma - ment, glo-ri - fy the Lord  
 Sun and moon and stars glo-ri - fy the Lord,  
 All you beasts of the wild glo-ri - fy the Lord,  
 All you ser - vants of God glo-ri - fy the Lord,  
 God the Son, we - ex - alt: glo-ri - fy the Lord,



Praise and mag - ni - fy, glo - ry fy the  
 Night and day bless the Lord, glo - ri - fy the  
 All you birds of the air glo - ri - fy the  
 All you hum - ble of heart glo - ri - fy the  
 God the Spi - rit, we praise: glo - ri - fy the



Lord, glo - ri - fy the Lord.  
 Lord, glo - ri - fy the Lord.  
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**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 Ruth Snowden*

**First Reading: Isaiah 58:6-11**

*A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.*

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and

he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

**Psalm 62:6-11**

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

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Choir: For God alone my soul in silence waits; truly my hope, my hope is in him.  
He alone is my rock and salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

People: **There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism;  
there is one God who is Father of all.**

Choir: In God is my safety and my honour: God is my strong rock and my refuge.  
Put your trust in him always, O People, pour out your hearts, for God is our refuge.

People: **There is one Lord . . .**

Choir: Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, even those of low estate cannot be trusted.  
On the scales they are lighter than a breath, all of them, of them together.

People: **There is one Lord . . .**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-13**

*Read by Jonathan Chevreau*

*A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Ephesus.*

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for

building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

### Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND



1.Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
2.Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!  
3.Praise be to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Je - sus Christ! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Je - sus Christ! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

### The Holy Gospel: John 12:31-36

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: *(sing verse 2) Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus said to the crowd: 'Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, 'We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?' Jesus said to them, 'The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.'

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: *(sing verse 3) Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Sermon:** Pastor Tim Bruneau

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

**Affirmation of Faith:** The Creed of the Church of Philippi

PLEASE STAND

Presider: Let us stand and confess our faith in the words which St. Paul gave to the Church of Philippi.  
*(Philippians 2:6-11)*

People: **We believe that, though he was divine, Jesus did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing.**

**Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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

**The Prayers of the People**

*Led by Bob James*

*Please respond to the petition "We pray to God," with the response, "let the light of Christ shine on us all."*

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: CP #430 Will You Come and Follow Me**

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
  
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
  
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
 Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
 Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
 Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
 In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

### Prayer over the Gifts

#### The 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 as follows:*

*(Sing in harmony)*

*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:*

**People:** (sing 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 and strengthen us, the Church, until we come to share the joys of heaven.  
We praise God's endless love, and at the elevation of the bread and cup, we sing:*

**People:** (sing verse 5) **Glory, glory, glory! Glory be to you, O Lord!**  
**Glory, glory, glory! Amen, amen!**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

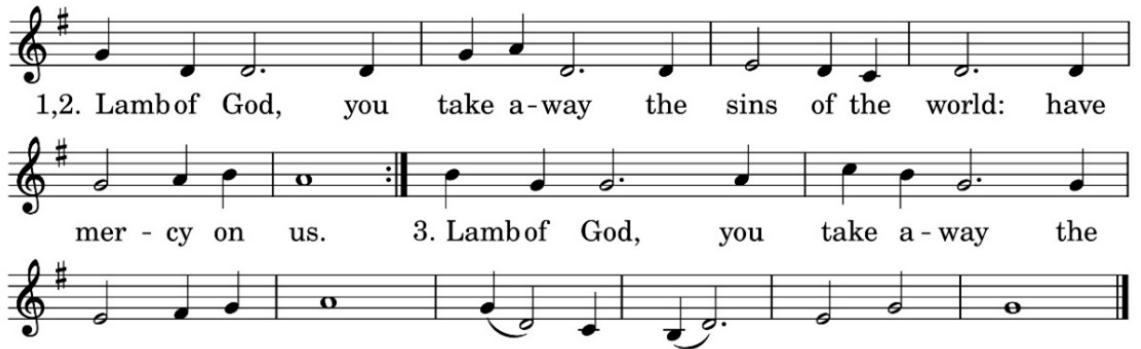
**Presider:** "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

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

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

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

### **Song for the Breaking of the 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.

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### **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:** Create in Me a Clean Heart

H. Willan

### **Prayer after Communion**

PLEASE STAND

### **The Doxology**

**Presider:** Glory to God,

**All:** **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn: CP #524 O Christ, the Great Foundation**

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

1. O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand  
To preach your true salvation in every age and land:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,  
To keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.
  
2. Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,  
We bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth.  
One holy people gathered in love beyond our own;  
By grace we were invited, by grace we make you known.

3. Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak,  
Where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak;  
There let your church awaking attack the powers of sin,  
And, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.
4. This is the moment glorious when he, who once was dead,  
Shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head.  
The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings:  
The final consummation, the glory of all things.

#### **Dismissal**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Postlude**

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