



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

Sunday October 18, 2020

**The Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Episcopal Service of the Word

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

October 18, 2020

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.

Handicap-accessible restrooms are available by the church office. Please ask any usher for directions.

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/stgnews.

Request Prayer

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



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Giving

Your gifts help fund our ministries and serve the community. You can give by check, electronically or text to give (send a text message with the dollar amount [e.g. \$50] to: 540.701.4133). For assistance, contact Business Manager Ben Hicks: ben.hicks@stgeorgesepiscopal.net.

The Giving Path

We give thanks for all the ways people share their gifts with St. George's. During this season we are focusing on our financial offerings to God in support of the ministry of St. George's in the coming year.

Below are steps along a path of financial giving to the church. We ask you to prayerfully reflect on where you are now and where you might go next. Wherever we are, God is with us on the way.

Exploring: Begin giving to the church.

Growing: Calculate giving to the church as a percentage of income.

Deepening: Increase your percentage of income moving toward a tithe (10%).

Centered: Beginning to give a tithe (10% of income).

Transformative: Giving beyond the tithe out of joy and thanksgiving.

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:

*New schedule begins next week.
See our website for reservations and updates*

Sundays:

9 am: This pre-recorded service features liturgies from the *Book of Common Prayer* and *Enriching Our Worship*. It is available on YouTube and our website and premieres at 9 am on Facebook.

10 am: Adult formation via Zoom
www.zoom.us/join or call
929.205.6099

Webinar ID: 392 738 239

Password: 107758

10:45 am: Virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom (same login as formation)

11:15 am: Socially Distanced Worship with Holy Communion in Market Square (weather permitting).

Reservations are required each week. This service will also be live streamed.

Thursdays:

12 pm: Noon Prayer on Facebook Live

Children Formation Videos:

<http://bit.ly/stgchildrenvideos>

For Youth Ministry offerings, please contact Hecti Musa
(hector.musa@stgeorgesepiscopal.net).

What Are You Looking For?

We'd love to get to know you and to hear your story. Speak with an usher or greeter or 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.

Prelude: Danseuses de Delphes

Claude Debussy

Hymn WLP805: "I want Jesus"

I want Jesus

1 I want Jesus to walk with me
(walk with me);
I want Jesus to walk with me
(walk with me);
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord,
I want Jesus to walk with me
(walk with me).

3 In my sorrows, Lord, walk with me
(walk with me);
in my sorrows, Lord, walk with me
(walk with me);
when my heart within is aching, Lord,
I want Jesus to walk with me
(walk with me).

2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me
(walk with me);
in my trials, Lord, walk with me
(walk with me);
when the shades of life are falling, Lord,
I want Jesus to walk with me
(walk with me).

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: Gloria

John H. Vreeland

Gloria, Gloria, Glory in the highest! (2 times)

To God be glory forever. (2 times)

Gloria, Gloria, Glory in the highest! (2 times)

Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen. (4 times)

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 235

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Common English Bible translation (CEB)

From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy. To the Thessalonians' church that is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace to all of you. We always thank God for all of you when we mention you constantly in our prayers. This is because we remember your work that comes from faith, your effort that comes from love, and your perseverance that comes from hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father. Brothers and sisters, you are loved by God, and we know that he has chosen you. We know this because our good news didn't come to you just in speech but also with power and the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know as well as we do what kind of people we were when we were with you, which was for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord when you accepted the message that came from the Holy Spirit with joy in spite of great suffering. As a result you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The message about the Lord rang out from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place. The news about your faithfulness to God has spread so that we don't even need to mention it. People tell us about what sort of welcome we had from you and how you turned to God from idols. As a

result, you are serving the living and true God, and you are waiting for his Son from heaven. His Son is Jesus, who is the one he raised from the dead and who is the one who will rescue us from the coming wrath.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Alleluia

John Vreeland

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! (2 times)

The Word of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul.

The precepts of the Lord rejoice the heart and bring light to the eyes.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! (4 times)

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew 22:15 - 22

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

Common English Bible translation (CEB)

Then the Pharisees met together to find a way to trap Jesus in his words. They sent their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to him. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are genuine and that you teach God's way as it really is. We know that you are not swayed by people's opinions, because you don't show favoritism. So tell us what you think: Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" Knowing their evil motives, Jesus replied, "Why do you test me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used to pay the tax." And they brought him a denarion. "Whose image and inscription is this?" he asked. "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When they heard this they were astonished, and they departed.

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

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

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, let us pray to God, saying "God, have mercy."

For the Universal Church, and its members of all traditions across the world, we pray to you, O God.

God, have mercy.

For the mission of the church as the hands and feet of Christ in the world, we pray to you, O God.

God, have mercy.

For this nation and all nations and for all in authority. For wisdom, discernment, and kindness as we prepare for upcoming elections, we pray to you, O God.

God, have mercy.

For the welfare and peace of the world. For creativity and determination to promote flourishing for all and to work in harmony with the Earth which sustains all life, we pray to you, O God.

God, have mercy.

For the grace to give back to you, O God, and to share with others from the abundant blessings we have received from your hand. For the joyful embrace of generosity as a lifelong, joyful, transforming, and liberating response to your call to us, we pray to you, O God.

God, have mercy.

For all those who suffer or are in any kind of trouble. For prisoners, captives, and refugees. For victims of natural and human-made disasters. For all those who are targets of injustice and for the courage to stand with them. For all who are in ill-health, we pray to you, O God.

God, have mercy.

