

Sunday January 3, 2021

The Second Sunday after Christmas

9 am Episcopal Service of the Word

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/stgenews.

Request Prayer

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

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 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:

Formation for all ages will take a break December 27 and January 3. See our <u>website for the holiday schedule</u>. **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:

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).

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from the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and *Enriching Our Worship*, supplemental 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.

Greeting and Welcome

Prelude

Hymn 128: "We three Kings"

1. We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder star of pight

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright; westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King for ever, ceasing never over us all to reign. (Refrain) Three Kings of Orient

- 3. Frankincense to offer have I: incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising, gladly raising, worship him, God Most High. (Refrain)
- 4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (Refrain)
- 5. Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice; heaven sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies. (Refrain)

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God, for ever and ever.

Celebrant: 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." *Mark* 12:29-31

The Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Song of Praise: 122 (St. 1): "Alleluia, song of gladness"

Alleluia, song of gladness,
voice of joy that cannot die;
alleluia is the anthem
ever raised by choirs on high;
in the house of God abiding
thus they sing eternally.

Urbs Beata Jerusalem

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The Word of God

Celebrant: God be with you. **People: And also with you.** Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect (Prayer) of the Day

BCP 214

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Jeremiah 31:7 - 14

Common English Bible translation (CEB)

The Lord proclaims: Sing joyfully for the people of Jacob; shout for the leading nation. Raise your voices with praise and call out: "The Lord has saved his people, the remaining few in Israel!" I'm going to bring them back from the north; I will gather them from the ends of the earth. Among them will be the blind and the disabled, expectant others and those in labor; a great throng will return here. With tears of joy they will come; while they pray, I will bring them back. I will lead them by quiet streams and on smooth paths so they don't stumble. I will be Israel's father, Ephraim will be my oldest child. Listen to the Lord's word, you nations, and announce it to the distant islands: The one who scattered Israel will gather them and keep them safe, as a shepherd his flock.

The Lord will rescue the people of Jacob and deliver them from the power of those stronger than they are. They will come shouting for joy on the hills of Zion, jubilant over the Lord's gifts: grain, wine, oil, flocks, and herds. Their lives will be like a lush garden; they will grieve no more. Then the young women will dance for joy; the young and old men will join in.

I will turn their mourning into laughter and their sadness into joy; I will comfort them. I will lavish the priests with abundance and shower my people with my gifts, declares the Lord.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Alleluia: "Arise, shine, for your light has come"

Refrain only, Sung twice

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
his glory is upon you.

Arise shine

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew 2:13 - 15, 19 - 23 People: Glory to you, O Christ.

Common English Bible translation (CEB)

When the magi had departed, an angel from the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up. Take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod will soon search for the child in order to kill him." 14 Joseph got up and, during the night, took the child and his mother to Egypt. 15 He stayed there until Herod died. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: I have called my son out of Egypt. After King Herod died, an angel from the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. "Get up," the angel said, "and take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel. Those who were trying to kill the child are dead." Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus ruled over Judea in place of his father Herod, Joseph was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he went to the area of Galilee. He settled in a city called Nazareth so that what was spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled: He will be called a Nazarene.

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. William S. Dickinson

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

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.

Prayers of the People Form IV

BCP 388

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*

Leader: God, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Leader: God, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Leader: God, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Leader: God, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

Leader: God, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Leader: God, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We offer our prayers of thanksgiving and concern for ourselves and others, aloud or in the quiet room of our hearts. *The leader pauses for 10 seconds*

as prayers are offered. Leader: God, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes:

Gracious God, you have redeemed us through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation, whose birth we celebrate as the child of Bethlehem: Bless us with every spiritual blessing, that we may live as your adopted children and witness to your glory with unending praise and thanksgiving. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

All are now invited to exchange a sign of peace with a wave or bow.

Announcements

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. We invite you to share your gifts in support of our ministry within and beyond our congregation. You may place your gift in the offering plate. You can also give online (bit.lylstggive) or text to give (send a text message with the dollar amount [e.g. \$50] to: 540.701.4133).

