

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

The Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 8, 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,

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

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Choir: Lord Jesus, you give your laws to guide us as we 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, 3, 6d)

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.

- 3. We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and word;
Every person lost and broken wears the body of our Lord,
Wears the body of our Lord.

- 6d. Living Water of salvation, be the fountain of each soul;
Springing up in new creation, flow in us and make us whole,
Flow in us and make us whole.

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: Exodus 17:1-7

Read by Ceceile Dennis-Arthurs

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 19:1-6

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: The heavens declare the glory of God . . . and one night imparts knowledge to another.

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: Although they have no words or language . . . and their message to the ends of the world.

People: O Lord, hear my prayer . . .

Choir: In the deep has he set a pavilion . . . nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

People: O Lord, hear my prayer . . .

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Read by Mary Coppard

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

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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: John 4:5-42

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.

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet.

Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: Rev'd Jess Dowling

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

The Prayers of the People

Led by Ceceile Dennis-Arthurs

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 #400 What Wondrous Love Is This

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And through eternity I'll sing on.

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:



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| 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: Deep Peace

D. Bill

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.

Polychronia ("Many Years")

(Tune: Tallis' Canon)

Presider: Let us call down God's blessing:

**All: God give you many, many years to thank him for his blessings here.
And many, many, many more to pray God still his grace to pour.**

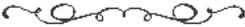
The Blessing

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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