For an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. For all who are ill and caring for them. For all those whose lives have been turned upside down. For the wisdom and will to do what is helpful and loving, especially toward those who are vulnerable, we pray to you O God.

God, have mercy.

For all who have died, may they have eternal rest. For all who mourn, we pray to you, O God.

God, have mercy.

For all those concerns we name now, silently or aloud...*[silence kept]* we pray to you, O God.

God, have mercy.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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.ly/stggive) or text to give (send a text message with the dollar amount [e.g. \$50] to: 540.701.4133).

Hymn: "I have decided to follow Jesus"
I have decided to follow Jesus (3x)
no turning back, no turning back!

Indian Folk Melody

Though no one join me still I will follow (3x)
no turning back, no turning back!

The world behind me, the cross before me (3x)
no turning back, no turning back!

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 the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The congregation responds

Thanks be to God!

Postlude: Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

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For details on these events
and more visit
stgeorgesepiscopal.net

Remembering Those Who Have Died

If you would like us to include someone who has died in the past year in our service prayers on November 2, please submit names online:
<http://bit.ly/stgremember>.

All Saints Weekend:

October 30 - November 2

As we remember the Holy Ones of God and all the saints who have gone before us, we invite the parish to join us for the following:

- October 30: Scary Music for Organ Concert on Facebook at 7:30 pm
- October 31: All Hallows Eve Celtic Evening Prayer in the graveyard 5 pm with a blessing of costumes.
- November 1: All Saints Day. Our Sunday schedule plus a 300th anniversary forum with previous rectors at 2:30 pm. Register on our website.
- November 2: All Souls Day/Faithful Departed. 12 pm tolling of the bells in memory of those who have died. 7 pm Holy Eucharist live on Facebook with commemoration of those who have died in the past year and prayers for the next day's election.

Throughout the weekend: ribbons and markers available to write names of our departed loved ones and tie them as prayers on the graveyard fence.

Honoring Our Veterans

Service to country is about humility and sacrifice to others. John 15:13 says, "greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." On Veteran's Day we recognize those who volunteered to serve our great nation and, if required, to give their life in service to ALL Americans; regardless of faith, race, or creed. We would like to recognize St. Georgians who have served our country with a special slide show to be shared in our e-newsletter and on Facebook. Veterans or their families are asked to submit the name, branch of service, and picture by October 23 here: <http://bit.ly/stg2020veterans>

300th Anniversary Celebrations

Make plans to join us on November 1 at 2:30 pm for a virtual panel discussion with Rev. Joe Hensley, Rev. Jim Dannals, Rev. Charles Sydnor, and Ann (Faulkner) Ridgeway via Zoom. Rev. Ed Jones will moderate the discussion. Register here:
StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/300thpanel

Spiritual Gifts Workshop

Do you ever wonder what God is calling you to do, whether as part of St. George's or in your wider world? Join Rev. Bob Miller, for a morning of exploration on Saturday, November 7 from 9 am - 12 pm via Zoom. Stay tuned for registration 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, Bob, 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; Jason Hudson and fiancé Sam, son of Mary and John Vreeland; Hunter and Katie Guerin, son of Jane and Newton Guerin; Jordan and Chris Hinkebein; Lilian Seay and Eddie Larkin, *Jeppy and Catherine Moss*.

Pray for those recently born:

Jacob James Long, son of Katie and Christopher Long, and grandson of Brian and Lisa Long; Ruby Claire Nicholaou, daughter of Christina and Baker Nicholaou, granddaughter of Anna and Paul Colopy; Colton Anthony, son of Brad and Ashley Ellsworth, grandson of Mary and Scott Ellsworth.

Pray for those who have recently died:

Barbara "Jinxie" Forbush; Barbara Creaser, mother of Caroline Pritchard, Tim Waltonen.

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.

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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.

Pray for those serving our country overseas:

Ian Patrick Hume, Andrew Rodriguez.

Pray for homebound parishioners:

Bill Poole, Judy Barton, All persons in care facilities who cannot receive visitors right now, Anne Brooks Brauer.

Pray for those in rehabilitation or in convalescence:

Al Sharp, Kitty Lacey, Kathleen Pool, Steve Cronk, Virginia Boyd, Dottie Davis, Wayne Harman, Russ Carter, Anne, Dwight, Paula Mullins, Marion Zimmerman, George Barnick, Bill Poole, Scott Ellsworth, Barbara Perry, Anne Irving, Margaret Martin, Dick Roth, Jim Weber, Jennifer Dorigatti, *Barbara Willis*.

Pray for those with ongoing concerns:

Arya Holmes, Molly Myers, Wayne and Dot Morris, Scott Boyd, Paris Swisher, Tom Pugh, Pam Allen, Just Thompson.

Pray for those who need God's grace and assistance:

Richard Hu, Pam Webb, Kathy Maxfield and the family of Mary H. Shortall, Luke Miller, Herb, Jean Blose, Peggy Conway, Lily Mohmand, *Levi Walburn, Tricia*.

Pray for those in discernment: Kris Boyd.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

Our Redeemer, Aldie; Emmanuel, Harrisonburg; St. Luke's, Remington.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

the Episcopal Church; The Most Rev. Michael Curry - Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

Pray for: Our Little Roses (Honduras); Notre Dame Parish and School (Port-au-Prince, Haiti), Père Frantz Cole; Red Door Young Adult Ministry; SAWS Virginia; Rev. Ōshin 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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Serving This Sunday

Thank you to our worship leaders serving today. If you would like to volunteer, contact the church office: office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net.

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