



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

Celtic Evensong St. George's Episcopal Church

January 17, 2021

5:30 pm - Online Worship

You are welcome at
St. George's Church:
Regardless of race,
nationality,
sexual orientation,
gender expression,
or tradition.

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**The mission of the Church is to
restore all people to unity with God
and each other in Christ.**
- Book of Common Prayer, pg. 855

Welcome to St. George's!

Whether you are worshiping online or in person, we are glad you are here.

Connect with Us

During this time of staying apart, we are finding new ways to connect. If you'd like to find out more about St. George's, please fill out an online Newcomer Card on our website at: bit.ly/stgnewcomer.

To stay up-to-date on the latest news and events, sign up for our weekly e-newsletter, The St. Georgian: bit.ly/stggenews.

Request Prayer

We share in each other's joys and concerns. Send us your prayer requests at: bit.ly/stgprayer.



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Giving

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Your generous gifts help fund our ministries and serve the community. Thank you. You can make a one-time or recurring gift electronically or text to give (send a text message with the dollar amount [e.g. \$50] to: 540.701.4133). You can also mail a check to the church office. For assistance, contact Business Manager [Ben Hicks](#).

Estimate of Giving for 2021

We encourage every one of our 550+ church households to make a generous estimate as a practice of faith in gratitude to God for many blessings and in support of God's work at St. George's. These estimates also help St. George's plan a budget for the coming year. It is not too late.

An anonymous donor has pledged up to \$25,000 to match NEW estimates of giving for 2021. If you have not made an estimate before, if it has been more than a year since you made an estimate, or even if you increase an 2021 estimate of giving you've already submitted, you can effectively double that estimate through this matching opportunity. The matching challenge ends January 14.

Pray about where God would have you be in your giving and let us know. You can [complete and Estimate of Giving online here](#). To increase one you've already submitted, please contact our business manager, [Ben Hicks](#).

Formation for All Ages

**"Make me to know your ways,
O Lord; teach me your paths."
Psalm 25:4**

Learning and Growing in Christ

No matter where you are on your faith journey, there's a place for you here.

We offer a number of faith formation opportunities for all ages. You are invited to visit or join at any time.

Worship Schedule:

Sundays:

9 am: This livestream service features liturgies from the *Book of Common Prayer* and *Enriching Our Worship*. It premieres on YouTube Live at 9 am and is posted on Facebook after the service ends.

10 am: Adult formation via Zoom. As we enter this new year, join us for a Bible Challenge forum on 'beginnings' with Fr. Will.

www.zoom.us/join or call
929.205.6099

Webinar ID: 392 738 239

Password: 107758

11 am: Virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom (same login as formation)

8 pm: Sung Compline on Facebook Live via our [Compline Facebook page](#).

Wednesdays:

12 pm: Noon Prayer on Facebook Live

Children Formation Videos:

<http://bit.ly/stgchildrenvideos>

For Youth Ministry offerings, please contact Hecti Musa
(hecti.musa@stgeorgesepiscopal.net).

What Are You Looking For?

We'd love to get to know you and to hear your story. Contact the church office (office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net).

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 17, 2021

from the red Book of Common Prayer
(BCP), and *Enriching Our Worship*, sup-
plemental liturgical materials approved
by the Episcopal Church.

During the prelude, we invite you to prepare for worship by observing silence or taking time for private prayer. We are glad you are here!

Greeting and Welcome

Prelude

One minute of silence follows the prelude.

Opening Reading: We look with uncertainty...

Anne Hillman

We look with uncertainty
beyond the old choices for
clear-cut answers
to a softer, more permeable aliveness
which is every moment
at the brink of death;
for something new is being born in us
if we but let it.

We stand at a new doorway,
awaiting that which comes...
daring to be human creatures,
vulnerable to the beauty of existence.
Learning to love.

Hymn 439: "What wondrous love is this?"

Wondrous Love

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul!

2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,

to God and to the Lamb I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on!

A Prayer for the Evening

Officiant: Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness.

All: Let us be still in the presence of God.

Officiant: It is night after a long day.

