

SAINT GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ASTORIA



A Penitential Order: Rite Two  
Third Sunday in Lent  
March 23, 2025 10am

Welcome to Saint George's Church. This bulletin contains everything you need to fully participate in the liturgy, but please don't hesitate to ask for assistance.

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PRELUDE

*Adagio in G minor*

Patricia Lou Harris

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Praise to the living God* (H 372)

1 Praise to the living God!  
All praised be his Name  
who was, and is, and is to be  
for ay the same.  
The one eternal God  
ere aught that now appears:  
the first, the last, beyond all thought  
his timeless years!

2 Formless, all lovely forms  
declare his loveliness;  
holy, no holiness of earth  
can his express.  
Lo, he is Lord of all.  
Creation speaks his praise,  
and everywhere above, below,  
his will obeys.

3 His Spirit floweth free,  
high surging where it will:  
in prophet's word he spoke of old;  
he speaketh still.  
Established is his law,  
and changeless it shall stand,  
deep writ upon the human heart,  
on sea, on land.

4 Eternal life hath he  
implanted in the soul;  
his love shall be our strength and stay  
while ages roll.  
Praise to the living God!  
All praised be his Name  
who was, and is, and is to be,  
for ay the same.

*The People standing, the Celebrant says*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* His mercy endures forever.

*The Celebrant then says*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."



Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The image shows a musical score for a prayer. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*                **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 3:1-15

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the

Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*             **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 63:1-8** *Deus, Deus meus*

*The People are seated.*

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \***  
**that I might behold your power and your glory.**
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 **So will I bless you as long as I live \***  
**and lift up my hands in your Name.**
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 **When I remember you upon my bed, \***  
**and meditate on you in the night watches.**
- 7 For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 **My soul clings to you; \***  
**your right hand holds me fast.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *O God, unseen yet ever near* (H 332)

1 O God, unseen yet ever near,  
thy presence may we feel;  
and thus inspired with holy fear,  
before thine altar kneel.

2 Here may thy faithful people know  
the blessings of thy love,  
the streams that through the desert flow,  
the manna from above.

3 We come, obedient to thy word,  
to feast on heavenly food:  
our meat the Body of the Lord,  
our drink his precious Blood.

4 Thus may we all thy word obey,  
for we, O God, are thine;  
and go rejoicing on our way,  
renewed with strength divine.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Jordan Wesley, Seminarian

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*All stand.*

We believe in one God,

    the Father, the Almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth,  
    of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

    the only Son of God,  
    eternally begotten of the Father,  
    God from God, Light from Light,  
    true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
    of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
    and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

    he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Lawrence; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Joel, for whom this Eucharist is offered. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.



*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

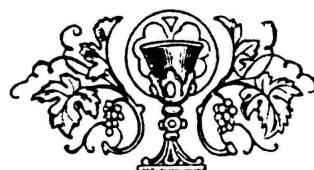
## THE PEACE

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*            **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY HYMN *The glory of these forty days* (H 143)

1 The glory of these forty days  
we celebrate with songs of praise;  
for Christ, through whom all things were  
made,  
himself has fasted and has prayed.

2 Alone and fasting Moses saw  
the loving God who gave the law;  
and to Elijah, fasting, came  
the steeds and chariots of flame.

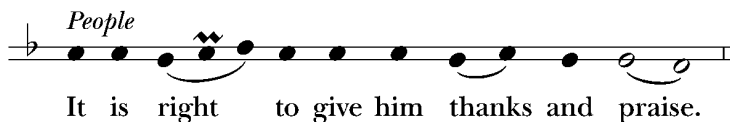
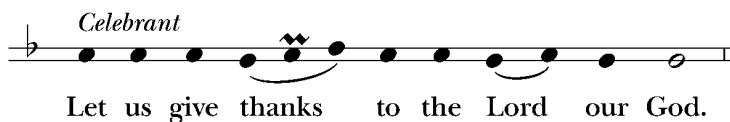
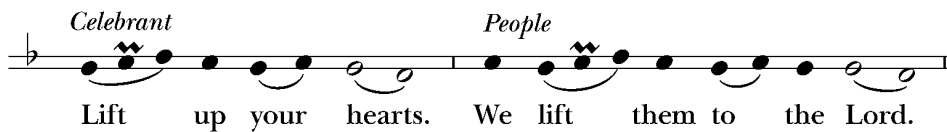
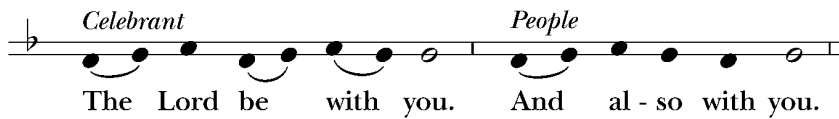
3 So Daniel trained his mystic sight,  
delivered from the lions' might;

and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became  
the herald of Messiah's name.

