

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

## The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

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

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Choir: Lord Jesus, you plant a grain in the desert, food to nourish 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, 5, 6f)

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.
  
5. Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may be;  
One with you in joy and sorrow, we the river, you the sea,  
We the river, you the sea.
  
- 6f. God of all our fear and sorrow, God who lives beyond our death,  
Hold us close through each tomorrow, love as near as every breath,  
Love as near as every breath.

**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:** Ezekiel 37:1-14

*Read by Ruth Snowden*

*A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.*

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

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:** Have mercy on me, O God . . . and cleanse me from my sin.

**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:** For I know my transgressions . . what is evil in your sight.

**People:** **O Lord, hear my prayer . . .**

**Choir:** And so you are justified . . . and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

**People:** **O Lord, hear my prayer . . .**

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:6-11

*Read by Jon Chevreau*

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

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in 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 11:1, 3, 5-6, 17-45**

**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.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." Though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the people had come to Martha and Mary to console them about

their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The people who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the people who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the people said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the people therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in 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 #442** Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

1. Great God, your love has called us here  
As we, by love, for love were made.  
Your living likeness still we bear,  
Though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.  
We come, with all our heart and mind,  
Your call to hear, your love to find.
2. We come with self-inflicted pains  
Of broken trust and chosen wrong;  
Half-free, half-bound by inner chains;  
By social forces swept along,  
By powers and systems close confined;  
Yet seeking hope for humankind.
3. Great God, in Christ you call our name  
And then receive us as your own  
Not through some merit, right, or claim,  
But by your gracious love alone.  
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat  
And find you kneeling at our feet.
4. Then take the towel, and break the bread,  
And humble us, and call us friends.  
Suffer and serve till all are fed  
And show how grandly love intends  
To work till all creation sings,  
To fill all worlds, to crown all things.
5. Great God, in Christ you set us free,  
Your life to live, your joy to share.  
Give us your Spirit's liberty  
To turn from guilt and dull despair  
And offer all that faith can do  
While love is making all things new.

## **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:** Lift Thine Eyes to the Mountains  
God So Loved the World

F. Mendelssohn  
B. Chilcott

## 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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