

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

The First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 22, 2026, 10:30am Holy Eucharist

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

Kyrie Eleison (*Lord, Have Mercy*)

PLEASE STAND

1. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,
2. Chris - te e - le - i - son, Chris - te e - le - i - son,
3. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,

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Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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Choir: Lord Jesus, you lead us into the desert, strong to follow your journey.

All: **Christe eleison . . .**

Choir: You come now in word and sacrament to strengthen us on our journey.

All: **Kyrie eleison . . .**

The Apostolic Greeting

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: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Invitation to Confession

PLEASE KNEEL AS YOU ARE ABLE

Lent is the season for sober reflection on the ways in which we fall short of God's ideal for us. As such, it is customary to begin our worship with a penitent heart.

Presider: Most merciful God,

All: **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of God's name. Amen.**

The Absolution

Hymn: #179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (vv. 1, 6a, 6b)

PLEASE STAND

During this hymn, we are sprinkled with water as a symbol of God's forgiveness and our new life in Christ.

- 1. Tree of Life and awesome mystery, in your death we are reborn;
Though you die in all of history, still you rise with every morn,
Still you rise with every morn.
- 6a. Light of life beyond conceiving, mighty Spirit of our Lord;
Give new strength to our believing, give us faith to live your word,
Give us faith to live your word.
- 6b. From the dawning of creation you have loved us as your own;
Stay with us through all temptation, make us turn to you alone,
Make us turn to you alone.

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: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Read by Bob James

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 25:1-6

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer,
when I call, an - swer me, O Lord, hear my prayer, O
Lord, hear my prayer; come and list - en to me.

Cantor: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul . . .
 Let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

**People: O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.
 O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

Choir: Show me your ways, O Lord . . .
 In you have I trusted all the day long.

People: O Lord, hear my prayer . . .

Choir: Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love . . .
 and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

People: O Lord, hear my prayer . . .

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Read by Noel Semple

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

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation: We Are Not Alone (*P. Choplin*)

PLEASE STAND

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

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.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.
People: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Fr Andrew Sheldon

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

The Prayers of the People

Led by Bob James

Please respond to the petition "Lord, 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

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 #628 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high! It fills the heart with ecstasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.
2. God sent no angel to our race, of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame for us, and to this lost world came.
3. For us he was baptized, and bore his holy fast, and hungered sore;
For us temptations sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.
4. For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us his daily works he wrought;
By words and signs, and actions, thus still seeking not himself but us.
5. For us by wickedness betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death; for us at length gave up his breath.
6. For us he rose from death again, for us he went on high to reign,
For us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
7. To God whose boundless love has won salvation for us through the Son,
To God the Father, glory be both now and through eternity.

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 acclaim 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:



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God of pow'r and might,
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Your glo - ry fills the hea - ven.
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! He comes, the Bless - ed One.

4. Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! For ev - er-more be glo - ry!
 5. Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! For ev - er-more be glo - ry!



Lord God of pow'r, Lord God of might! Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 Your glo - ry fills the heav'n and earth! Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 He comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!

For ev - er-more be glo - ry to you! Glo - ry be to you!
 For ev - er-more be glo - ry to you! 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: (sing verse 4) **Glory, glory, glory! For evermore be glory!
 For evermore be glory to you! Glory be 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: (sing verse 5) **Glory, glory, glory! For evermore be glory!
 For evermore be glory to you! Amen, amen!**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break this bread,

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Presider: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

**All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
 if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Song for the Breaking of the Bread



O Lamb of God, you take a-way, you take a - way the sin of the world,



1. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer - cy up-on us, Lord.
 2. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer - cy up-on us, Lord.
 3. Give us your peace, O give us your peace, Lord.

Music: Carl Orff
 Carmina Burana

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: In the Heart Where Love Is Abiding

arr. J. Barnard

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.

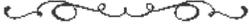
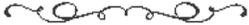
The Blessing

Dismissal

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

Choral Benediction: A Blessing

E. Daley


In the spirit of Lent, you are invited to take time for silent reflection and prayer before departing.


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