



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

The Daily Office at Noon

For the Season of Easter
April 16, 2020

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

Noonday
Prayer
April 16, 2020

From: *The Book of Common Prayer*
Daily Prayer for all Seasons
and *Enriching Our Worship I*,
Resources from The Episcopal Church
and A Sanctified Art

Welcome to our online service! 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!

Call to Worship

Officiant: Alleluia! O God may the empty tomb fill our hearts with faith.

People: And may the Spirit of the risen Christ strengthen us.

Silence

Officiant: O God make speed to save us.

People: O Lord make haste to help us.

All: Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Psalm

Psalm 8

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The appointed Psalm(s) is (are) read responsively by whole verse.

1 O LORD our Governor, *

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *

your majesty is praised above the heavens.

3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *

to quell the enemy and the avenger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *

the son of man that you should seek him out?

6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *

you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *

you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, *

even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *

and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O LORD our Governor, *

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

After the Psalm(s), all say together:

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Reading

Luke 24:36 - 48

The appointed Gospel lesson is read. After the lesson, the reader says, "Here ends the reading".

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Meditation

The Rev. David P. Casey, O.P.

Canticle: Song of Ezekiel (36:24 - 28)

The following is said in unison.

**I will take you from among all nations;
and gather you from all lands to bring you home.
I will sprinkle clean water upon you;
and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.
A new heart I will give you
and a new spirit put within you.
I will take the stone heart from your chest
and give you a heart of flesh.
I will help you walk in my laws
and cherish my commandments and do them.
You shall be my people,
and I will be your God.**

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>)

The congregation rises or rises in spirit.

The Prayers

Officiant: Hear our cry, O God.

People: And listen to our prayer.

Officiant: Let us pray.

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.

The following response prayer follows

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.

Hear us O Christ.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and trust and grant it unity which is your will.

Hear us O Christ.

Guide the leaders of the nations into ways of justice and peace.

Hear us, O Christ.

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry, and the destitute.

Hear us, O Christ.

Bless all those preparing to be baptized in Christ's Body at Easter.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

Hear us, O Christ.

Hear us as we remember those who have died, especially (*insert names of those on prayer list*), and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

Hear us, O Christ.

Grant us true repentance, forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy on us.

The people may then add particular intercessions and thanksgivings, including those on the prayer board to the right of the pulpit. Prayers from our weekly prayer list are also included.

The Collect(s)

The Collect of the Day may be said and / or the collect commemorating an occasion from Holy Women, Holy Men. One or more collects may be said from pages 99 - 101, 107 in the Book of Common Prayer. Or this collect may be used:

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)*

Living God, long ago faithful women and men proclaimed the good news of Jesus’ resurrection, and the world was changed forever: Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. **Amen.**

Officiant: The Spirit dwells in us. Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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.

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