All: What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done; let it be.

Officiant: The night is dark.

All: Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you.

Officiant: The night is quiet.

All: Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace.

Officiant: The night heralds the dawn.

All: Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities

The Reading

John 1:43 - 51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered,

"Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

All: Thanks be to God.

Silence is observed after the reading

Meditation

The Rev. Areeta D. Bridgemohan

Two minutes of silence will follow.

Music for Meditation

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Officiant: Let us pray for ourselves and others. We invite you to light a candle at home as we join together the brightness of all our prayers.

In the silences that follow each petition, please feel free to pray for particular people and situations, either silently or aloud.

Officiant: We pray for all who work through the power of Christ, serving the needs of the poor and healing the wounds of injustice, division and materialism in our society. We pray for peace in our politics and a spirit of forbearance. We hold close all those whose work is essential and those who suffer economically in this season of quarantine.

Silence

Officiant: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: We pray for those who are sick and lonely among us, and those who live alone. Hold tenderly all those who work in our healthcare system, and those who have Covid-19, that all may receive your gracious comfort, companionship and care.

Silence

Officiant: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: Even in the midst of trial, we rejoice to feel your love for us, O God, in the beauty of the earth, in the wonder of the sky, and in the delights of the everyday. Shield our joy in this and every time.

Silence

Officiant: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: We pray that those who have been persecuted or seriously wronged by others may experience warmth and love with Christ, and be able to forgive those who have hurt them.

Silence

Officiant: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: We pray that when we are discouraged, we may find strength in the signs of a loving and faithful God in those around us, and the joy of the Holy Spirit within us.

Silence

Officiant: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: We pray for those whom we love but see no longer, those who have gone beyond the veil of this mortal life, that their souls and the souls of all the departed may rest in peace, especially those who die alone, and their loved ones out of reach.

Silence

Officiant: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: We pray for all who have asked for our prayers and for those who have no one to pray for them.

Silence

Officiant: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: O God, eternal light, from the rising of the sun to its setting may your Name be great among the nations; may our prayers rise as incense, a pure offering; and may your salvation reach to the ends of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Savior who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Additional Prayers of Intercession + Thanksgiving + Healing

During the instrumental music and hymn, and at any time hereafter, you are welcome to share a prayer request by submitting via the comment or chat function.

Music for Meditation

Hymn: "Bless the Lord, my soul"

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Bless the Lord, my soul. And bless God's holy Name.

Bless the Lord, my soul. Who leads me into life.

Please rise or rise in spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray:

All: Eternal Spirit Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven. The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

The Peace

Christ, the Good Shepherd, binds us with a bond of love that cannot be broken. My sisters and brothers, the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

All now exchange a sign of peace.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. We invite you to share your gifts in support of our ministry within and beyond our congregation, especially during this time when we cannot receive those offerings in person. Make your offering online (<http://bit.ly/stggive>) or by mail to the church.

Announcements

For the latest updates and messages of encouragement, check our website (StGeorgesEpiscopal.net) and subscribe to our email newsletter (<http://bit.ly/stgenews>)

Officiant: Let us now join in the prayer that Jesus taught us.

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 forever. Amen.

Prayer for People Facing Great Uncertainty

God of the present moment,
God who in Jesus stills the storm
and soothes the frantic heart;
bring hope and courage to all
who wait or work in uncertainty.
Bring hope that you will make them the equal
of whatever lies ahead.
Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided,
for your will is health and wholeness;
you are God, and we need you. **Amen.**

*Taken from A New Zealand Prayer Book—He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa’
(adapted)*

Hymn WLP 757: “Will you come and follow me?”

