

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

## The Feast of St George

Sun, April 26, 2026, 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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**Prelude:** Prelude in G Major

F. Mendelssohn

### Welcome & Announcements

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

**Processional Hymn: #447** Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness

PLEASE STAND

1. Lord, we hear your word with gladness: you have spoken--we rejoice:  
Words of love and life and freedom--help us make their truth our choice!  
Now in holy celebration for your Word we worship you;  
Spoken, written, known in Jesus, ours today to prove anew.
2. May we hear with understanding, by your Spirit taught and led;  
May the springs of all our being by your living Word be fed;  
May our hearts accept with meekness all the grace your light makes known;  
May obedience mark our footsteps till we make each word our own!
3. You have spoken; yours the fullness, ours the wealth of this your Word:  
Debtors, then as living letters, we must make our gospel heard!  
By your Spirit's power transform us; shed your saving light abroad  
Till our lives by love in action show our world the truth of God!

### Easter Greeting

**Presider:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People:** **The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**

*(repeat three times, each time louder!)*

**Presider:** May his grace and peace be with you!

**People:** **May he fill our hearts with joy!**

**Song of Praise:** Gloria *(Tune: Easter Hymn)*

Glory be to God, we sing, Alleluia! Peace on earth to all you bring; Alleluia!  
Worship, thanks and glory be, Alleluia! To our God eternally, Alleluia!

Lamb of God, to you we pray, Alleluia! Hear and take our sins away; Alleluia!  
You are seated high above, Alleluia! Hear our prayer, O Lord of love. Alleluia!

Glory to the Holy One, Alleluia! You Most High upon your throne; Alleluia!  
Jesus Christ the risen Lord, Alleluia! And the Spirit we adore. Alleluia!

### 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 Wendy Dimmock*

**First Reading:** Ephesians 6:10-20

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

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

**Psalm 23** *(Tune: Eventide #24)*

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

The Lord's my Shepherd; I have all I need;  
God makes me lie down in the pastures green.  
Beside still waters, God does gently lead;  
Restores my soul when I upon God lean.

God guides me in the paths of righteousness;  
Gives guidance, for God's name's sake, unto me.  
Yea, though I walk through paths of darkest death,  
I fear no evil, for You are with me.

Your rod and staff give comfort unto me.  
You serve a feast in presence of my foes;  
My head anoint with oil for all to see;  
My heart is full, and my cup overflows.

Surely Your goodness, and Your mercy, Lord,  
Will follow me for all my days and more;  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord,  
Dwell in God's house and presence evermore.

**Gospel Acclamation**

PLEASE STAND

Al - le - lui - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Je - sus is ri - sen from the dead! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

### **The Holy Gospel: Mark 8:34-38**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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

**People: (sing) Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

**People: (sing) Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Sermon:** The Rev'd Jess Dowling

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

### **Affirmation of Faith: The Baptismal Covenant**

PLEASE STAND

Presider: As we stand, I invite those who would like to make a profession of Christian faith to join with me in these words from our baptismal covenant.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

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

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Led by Wendy Dimmock*

*Please respond to the petition "Let us pray to the Lord," with the response, "Hear us, Lord of Glory."*

**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 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 1-2 of the Sanctus:*



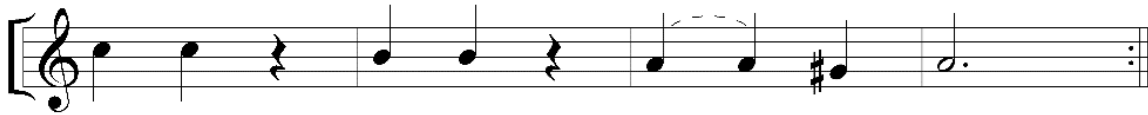
1. Lord God of pow'r and might, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
2. Bless - ed is he who comes, comes in the name of God,  
3&4. *(below)*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!



Your glo - ry fills the heav'n, your glo - ry fills the earth,  
 Ho - san - na ev - er - more, ho - san - na ev - er - more,  
 3. Glo - ry to you, O Lord, glo - ry for ev - er - more!  
 4. Glo - ry to you, O Lord, glo - ry for ev - er - more!



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
 Glo - ry, glo - ry, Glo - ry to you!  
 A - men, 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:*

**People:** (sing verse 3) **Glory to you, O Lord; glory for evermore!**  
**Glory, glory, glory to you!**

*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 4) **Glory to you, O Lord; glory for evermore!**  
**Amen, amen, amen!**

### The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All: Now we are raised to new life.**

Presider: We were buried in your tomb.

**All: Now we share in your resurrection.**

Presider: Live in us, that we may live in you.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Song for the Breaking of the Bread



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the



break-ing of the bread, One bo - dy are we, Lord



Je - sus, for through ma - ny we all are one.

URSULA & DIETER TRAUTWEIN (ARR.)

Choir: The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion in the body of Christ.  
One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

**People: Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread;  
One body are we, Lord Jesus, for through many we all are one.**

Choir: All who eat of this bread, alleluia, will live for evermore.  
This is the true bread, alleluia, which has come to us from heav'n.

**People: Be known to us, Lord Jesus . . .**

### **The Communion**

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*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:** On Wings of Faith

F. Mendelssohn

### **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.**

### **Easter Blessing**

Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

**People: Alleluia!**

Presider: May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. **Alleluia!**

May God who has brought us out of bondage into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Alleluia!**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn: CP #378 Crown Him with Many Crowns**

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne:  
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
2. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

4. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

**Dismissal**

**Presider:** Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

**People:** **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

**Postlude:** Alleluia

arr. J.-F. Dandrieu

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