Hymn 119: "As with gladness men of old"

- 1. As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to Thee.
- 2. As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger-bed; there to bend the knee before him whom heaven and earth adore; so may we with willing feet ever seek the mercy-seat.
- 3. As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare; so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ! to thee, our heavenly King.

- 4. Holy Jesus! every day keep us in the narrow way; and, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed lives at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.
- 5. In the heavenly country bright, need they no created light; thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down; there forever may we sing alleluias to our King.

Celebrant: 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 the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God strengthen you to be the hands and heart of Jesus in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The congregation responds Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Announcements

For details on these events and more visit stgeorgesepiscopal.net

Celebrate Epiphany at Home

This year, we'll be celebrating the Feast of Epiphany, January 6, by learning about an old Christian tradition. At the beginning of the year, during Epiphany, it is traditional to bless the home with chalk that has been blessed. Bundles with chalk will be available at the graveyard gate beginning the afternoon of January 3 and all throughout the week. Keep an eye out for a message from Fr. David Casey and chalk artwork from a local artist and St. Georgian!

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.

Save the Date

St. George's Parish Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 24 at 10 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. Vestry nominations are due January 4 (contact Joe Hensley).

Celtic Service Returns January 17

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 once a month to start.

Confirmation Class

Sundays, January 10 - March 21, Zoom (link will be provided after registration), 11 am - 12 pm
Youth in 9th grade and upwards are invited to join us for confirmation online this year! This class provides a welcoming place for participants to explore the Christian tradition, to ask questions and prepare for confirmation. To register please follow this link (and make sure to check the box "Confirm not Conform") Please register by January 7, 2021. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Hecti Musa.

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Twelve Nights of Christmas Prayers

We invite you to connect in a community of prayer, December 25 through January 5. We will gather from 8 - 8:30 pm by phone to share in seasonal reflection, meditation, and prayer led by St. Georgians. Celebrating the birth of Christ in an especially challenging time, we pray for the needs of the world and seek grace together. To access the call: dial 301.715.8592. When prompted, enter the Meeting ID: 838 7199 7224. Then when prompted, enter the passcode: 093396. To mute and unmute yourself, press *6.

Priority Registration for St. George's Episcopal Preschool

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is coming up soon. Special Priority Registration for families who registered their child for the 2020-2021 school year opens tomorrow. Priority Registration for alumni families and St. George's parishioners will open on January 15, 2021. Open Registration begins on February 1. Since the preschool is currently closed due to the pandemic, a virtual tour will be available. Please contact Danielle Davis or visit sgpreschool.wordpress.com for more information.

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; Jordan and Chris Hinkebein; 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:

Richard Callahan Larkin, son of Lilian and Eddie Larkin; Margaret "Margot" Campbell Guerin, granddaughter of Jane and Newton Guerin.

Pray for those recently died:

Janet Clark, Nadège Joseph, Nelson Richards (father of Karen Richards-Grundmeyer), John Favretto, stepfather of Beth Dorn, Nadedge Joseph (principal of Notre Dame School in Port au Prince, Haiti), Albertina Costa, grandmother of Dave Bryant.

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,

Pray for those in rehabilitation or in convalescence:

Anne Brooks Brauer.

Al Sharp, Kitty Lacey, Kathleen Pool, Steve Cronk, Virginia Boyd, Dottie Davis, Wayne Harman, Marion Zimmerman, Jim Weber, Jennifer Dorigatti, Barbara Willis, Chris Forzano, Nancy Behrmann, Drew Gundlach, Rev. Anthony Parrish, Manoj Yeolekar, Bill Green, Shanon Berry, Earl Baughman, *Maddie Stroud*, *Cary Montague*.

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. Pray for those in discernment: Kris Boyd. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: The Arlington Region churches: La Iglesia de Cristo Rey; La Iglesia de San Jose; St. Andrew's; St. George's; St. John's; St. Mary's; St. Michael's; St. Peter's; Trinity

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

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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