

Celtic Evensong St. George's Episcopal Church

February 21, 2021 5:30 pm - Online Worship

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

February 21, 2021

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: <u>bit.ly/stgnewcomer.</u>

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

Request Prayer

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



St. George's Episcopal Church

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 <u>Ben Hicks</u>.

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.

Thank you to our anonymous donor and to everyone who has made a new estimate of giving for 2021 or increased their estimate in response to the \$25,000 match challenge. We have met the match! Thanks be to God for such generosity, a reflection of God's abundant grace.

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

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.

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).

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. 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 <u>Compline Facebook page.</u>

Wednesdays:

See announcements about special noon services during Lent. We will resume our Facebook Live services on March 31.

Children Formation Videos: http://bit.ly/stgchildrenvideos

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

The First Sunday in Lent February 21, 2021 from the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and *Enriching Our Worship*, supplemental liturgical materials approved by the Episcopal Church.

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: When This is Over When this is over, may we never again take for granted A handshake with a stranger Full shelves in at the store Conversation with neighbors A crowded theatre Friday night out The taste of communion A routine checkup The school rush each morning Coffee with a friend The stadium roaring Each deep breath A boring Tuesday Life itself.

When this ends, may we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be we were called to be we hoped to be and may we stay that way-better for each other because of the worst. Laura Kelly Fanucci

Old 124th

Hymn 149: "Eternal Lord of love, behold your church" 1 Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church, walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent, led by your cloud by day, by night your fire, moved by your love and toward your presence bent; far off yet here--the goal of all desire.

2 So daily dying to the way of self, so daily living to your way of love, we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod, knowing ourselves baptized into your death; so we are dead and live with you in God.

3 If dead in you, so in you we arise; you the firstborn of all the faithful dead; and as through stony ground the green shoots break, glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flower, so in the Father's glory shall we wake.

A Prayer for the Evening Officiant: God be with you. People: And with your Spirit. Officiant: Let us pray. Come Lord Jesus, be our guest Stay with us for day is ending. With friend, with stranger, With young and with old, Be among us tonight. Come close to us that we may come close to you. Forgive us that we may forgive one another. Renew us so that, where we have failed, We may begin again. Amen.

The Reading

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

Mark 1:9 - 15

One minute of silence will follow.

Music for Meditation

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Officiant: Let us bring our prayers before God the most merciful, saying "God, have mercy".

Clergy: We bring to God someone whom we have met or remembered today and for whom we want to pray. *Silence.* **God. have mercy.**

Officiant: We bring to God someone who is struggling tonight and needs our prayer. Silence. God, have mercy.

Clergy: We bring to God a troubled situation in our world tonight. *Silence.* **God, have mercy.**

Officiant: We bring to God someone whom we find hard to forgive or trust. *Silence*.

God, have mercy.

Clergy: We bring ourselves to God, that we might grow in generosity of spirit, clarity of mind, and warmth of affection. *Silence.* **God, have mercy.**

Officiant: We bring to God thanksgiving for a blessing of the day that is past. *Silence.*

God, have mercy.

Clergy: We bring to God our praise for the beauty of the earth and our desire to be good stewards of all God has made. **God, have mercy.**

Officiant: We bring to God all those who have died, giving thanks for the promise of eternal rest with God. *Silence.* **God, have mercy.**

Clergy: We bring to God all other prayers on our hearts. *Silence.* God, have mercy.

Officiant: Watch now, dear Lord, with those who wake or watch or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

Officiant: During this season of Lent, let us confess our deep need for God's renewing and forgiving love.

All: O God, gladly we live and move and have our being in you. Yet always in the midst of this creation-glory, we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness: around us in the earth, sea and sky, the abuse of matter; beside us in the broken, the hungry and the poor, the betrayal of one another; and often, deep within us, a striving against your Spirit. O Trinity of love, forgive us that we may forgive one another, heal us that we may be people of healing, and renew us that we also may be makers of peace. 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" Bless the Lord, my soul. And bless God's holy Name. Bless the Lord, my soul. Who leads me into life. Taize

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

Deep peace of the running wave to you, deep peace of the flowing air to you, deep peace of the quiet earth to you, deep peace of the shining stars to you, and may the deep peace of the Son of Peace be always 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)

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say: 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. 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 150: "Forty days and forty nights" 1. Forty days and forty nights thou wast fasting in the wild; forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.

2. Should not we thy sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain, fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with thee to suffer pain?

3. Then if Satan on us press, Jesus, Savior, hear our call! Victor in the wilderness, grant we may not faint or fall! Aus der Tiefe rufe ich

4. So shall we have peace divine: holier gladness ours shall be; round us, too, shall angels shine, such as ministered to thee.

5. Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by thy side; that we thee we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.

