

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

## The Sunday of the Resurrection: The First Sunday of Easter 2026

10:30am Holy Eucharist

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**Prelude:** This Is the Day the Risen Lord Has Made

arr. W. Ehret

### Welcome & Announcements

#### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

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THE CHILDREN BEGIN IN CHURCH AND ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE PROCESSION TO THE TOMB.  
DURING THE FIRST HYMN, THE CHILDREN WILL GO DOWNSTAIRS FOR THE GODLY PLAY EASTER STORY  
AND RETURN FOR HOLY COMMUNION.

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### Procession to the Tomb

PLEASE STAND

*Children are invited to join the procession.*

Morn-ing of ex-pec-ta-tion, morn-ing of doubt and won-der,  
morn-ing to end the dark-ness, morn-ing to search for love a-gain.

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**Cantor:** I will rise now and go about the city, I will seek him whom my soul loves.

**People:** **Morning of expectation, morning of doubt and wonder,  
Morning to end the darkness, morning to search for love again.**

**Cantor:** I sought him but found him not. Have you seen him whom my soul loves?

**People:** **Morning of expectation . . .**

### Holy Gospel: Mark 16:1-6

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him."

## The 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!**

**Hymn: #203** Jesus Christ is Risen Today

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

*The children will go downstairs for the Story of Holy Week during the hymn.*

1. Jesus Christ is risen today *(alleluia!)*, our triumphant holy day. *(Alleluia!)*  
Who did once, upon the cross *(alleluia!)*, suffer to redeem our loss. *(Alleluia!)*
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing *(alleluia!)* unto Christ our heavenly King, *(alleluia!)*  
Who endured the cross and grave *(alleluia!)*, sinners to redeem and save. *(Alleluia!)*
3. But the pains which he endured *(alleluia!)*, our salvation have procured. *(Alleluia!)*  
Now above the sky he's king *(alleluia!)* where the angels ever sing. *(Alleluia!)*
4. Sing we to our God above *(alleluia!)*, praise eternal as God's love; *(Alleluia!)*  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host *(alleluia!)*, praise the Son and Holy Ghost. *(Alleluia!)*

## Prayer of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

*We read and respond to God's message in scripture*

PLEASE BE SEATED

**First Reading:** Isaiah 25:6-9

*Read by Bob James*

*A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.*

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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

**Psalm 105:1-8** *(Tune: O Waly Waly)*

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

Give thanks to God, make known his Name, his deeds and acts to everyone;  
Sing praise, sing praise to him and tell the mighty wonders he has done.

Rejoice in him, all hearts that seek to know his Name and find his grace;  
Search for the Lord and all his strength, and ever live to see his face.

The Lord is God, throughout the world his righteous laws and good prevail;  
His covenant and promises he ever keeps and will not fail.

**Second Reading:** Acts 10:34-43

*Read by Ceceile Dennis-Arthurs*

*A Reading from the Book of Acts.*

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

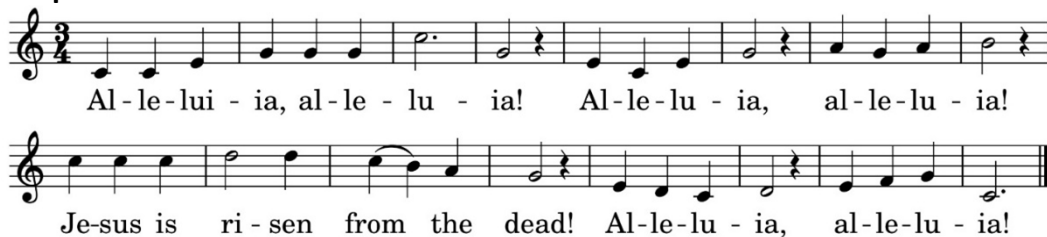
Reader: The word of the Lord.

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 20:1-18

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They

said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: *(sung)* Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

Sermon: 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.

Presider: 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?

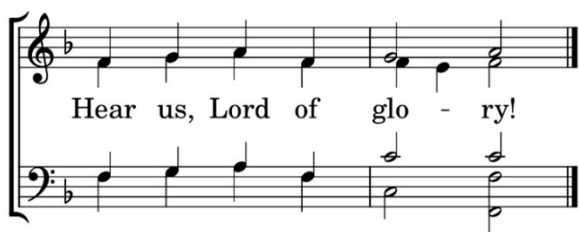
People: **I will, with God's help.**

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

### The Prayers of the People: Litany of Easter

*Led by Bob James*

Leader: In joy and hope, let us pray to the source of all life, using the response, "Hear us, Lord of glory!"



That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader: That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader: That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader: That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader: That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader: That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader: That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. Hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of eternal glory, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live for ever in the joy of the resurrection.

And now, gathering all our prayers, care and petitions into one, we pray as Jesus 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 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:** I Know that My Redeemer Lives

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

1. I know that my Redeemer lives; what joy the blest assurance gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my everlasting Head!
2. He lives, to bless me with his love; he lives, to plead for me above;  
He lives, my hungry soul to feed; he lives, to help in time of need.
3. He lives, and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives, my mansion to prepare; he lives, to bring me safely there.

4. He lives, all glory to his name; he lives, my Saviour still the same;  
What joy the blest assurance gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!

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### Prayer over the Gifts

#### 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 following:*



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 the following:*

People: (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 the gifts and strengthen us until we come to share the joys of eternity. We praise God's endless love and at the elevation of the bread and cup we sing the following:*

**People:** (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 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

When It Was Yet Dark  
Now the Green Blade Riseth

arr. S. Hatfield  
arr. S. Lindley

### Prayer after Communion

PLEASE STAND

**Presider:** God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

### Doxology

**Presider:** Glory to God,

**People:** **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, forever 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. **Alleluia!**

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: The Risen Christ

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

1. The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet  
From garden tomb through darkened city street,  
Unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,  
And speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
2. The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,  
Breathes out his Spirit on them to abide  
Whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe,  
New grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.
3. The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand  
The bread for those who fail to understand,  
Reveals himself, despite their lingering tears,  
Enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.
4. May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand  
With the oppressed in this and every land,  
Till all are blessed and can a blessing be,  
Restored in Christ to true humanity.

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## Dismissal

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

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

## Postlude: Hallelujah Chorus

G. F. Handel

*We welcome Freddy Abu Sido, trumpeter, to today's service*

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