Mary Alexandra

**1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let me love be shown?
Will you let my Name be know?
Will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?**

**4 Will you love the "You" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?**

**2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?**

**5 Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never b the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show,
thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.**

**3 Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set th pris'ner free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen?
And admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?**

The Dismissal

Officiant: Go into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor everyone, love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Acknowledgments

The Opening Poem "We look with uncertainty" by Anne Hillman. The Prayer for the Evening and the Lord's Prayer from A New Zealand Prayer Book, Harper Collins, 1977. Prayers and blessings adapted from the following sources: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Richmond, VA; The Northumbria Community; the Iona Community

In this time of uncertainty and dynamic change, please know that although we cannot physically gather, God is ever-present. We are here too. If you would like someone to chat and pray with you, please submit a request online (bit.ly/stgprayer) and if it is an emergency (for e.g. sudden illness, death), please contact the pastoral emergency phone (540.361.8573) where you will reach a clergy person on call. Know that we are holding you in our prayers and look forward to a time when we will be able to gather again. God's peace be with you.

Announcements

For details on these events
and more visit
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Episco 101

This course is designed for adults who are new to St. George's or the Episcopal church and for those interested in baptism, confirmation, or being received into the church from another denomination. Everyone is welcome! We will meet online every Sunday in Lent, beginning Feb 21. Contact [Jan Meredith](#) to register.

Annual Parish Meeting - January 24

St. George's Parish Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 24 10 am - 11:30 am. All members of the parish family are invited to attend via Zoom as we review the past year, look ahead to 2021, and elect four new members of our vestry board. Please join is praying for our vestry nominees: Dave Davies, Casey Hu, Beth Klein, Meghan O'Connor, Suzan Voga-Duffee, and Jane Yaun. Learn more [about the nominees on our website](#). Nominations are officially open until the meeting. Zoom login is the same as our weekly adult forums and coffee hours: www.zoom.us/join or call 929.205.6099; Webinar ID: 392 738 239; Password: 107758.

Office Note:

Our office is closed Monday, January 18 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. If you have a pastoral emergency and need to speak with clergy, please call or text 540.361.8573.

A Call to Prayer

We have been called by our Bishops to pray in the days leading up to the Presidential inauguration. This is a time to unite across the political spectrum as many are anxious in this time of transition. Please join us on Zoom through January 20 at 8 pm. [Click here](#) for more information about the days of prayer. Visit zoom.us/join or call 929.205.6099. Meeting ID: 881 9964 9295; Passcode: 362776.

Celtic Service Returns Today!

Join us at 5:30 pm on YouTube for an online livestream from the nave of our Celtic prayer service in addition to our other offerings. We are bringing this back on the 3rd Sunday of the month to start.

Noon Prayer - Facebook Live

We are switching our noon prayer worship schedule. Please join us at 12 pm on Wednesdays via Facebook Live for a short prayer service led by clergy.

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and more visit
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New Mailing Address

We have gotten a post office box to help with receiving mail during the pandemic. Please send any mail to:
St. George's Episcopal Church
P. O. Box 7127
Fredericksburg, VA 22404

Virtual Movie Night

Join us to watch and discuss 'The Social Dilemma' on Saturday, Jan. 30 at 3 pm. The 'Social Dilemma' is a Netflix documentary that explores the darker effects of email and social media consumption. We'll start watching the movie at 3 pm. Our conversation about it will take place from 5 - 6 pm. Feel free to join us if you've already seen the movie! For more information and to sign up, please contact the [Rev. Areeta Bridgemohan](#). Join via [Zoom](#): Meeting ID: 827 1504 2695; Passcode: 859024.

St. George's Prayer List

"Prayer is powerful"
James 5:16

Regarding the Prayer List: We strive to extend the power of the congregation's prayer to those who feel they would benefit from its embrace. Please submit prayer requests in writing. New additions this week are in italics. For rehabilitation, concerns, and grace and assistance lists, we keep a name on the list for 1 month, unless asked to do otherwise. If a name is removed that should still be on, please contact the church office to have their name returned to the list.

Pray for our leadership:

For our bishops, Justin, Michael, Susan, Porter, and Jennifer; for Joe, Areeta, Will and David our clergy; for those who are priests and pastors in our community; for our staff—John, Ben, Jan, Nicholas, Amy, Danielle, Lisa, Achim, Hecti, Laurel, Barbara, Emily, and Riley; and for our Vestry.