Solemn Prayer in place of the blessing during Lent

Clergy: In body or spirit, let us adopt a posture of surrender to the grace of our loving God. Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

Postlude

Acknowledgments

The Opening Poem "When This is Over" by Laura Kelly Fanucci. The Prayer for the Evening and the Lord's Prayer adapted from Iona Abbey Worship Book. 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 <u>stgeorgesepiscopal.net</u>

Lenten Practices

Lent is a six-week time to grow in faith and prepare for Easter renewal. To help you enrich your time of reflection, we have a number of resources and events planned - for individuals, households, and in community. You can also view a full list of our <u>Lenten</u> <u>Practices here.</u>

Micah Ministries Wednesday Prayers

Continuing the tradition of worshiping in each other's churches during Lent, the nine member congregations of Micah Ministries will gather online for prayers and a homily by clergy on Wednesdays at noon in Lent. See the weekly St. Georgian for more information.

Haiti Benefit Concert - March 5

St. George's annual concert to benefit our shared ministry in Haiti, postponed from its usual New Year's Eve date, will premiere on our Facebook page on Friday, March 5th at 7:30 pm. This year's event will showcase our entire music program and feature our Choirs, Jazz Ensemble, Bell Choir and four organists. In addition, there will be short videos and other media highlighting our ongoing relationship and work in Haiti. The concert is free with donations to benefit our Haiti ministry accepted. Lenten Weekend - February 27 - 28 The Power of Storytelling via Zoom Explore the power of storytelling to heal, unpack our identities, nurture our faith and so much more with Brothers Luke Ditewig and Lucas Hall of the Society of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE). We will have the opportunity to imaginatively immerse ourselves in the stories of scripture, in the story of this monastic order, our story as a community celebrating its 300th anniversary, and our individual stories with sessions on Saturday morning and afternoon. The weekend will include a panel discussion on Sunday afternoon. Led by our Rector Joe, local historian John Hennessy, Rev. Oshin Jennings of No Barriers Zen, local author Malanna Henderson, and SSJE Brother Luke will examine St. George's story in the context of our community, both historically, currently, and with an eye towards the future. View the agenda and register on our website here.

ECW Quiet Day - March 6 11 am - 3 pm

Join us for a Lenten quiet day hosted by the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Virginia (ECW). The Very Rev. Kim Coleman will lead the retreat reflecting on these four questions: What do you love? What have you lost? Where do you hurt? What do you dream? Suggested donation of \$25 can be sent to the ECW treasurer, Kaaron Austin, 7319 Willson Road, Henrico, VA 23231. Please include your name and email address. Register online at: http://bit.ly/2NfqJuY.

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Daughters of the King at St. George's

The Daughters of the King (DoK) are a community of women and girls, lay and ordained, joined together by a rule of life, which involves a commitment to service and prayer. The parish is invited to join the DoK for: a study of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's new book "Love is the Way"; a day long Lenten retreat (Sat March 20 at Widewater State Park. for more details please see the Lenten brochure) as well as to participate in creating a book composed of a collection of prayers, photography, art, short stories, reflections, inspirational quotes that will be published and available in Advent 2021. For more information, please contact Candace Allshouse (dominiceltic@aol.com).

Sign up for Sacred Ground

As part of our continuing work related to racial justice and reconciliation, I encourage St. Georgians to consider "what can I do?" Awareness, relationships, and commitment to action are all important. The Ministry for Racial Justice and Healing of our Diocese of Virginia is offering the Episcopal Church's "Sacred Ground" curriculum. For each session, participants will watch documentaries and read articles. They will then gather on Zoom for conversation to help peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day - all while grounded in our call to faith, hope and love. There are two schedule options, beginning in mid-February. Learn more and register here.

Today's Altar Arrangement:

In loving memory of his mother, Lily Wallace Mitchell, by Lynne and George Braxton Mitchell.

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; Michael and Lucy Monte; Emily and Colin Walthall, daughter of Mark and Joyce Steele.

Pray for those recently born:

Collins Caroline Hinkebein, daughter of Jordan and Chris Hinkebein.

Pray for those recently died:

Susan Onderdonk, Ben Lacy, stepfather of Betsy Quarles, Mary Todd, mother of Kimberly Todd Vaughan; Les Crichton, uncle of Beth Klein, Charles MacCormick, husband of Maggie MacCormick.

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, Jean Jarosz, Dr. Jenny Pu, Shanon Berry, Adrian Jeffery, Judy Thomson, Bob Bratton.

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, Lovely George, Annemarie Fitzpatrick Mulholland.

Pray for those in discernment: Kris Boyd.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray

for: The Northern Neck Region churches: Cople Parish, Hague; Grace, Kilmarnock; St. James' and St. Paul's, Nomini Grove, Montross; St. John's, Warsaw; North Farnham Parish, Farnham; St. Mary's, Fleeton, Reedville; St. Mary's, Whitechapel; Trinity, Lancaster; St. Peter's, Oak Grove, Colonial Beach; St. Stephen's, Heathsville; Wicomico Parish, Wicomico Church

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Pray for: Our Little Roses (Honduras); Notre Dame Parish and School (Portau-Prince, Haiti), Père Frantz Cole; Red Door Young Adult Ministry; SAWs Virginia; Rev. Õshin 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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Serving This Sunday

Thank you to our worship leaders serving today. If you would like to volunteer, contact the church office: <u>office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net</u>.

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Pat Davis

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