

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

## The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sun, May 10, 2026, 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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### Welcome & Announcements

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

#### Processional Hymn: #375 At the Name of Jesus

PLEASE STAND

1. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
'Tis his Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.
2. Humbled for a season to receive a name  
From the lips of sinners unto whom he came,  
Faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious when from death he passed.
3. Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death,  
But with awe and wonder, and with bated breath;  
He is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,  
Ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.
4. In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
All that is not holy, all that is not true;  
Crown him as your Saviour in temptation's hour;  
Let his will enfold you in its light and power.
5. Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
With his Father's glory, with his angel train;  
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
And our hearts confess him King of glory now.

#### 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

**First Reading:** Acts 17:22-31

*Read by Linda Javorski*

*A Reading from the Book of Acts.*

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown God.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

**Psalm 98** *(Tune: St Anne #528)*

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

Sing to the Lord a joyful song, for God has done great things;  
God's mighty hand and holy arm salvation to us bring.

The Lord's salvation is made known, the nations see it well;  
Your mercy and your faithfulness, your love to Israel.

The ends of all the earth have seen salvation of our God;  
Shout to the Lord with joy, all earth, burst into joyful song!

Make music to the Lord with harp, with singing make reply;  
With trumpets, horn, and shouts of joy before the Lord on high.

Let oceans roar and all therein, all peoples of the earth;  
Let rivers clap their hands for joy, and mountains sing God's worth.

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 3:13-22

*Read by Noel Semple*

*A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.*

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you;

yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

### 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: John 14:15-21

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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)*

### The Prayers of the People: A Litany for Mother's Day

Led by Linda Javorski

Leader: All who gather here are children.

All: **We praise God for the women who gave us life.**

Leader: For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,

All: **We give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,  
**All: We pray for peace.**

Leader: For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,  
**All: We pray for healing.**

Leader: For mothers who have died, that live no longer with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,  
**All: We pray for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.**

Leader: For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,  
**All: We weep with those with broken hearts.**

Leader: For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,  
**All: We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.**

Leader: For those who are preparing emptier nests,  
**All: We both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.**

Leader: For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,  
**All: We pray for wisdom and patience.**

Leader: For Grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,  
**All: We pray the caregivers have those who care for them.**

Leader: For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled.  
**All: We wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.**

Leader: For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others.  
**All: We give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: For all who mother.  
**All: We give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world. For the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life. For women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others. For women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ. For the caregivers, prophets, preachers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers. For Moms, in their wide variety and many forms,  
**All: We give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: And now, gathering all our prayers, cares and petitions, we pray as our Saviour taught us:  
**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 #527 How Firm a Foundation

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
To you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?
2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
3. When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
4. When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply:  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.
5. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not--I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,  
I'll never--no, never--no, never forsake!"

### 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.**

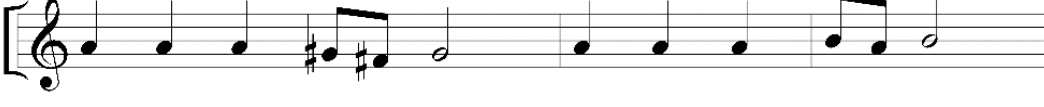
*The Presiding Celebrant acclaim the life-giving power of God in the story of salvation and calls on us to join all creation in the song of the angels. We then sing verses 1-2 of the Sanctus:*



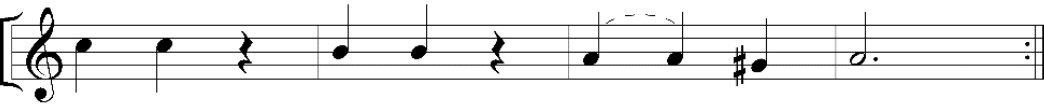
1. Lord God of pow'r and might, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 2. Bless - ed is he who comes, comes in the name of God,  
 3&4. (below)



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

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:** If Ye Love Me

T. Tallis

## 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.**

## 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 #425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
Stars and angels sing around thee, centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father and our Mother, all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

**Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude:** Tallis' "Ordinal"

H. Willan

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