



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

The Daily Office at Noon

For the Season of Easter
April 30, 2020

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

Noonday
Prayer
April 30, 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!

Prelude

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 37, Part I

BCP 633

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

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
 - 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
 - 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
 - 4 Take delight in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
 - 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
 - 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
 - 7 Be still before the LORD *
and wait patiently for him.
 - 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
 - 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
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10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.
11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.
13 The wicked plot against the righteous *
and gnash at them with their teeth.
14 The Lord laughs at the wicked, *
because he sees that their day will come.
15 The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow to strike down the poor
and needy, *
to slaughter those who are upright in their ways.
16 Their sword shall go through their own heart, *
and their bow shall be broken.
17 The little that the righteous has *
is better than great riches of the wicked.
18 For the power of the wicked shall be broken, *
but the LORD upholds the righteous.

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

Matthew 4:1 - 11

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

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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>)

Hymn 192: "This joyful Eastertide"

Vruechten

1. This joyful Eastertide,
away with care and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
hath sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain:

Had Christ, that once was slain,
ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain;
but now is Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.

2. Death's flood hath lost its chill,
since Jesus crossed the river:
Lord of all life, from ill
my passing soul deliver. (Refrain)

3. My flesh in hope shall rest,
and for a season slumber,
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number. (Refrain)

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.

Postlude

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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