Pray for those expecting babies:

Andrea Wilkins and Thomas Cunningham, daughter of Marsha Wilkins; Katie and Eamonn Sheil, daughter of Mary and Bob Ryan; Philip and Peyton Carter, son of Bob and Laurie Carter.

Pray for those recently born:

Margaret "Margot" Campbell Guerin, granddaughter of Jane and Newton Guerin, *Collins Caroline Hinkebein, daughter of Jordan and Chris Hinkebein.*

Pray for those recently died:

John Favretto, stepfather of Beth Dorn, Nadège Joseph (principal of Notre Dame School in Port au Prince, Haiti), Albertina Costa, grandmother of Dave Bryant, Doris Curtis.

Pray for All who are affected during the COVID-19 pandemic, including:

All those sick with the novel corona virus and their loved ones, those who have died, health workers and chaplains, undertakers, food workers, internet service workers, educators, social service providers, families at home adjusting to new routines and roles, homeless neighbors with nowhere to shelter, government and community leaders, all who are out of work, and so many others.

Pray for healthcare workers and first responders:

Dr. Betsy Schinstock, Dr. Heather Masters, Cameron Simmons, Elizabeth Anderson, Morgan Ellis, Leilani Blose, John Gleason, Brad Houck, Jeffrey French, Susan Larson, Randi Thompson, Robin Rose, Zach Rose, Suzanne Simmons, William McNitt, Heidi Taft, Charlotte Martin, Philip Pendleton, Dr. John Chinault, Dr. Mark Macedon, Dr. Jeniffer Huhn, Dr. Joe Lee, Amy Bogardus, Kristen Brandford, Dr. Matthew Whitehurst, Trish Stenger.

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Pray for those serving our country overseas:

Ian Patrick Hume, Andrew Rodriguez, Robert BP Thompson, Jr.

Pray for homebound parishioners:

Bill Poole, Judy Barton, Betty Stephens, All persons in care facilities who cannot receive visitors right now, Anne Brooks Brauer.

Pray for those in rehabilitation or in convalescence:

Al Sharp, Kathleen Pool, Dottie Davis, Barbara Willis, Rev. Anthony Parrish, Maddie Stroud, Cary Montague, Pat Baughman, Deloris Smith, Marion Zimmerman.

Pray for those with ongoing concerns:

Arya Holmes, Molly Myers, Wayne and Dot Morris, Scott Boyd, Paris Swisher, Tom Pugh, Pam Allen, Just Thompson, Sheree Clark.

Pray for those who need God's grace and assistance:

Neda Beal, Susan, Arrington Mixon, Dick Roth, Frances O'Connor, Sarah Joseph, Rivers Family, Heather Bigwood, Noel Ljubicic, Jaimee and Candy.

Pray for those in discernment: Kris Boyd.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

The Charlottesville Region churches: Buck Mountain, Earlysville; Christ, Charlottesville; Christ, Gordonsville; Church of Our Saviour, Charlottesville; Church of the Holy Cross, Batesville; Church of the Incarnation, Mineral; Emmanuel, Greenwood; Good Shepherd of the Hills, Free Union; Grace, Bremono Bluff; Grace, Cismont, Keswick; Grace, Stanardsville; McIlhenny Parish, Charlottesville; St. Anne's, Scottsville; St. James, Louisa; St. John the Baptist, Ivy; St. John's, Columbia; St. Luke's, Simeon, Charlottesville; St. Paul's, Ivy; St. Paul's Memorial, Charlottesville; St. Thomas's, Orange; Trinity, Charlottesville

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

The Anglican Church of Australia

Pray for: Our Little Roses (Honduras); Notre Dame Parish and School (Port-au-Prince, Haiti), Père Frantz Cole; Red Door Young Adult Ministry; SAWs Virginia; Rev. Ōshin Jennings, No Barriers Zen Temple; Micah Ecumenical Ministries (our work to do justice, love, mercy, and walk humbly with our God along with other congregations in Fredericksburg).

Pray for: St. George's Preschool.

Pray for: Stephen Ministers, St. George's lay pastoral care visitors, and their ministry of spiritual and emotional support for others in the congregation.

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Thank you to our worship leaders
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