

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

## Pride Sunday

Sun, June 28, 2026, 9:30 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*

#### The Apostolic Greeting & Collect for Purity

**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:** Almighty God,

**People:** **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### Opening Hymn: #572 Let There Be Light (vv. 1-3, 6)

PLEASE STAND

1. Let there be light, let there be understanding,  
Let all the nations gather, let them be face to face;
2. Open our lips, open our minds to ponder,  
Open the door of concord opening into grace;
3. Perish the sword, perish the angry judgement,  
Perish the bombs and hunger, perish the fight for gain;
6. Let there be light, open our hearts to wonder,  
Perish the way of terror, hallow the world God made.

#### 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 15:1-35

*Read by Ruth Snowden & Jonathan Chevreau*

*A Reading from the Book of Acts.*

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the gentiles and brought great joy to all the brothers and sisters. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and

the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, “It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses.”

The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us, and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

The whole assembly kept silence and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the gentiles. After they finished speaking, James replied, “My brothers, listen to me. Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written,

“‘After this I will return, and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen; from its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will set it up, so that all other peoples may seek the Lord—even all the gentiles over whom my name has been called. Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things known from long ago.’

“Therefore I have reached the decision that we should not trouble those gentiles who are turning to God, but we should write to them to abstain only from things polluted by idols and from sexual immorality and from whatever has been strangled and from blood. For in every city, for generations past, Moses has had those who proclaim him, for he has been read aloud every Sabbath in the synagogues.”

Then the apostles and the elders, with the consent of the whole church, decided to choose men from among them and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers, with the following letter: “The brothers, both the apostles and the elders, to the brothers and sisters of gentile origin in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that certain persons who have gone out from us, though with no instructions from us, have said things to disturb you and have unsettled your minds, we have decided unanimously to choose men and send them to you, along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have risked their lives for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to impose on you no further burden than these essentials: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.”

So they were sent off and went down to Antioch. When they gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter. When they read it, they rejoiced at the exhortation. Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, said much to encourage and strengthen the brothers and sisters. After they had been there for some time, they were sent off in peace by the brothers and sisters to those who had sent them. But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, and there, with many others, they taught and proclaimed the word of the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

**Psalm 85:7-13** (Tune: Mozart #435)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

Let me hear what God will say,  
For you speak, God, to your own,  
Peace to those you call as saints,  
Those who turn their hearts to you.

Let them not be fools again.  
You will save those who fear you.  
Yes, salvation is at hand,  
And your glory's in our land.

Love and faithfulness will meet;  
Righteousness and peace embrace.  
Faithfulness springs from the ground;  
Justice will look down from heav'n.

You will give us what is good,  
Bounteous harvests we'll receive.  
Righteousness 'fore you shall go,  
Peace a pathway for your feet.

**Gospel Acclamation**

PLEASE STAND



1. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: The Rev'd Jess Dowling

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

**Affirmation of Faith** (Iona Community)

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 the Iona Community.

People: **We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of the one God,  
Maker and Sustainer of earth, sea, and sky.  
Born of Mary's womb,  
Faithful to the God of Abraham and Sarah,  
Jesus healed the sick, served the poor, and proclaimed heaven on earth.**

**Condemned by the religious, crucified by the state,  
He died but transformed even death and rose to life everlasting.  
He blessed the disciples with the Holy Spirit  
And sent them forth, east and west, north and south.  
We commit ourselves to Jesus,  
To one another as siblings in Christ  
And to God's mission in the world.  
In the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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

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

*Led by Wendy Dimmock*

Petition: Since the beginning, you have shown yourself to us in love.

**Response: Forgive us, God, for trying to put your love in a box.**

**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:** Quirky, Queer and Wonderful *(Tune: Royal Oak, #416)*

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

*Refrain:*

*Quirky, queer, and wonderful, distinct, unique and odd,  
All of our humanity reveals the face of God.*

1. No "normal" can encompass or comprehend the range  
Of all the kinds of people that God created strange! *Refrain.*
4. In Christ, the false divisions of gender, class, and race,  
Can never separate us from God's abundant grace. *Refrain.*
5. The many parts that form us each serve a diff'rent role,  
In Christ, we are one body, made holy, good, and whole. *Refrain.*

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### **Prayer over the Gifts**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

