

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

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 15, 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 give us light in the darkness light to guide on 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, 4, 6e)

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.

4. Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit, come inflame our hearts anew.
We may all your joy inherit if we bear the cross with you,
If we bear the cross with you.

- 6e. Give us eyes to see you clearly; make us children of your light.
Give us hearts to live more nearly as your gospel shining bright,
As your gospel shining bright.

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: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Read by John Knowles

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)



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: Give thanks to the Lord . . . he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
 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: He gathered them out of the lands . . . a city where they might dwell.
 People: **O Lord, hear my prayer . . .**

Choir: They were hungry and thirsty . . . he delivered them from their distress.
 People: **O Lord, hear my prayer . . .**

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Read by Janice Knowles

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

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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 9:1-41

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.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The people did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the people; for the people had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?"

Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him.

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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 John Knowles

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 #520 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

1. The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.
5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever!

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: We Shall Walk Through the Valley of Peace

arr. M. Hogan

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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