4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be  
full oft in fast and prayer with thee;  
our spirits strengthen with thy grace,  
and give us joy to see thy face.

5 O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
to thee be every prayer addressed,  
who art in threefold Name adored,  
from age to age, the only Lord.

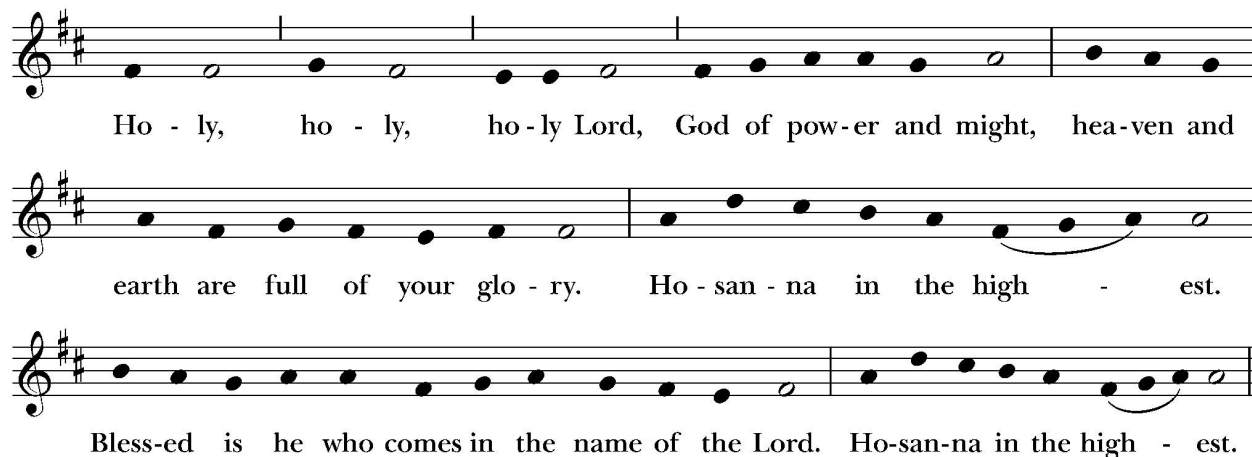
### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore

we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS *Holy, holy, holy* (S124)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

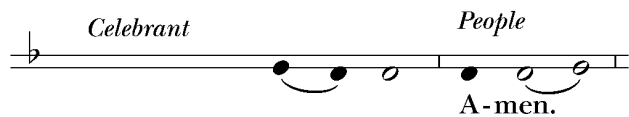
**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.



**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

FRACTION ANTHEM *Agnus Dei* (S 161)

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM

COMMUNION HYMN *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless* (H 343)

1 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless  
thy chosen pilgrim flock  
with manna in the wilderness,  
with water from the rock.

2 We would not live by bread alone,  
but by thy word of grace,  
in strength of which we travel on  
to our abiding-place.

3 Be known to us in breaking bread,  
and do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us, and spread  
thy table in our heart.

4 Lord, sup with us in love divine  
thy Body and thy Blood,  
that living bread, that heavenly wine,  
be our immortal food.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members



## WELCOME TO SAINT GEORGE'S CHURCH

We are grateful for the presence of visitors and guests among us. Please introduce yourself to someone, and join us for Coffee Hour downstairs immediately following the service.

Holy Eucharist is celebrated on **Sundays at 10am**.

Morning Prayer is said on **Sundays at 8:30 am** and on **Wednesdays at 10am** (via Zoom).

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### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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*(The Prayer List is now updated quarterly. To add or remove a name, simply write them on the form on the usher's desk or email the parish office.)*

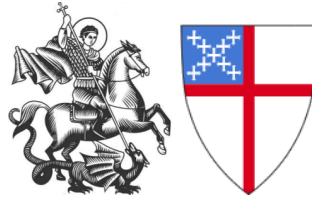
### Parish News and Announcements:

\* **Stations of the Cross:** On **Fridays in Lent at 6:30pm**, we will offer the traditional practice of walking the way of the Cross in the nave followed by a simple soup and bread supper. All are welcome!

\* **Episcopal 101:** Our next Adult Education series has begun! We are exploring the nuts and bolts of Episcopal worship, ethos, and polity using the book *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices*. This course is open to those interested in Confirmation or Reception, as well as anyone who just wants to come and learn more. We will meet on **Sundays at 9am** through Palm Sunday.

\* **Community Food Distribution:** Distribution has resumed on **Friday afternoons from 3:30-5:30pm** (one hour earlier to accommodate earlier sunset time) and continues through March. Thank you for your ongoing volunteer support! To learn more and to get involved, please speak to Fr. Spencer.

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Judith Hishikawa - 2026, Sean Ramzan - 2026

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