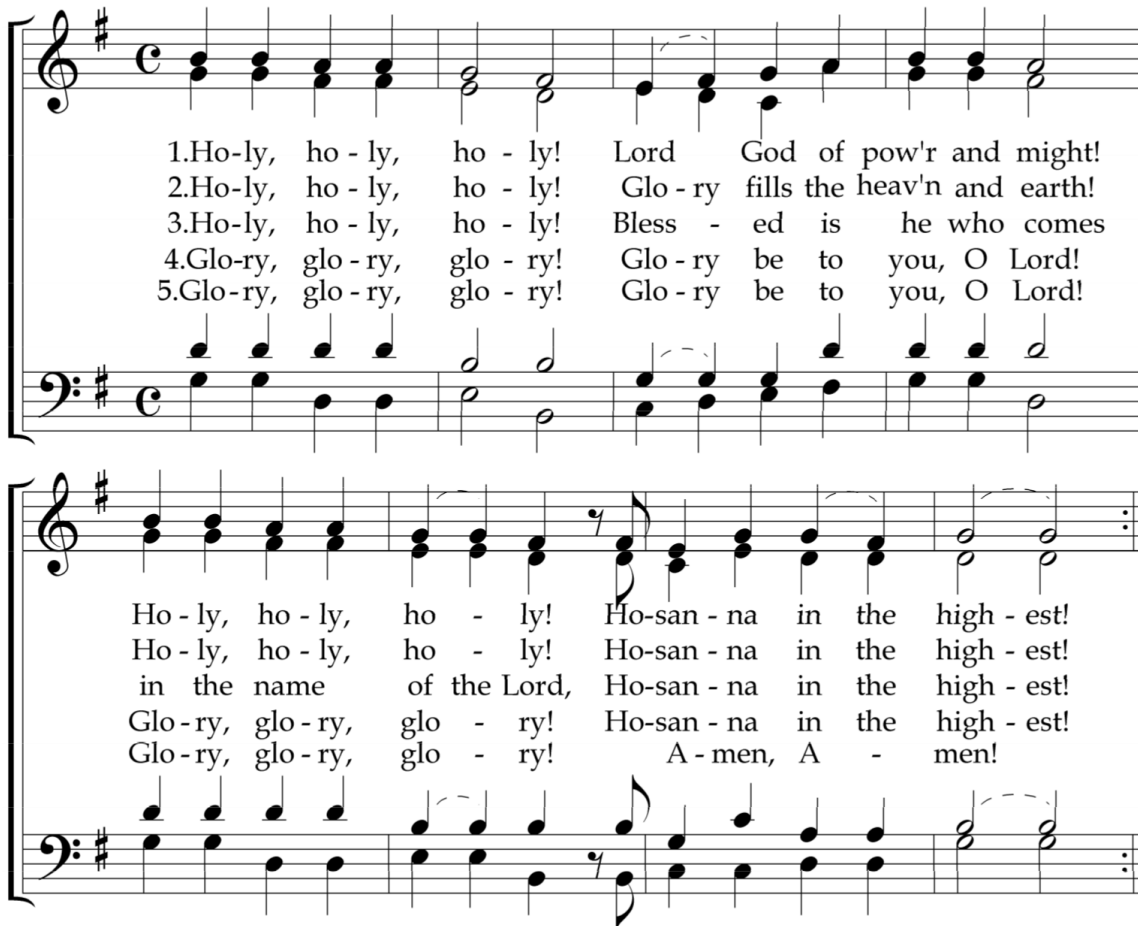
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 1-3 of the Sanctus:*

*(Sing in harmony)*



1. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God of pow'r and might!  
2. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Glo - ry fills the heav'n and earth!  
3. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Bless - ed is he who comes  
4. Glo-ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!  
5. Glo-ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Ho-san - na in the high - est!  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Ho-san - na in the high - est!  
in the name of the Lord, Ho-san - na in the high - est!  
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Ho-san - na in the high - est!  
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! 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 4)* **Glory, glory, glory! Glory be to you, O Lord!  
Glory, glory, glory! Hosanna in the highest!**

*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 5)* **Glory, glory, glory! Glory be to you, O Lord!  
Glory, glory, glory! Amen, amen!**

## The Breaking of the Bread

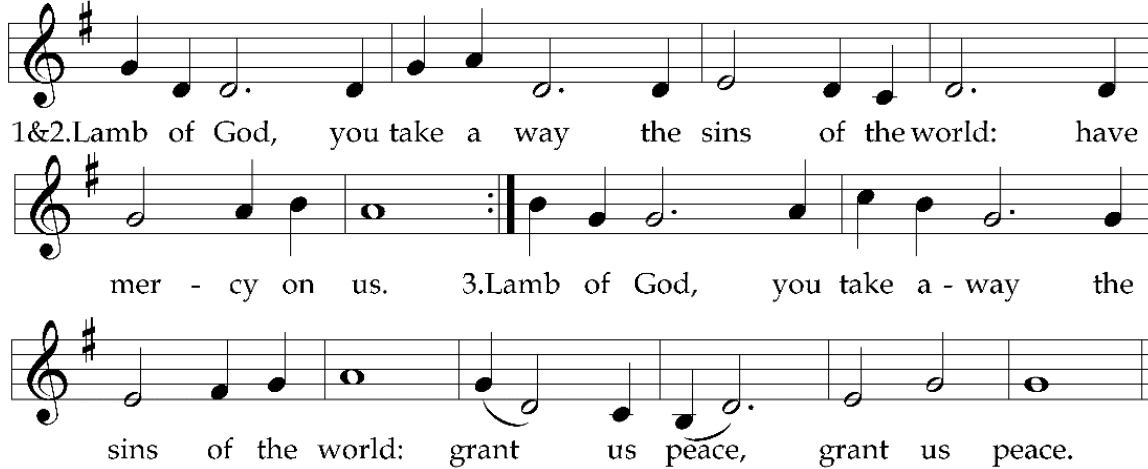
Presider: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Song for the Breaking of the Bread



1&2.Lamb of God, you take a way the sins of the world: have  
mer - cy on us. 3.Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

## 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.*

## 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.**

## Closing Hymn: CP #418 Draw the Circle Wide

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

*Refrain:*

*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

1. God the still-point of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns;  
Nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms. *Refrain.*
2. Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;  
Let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call. *Refrain.*
3. Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we've ever dreamed before;  
Let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door. *Refrain.*

## **Blessing & Dismissal**

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

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

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