



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

Sunday October 25, 2020

**The Twenty-first 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 25, 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.

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.

Celebrating Generosity

Thank you to everyone who has submitted an Estimate of Giving card for 2021. Please return your household estimate by next Sunday so that we can celebrate everyone's generosity in thanksgiving to God and in support of St. George's ministries. www.stgeorgesepiscopal.net/2021giving



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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: When Morning Gilds the Skies

Joseph Barnby, arr. Karen Roth

Hymn 551: "Rise up, ye saints of God"

Festal Song

**1 Rise up, ye saints of God!
Have done with lesser things,
give heart and soul and mind and strength
to serve the King of kings.**

**3 Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod;
and quickened by the Spirit's power,
rise up, ye saints of God!**

**2 Rise up, ye saints of God!
His kingdom tarries long:
bring in the day of brotherhood
and end the night of wrong.**

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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

I Thessalonians 2:1 - 8*Common English Bible translation (CEB)*

As you yourselves know, brothers and sisters, our visit with you wasn't a waste of time. On the contrary, we had the courage through God to speak God's good news in spite of a lot of opposition, although we had already suffered and were publicly insulted in Philippi, as you know. Our appeal isn't based on false information, the wrong motives, or deception. Rather, we have been examined and approved by God to be trusted with the good news, and that's exactly how we speak. We aren't trying to please people, but we are trying to please God, who continues to examine our hearts. As you know, we never used flattery, and God is our witness that we didn't have greedy motives. We didn't ask for special treatment from people—not from you or from others—although we could have thrown our weight around as Christ's apostles. Instead, we were gentle with you like a nursing mother caring for her own children. We were glad to share not only God's good news with you but also our very lives because we cared for you so much.

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 22:34 - 46

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

Common English Bible translation (CEB)

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they met together. One of them, a legal expert, tested him. "Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?" He replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands." Now as the Pharisees were gathering, Jesus asked them, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" "David's son," they replied. He said, "Then how is it that David, inspired by the Holy Spirit, called him Lord when he said, The Lord said to my lord, 'Sit at my right side until I turn your enemies into your footstool'? If David calls him Lord, how can he be David's son?" Nobody was able to answer him. And from that day forward nobody dared to ask him anything.

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 707: "Take my life, and let it be"

Hollingside

**1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**2 Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

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: Fugue in C

Dietrich Buxtehude

Announcements

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 by Monday, October 26 at 12 pm: <http://bit.ly/stgremember>.

Novena Prayer - Oct. 27 - Nov. 4

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has invited the church and the nation to join in the ancient tradition of a novena of prayer (nine days of devotional prayers with a specific intention) for the U.S. election, starting on Oct 27 - Nov 4. We will pray together on a conference call from 8 pm every night for 30 minutes. To join, call 929.205.6099 and enter meeting code 816 6473 4107. If you would like to sign up to lead one of the nights of prayer, please email Rev. Areeta (areeta@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

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. Register online at: <http://bit.ly/stggifts>.

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 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 bell 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.
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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 fiance 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 who have recently died:

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

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 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.

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.

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James 5:16

Pray for those serving our country overseas:

Ian Patrick Hume, Andrew Rodriguez,
Robert BP Thompson, Jr.

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, Chris Forzano.*

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:

Peggy Conway, Lily Mohmand, Levi Walburn, Tricia, *Heather Lehr-Wagner, Sister Munira Abdalla and family, Ava Stone, Heather Plunkett and family.*

Pray for those in discernment: Kris Boyd.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we

pray for: Grace, Kilmarnock; Westover, Charles City; St. James, Mt. Vernon, Alexandria.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we

pray for: Church in Wales; The Most Rev. John Davies - Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Swansea & Brecon.

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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Vicki Lewis

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