



**St. George's**  
Episcopal  
Church

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# The Daily Office at Noon

**For the Season of Easter**  
**May 7, 2020**

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

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Noonday  
Prayer  
May 7, 2020

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*Daily Prayer for all Seasons*  
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**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 50**

**BCP 654**

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

1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \*

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*

God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*

before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*

to witness the judgment of his people.

5 Gather before me my loyal followers, \*

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*

for God himself is judge.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*

your offerings are always before me.

9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, \*

nor he-goats out of your pens;

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10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, \*  
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.  
11 I know every bird in the sky, \*  
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.  
12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, \*  
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.  
13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, \*  
or drink the blood of goats?  
14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and make good your vows to the Most High.  
15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; \*  
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."  
16 But to the wicked God says: \*  
"Why do you recite my statutes, and take my covenant upon your lips;  
17 Since you refuse discipline, \*  
and toss my words behind your back?  
18 When you see a thief, you make him your friend, \*  
and you cast in your lot with adulterers.  
19 You have loosed your lips for evil, \*  
and harnessed your tongue to a lie.  
20 You are always speaking evil of your brother \*  
and slandering your own mother's son.  
21 These things you have done, and I kept still, \*  
and you thought that I am like you."  
22 I have made my accusation; \*  
I have put my case in order before your eyes.  
23 Consider this well, you who forget God, \*  
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.  
24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; \*  
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

*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.**

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## **The Reading**

### **John 16:20 - 24**

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

Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

## **Meditation**

The Rev. Areeta D. Bridgemohan

### **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](http://StGeorgesEpiscopal.net)) and subscribe to our email newsletter (<http://bit.ly/stgenews>)*

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**1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:**

such a way as gives us breath;  
such a truth as ends all strife;  
such a life as killeth death.

**2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:**

such a light as shows a feast;  
such a feast as mends in length;  
such a strength as makes his guest.

**3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:**

such a joy as none can move;  
such a love as none can part;  
such a heart as joys in love.

*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.**

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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**

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*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](http://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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