



**St. George's**  
Episcopal  
Church

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# The Daily Office at Noon

**For the Season of Easter**  
**May 14, 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 14, 2020

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*Daily Prayer for all Seasons*  
and *Enriching Our Worship I*,  
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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 70**

**BCP 682**

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

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*

O LORD, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; \*  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, \*  
because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \*  
let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the LORD!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*  
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  
O LORD, do not tarry.

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1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; \*  
let me never be ashamed.

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; \*  
incline your ear to me and save me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; \*  
you are my crag and my stronghold.

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, \*  
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, O LORD God, \*  
my confidence since I was young.

6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb  
you have been my strength; \*  
my praise shall be always of you.

7 I have become a portent to many; \*  
but you are my refuge and my strength.

8 Let my mouth be full of your praise \*  
and your glory all the day long.

9 Do not cast me off in my old age; \*  
forsake me not when my strength fails.

10 For my enemies are talking against me, \*  
and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.

11 They say, "God has forsaken him; go after him and seize him; \*  
because there is none who will save."

12 O God, be not far from me; \*  
come quickly to help me, O my God.

13 Let those who set themselves against me be put to shame and be disgraced; \*  
let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn and reproach.

14 But I shall always wait in patience, \*  
and shall praise you more and more.

15 My mouth shall recount your mighty acts and saving deeds all day long; \*  
though I cannot know the number of them.

16 I will begin with the mighty works of the Lord GOD; \*  
I will recall your righteousness, yours alone.

17 O God, you have taught me since I was young, \*  
and to this day I tell of your wonderful works.

18 And now that I am old and gray-headed, O God, do not forsake me, \*  
till I make known your strength to this generation and your power to all who are  
to come.

19 Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens; \*  
you have done great things; who is like you, O God?

20 You have showed me great troubles and adversities, \*  
but you will restore my life and bring me up again from the deep places of the  
earth.

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- 21 You strengthen me more and more; \*  
you enfold and comfort me,  
22 Therefore I will praise you upon the lyre for your faithfulness, O my God; \*  
I will sing to you with the harp, O Holy One of Israel.  
23 My lips will sing with joy when I play to you, \*  
and so will my soul, which you have redeemed.  
24 My tongue will proclaim your righteousness all day long, \*  
for they are ashamed and disgraced who sought to do me harm.

*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 6:25 - 34**

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

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-- you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

### **Meditation**

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

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**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. At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
praise to our victorious King,  
who hath washed us in the tide  
flowing from his pierced side;  
praise we him, whose love divine  
gives his sacred Blood for wine,  
gives his Body for the feast,  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

2. Where the Paschal blood is poured,  
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;  
with sincerity and love  
eat we manna from above.

3. Mighty victim from on high,  
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;  
thou hast conquered in the fight,  
thou hast brought us life and light:  
now no more can death appall,  
now no more the grave enthrall;  
thou hast opened paradise,  
and in thee thy saints shall rise.

4. Easter triumph, Easter joy,  
these alone do sin destroy.  
From sin's power do thou set free  
souls newborn, O Lord, in thee.  
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,  
Father, unto thee we raise:  
risen Lord, all praise to thee  
with the Spirit ever be.

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*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.

**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 offer prayers and thanksgivings.*

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## 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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