

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

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sun, July 12, 2026, 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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: #560 God, Whose Almighty Word (vv. 1-3)

PLEASE STAND

1. God, whose almighty Word chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight:
Hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel-day
Sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light!
2. Saviour, who came to bring on your redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind:
Now for all humankind let there be light!
3. Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed on your flight!
Move on the water's face bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place let there be light!

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: Genesis 25:19-34

Read by Ceceile Dennis-Arthurs

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddanaram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife

Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 119:105-112 *(Tune: O Waly Waly #541)*

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

Your word is to my feet a lamp
And to my path a shining light,
I here have sworn and will attend
To keep your judgements true and right.

The free-will off'rings of my mouth
Accept and in your mercy, hear,
And to your servant, truth reveal;
Teach me your law and judgements clear.

I set my mind to love your law,
My heart is listening to your voice,
Your statutes are my heritage,
In joy they make my heart rejoice.

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

Read by Nancy Lou Farrell

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

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 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

PLEASE STAND



The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: *(sung)* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: *(sung)* **Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: Fr. Andrew Sheldon

(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 Ceceile Dennis-Arthurs

Please respond to the petition "Creator God," 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 #502 You Are Salt for the Earth (vv. 1-3)

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

1. You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people: life in the kingdom of God!

Refrain:

*Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!*

2. You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the kingdom of God. *Refrain.*
3. You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice grow in the kingdom of God! *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 1-3 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.

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.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: CP #645 Come Down, O Love Divine (vv. 1, 2, 4)

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

1. Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
4. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till they become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

Dismissal

Presider: Go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

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