

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

Ascension Sunday

Sun, May 17, 2026, 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Prelude: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Trad. French, arr. L. Larson

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

Processional Hymn: #380 O Worship the King

PLEASE STAND

1. O worship the King, all glorious above; O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
3. The earth with its store of wonders untold, almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
Hath established it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
4. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.
5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.
6. O measureless Might, ineffable Love, while angels delight to hymn thee above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

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 Janet Kincaid

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 47 (*Tune: Beach Haven #177*)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

O clap your hands, you nations all, and shout with joyful mirth!
How awesome is the Lord Most High, great sovereign o'er the earth!
Who brought down nations under us, and peoples 'neath our feet.
God chose inheritance for us; God's love did Jacob meet.

God has ascended with a shout — the Lord with trumpet sound.
Sing praise to God, sing to our Lord; sing praises long and loud.
For God rules over all the earth — sing with a psalm of praise.
God reigns o'er all the nations, sits upon the throne always.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Read by Mary Coppard

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

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND

9 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: Luke 24:44-53

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

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

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

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

Sermon: Fr. Andrew Sheldon

(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 Janet Kincaid

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 #482 Come and Journey with a Saviour

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

1. Come and journey with a Saviour who has called us from our birth,
Who has washed us in the waters, and who loved us on the earth.

Refrain:

*Come and journey, come and journey with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and daughters; in the Spirit we are one.*

2. Come and journey, journey inward, come and seek him deep within,
Where he meets us in our living, in our striving and our sin. *Refrain.*
3. Come and journey, journey outward, telling others of his name,
Telling others of his glory, of his cross and of the shame. *Refrain.*
4. Come and journey, journey outward, where that cross calls us to care,
Where injustice and where hunger and the poor call us to share. *Refrain.*
5. Come and journey, journey upward. Sing his praises, offer prayer.
In the storm and in the stillness find his presence everywhere. *Refrain.*
6. Come and journey, journey onward; all our gifts we now shall bring
To the building of a city that is holy, Christ its King. *Refrain.*

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.**

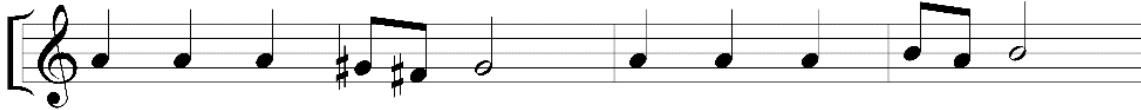
The Presiding Celebrant acclaims the life-giving power of God in the story of salvation and calls on us to join all creation in the song of the angels. We then sing verses 1-2 of the Sanctus:



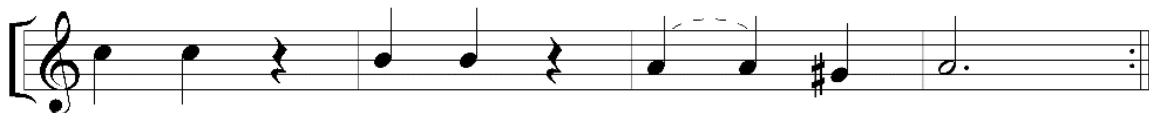
1. Lord God of pow'r and might, Lord God of pow'r and might,
2. Bless - ed is he who comes, comes in the name of God,
3&4. (below)



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

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: Ave Verum

W. A. Mozart

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!**

Presider: 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 #317 Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

1. Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah, from the heavens praise God's name;
Praise the Lord, our great Creator; all you angels, praise proclaim.
All you hosts, together praising, sun and moon and stars on high;
Praise the Lord, O heavens of heavens, and the floods above the sky.

Refrain:

*Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah, for God's name alone is high,
And God's glory is exalted, and God's glory is exalted,
And God's glory is exalted, far above the earth and sky.*

2. Let them praise the Lord their maker: they were made at God's command,
Who established them forever, whose decree shall ever stand.
Let the earth sing hallelujah, raging seas, you monsters all,
Fire and hail and snow and vapours, stormy winds that hear God's call. *Refrain.*
3. All you fruitful trees and cedars, every hill and mountain high,
Creeping things and beasts and cattle, birds that in the heavens fly,
Kings of earth and all you people, princes great, earth's judges all:
Praise God's name, young men and maidens, aged men, and children small. *Refrain.*

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude: Nimrod

E. Elgar

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