



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

Sunday
November 15, 2020

**The Twenty-fourth Sunday
after Pentecost**

9 am Episcopal Service of the Word

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

November 15, 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/stgenews.

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.

Celebrating Generosity

As of Monday, November 9, we had received 176 estimates of giving. Thanks be to God. Please return your household estimate as soon as you can 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 livestream service features liturgies from the *Book of Common Prayer* and *Enriching Our Worship*. It premieres on YouTube Live at 9 am and is posted on Facebook after the service ends.

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 is also 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

Hymn 536: "Open your ears, O faithful people"

Torah Song

**1 Open your ears, O faithful people,
open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you. (Refrain)**

**4 Open your ears, O faithful people,
open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you.**

**2 They who have ears to hear the message,
they who have ears, then let them hear.
They who would learn the way of wisdom,
let them hear God's word. (Refrain)**

**3 Israel comes to greet the Savior,
Judah is glad to see his day.
From east and west the peoples travel,
he will show the way. (Refrain)**

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: WLP 886: "Glory to You O Lord"

Glory to you

Refrain only

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you, O Lord.

You are worthy of praise.

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 236

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:

Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

I Thessalonians 5:1 - 11

Common English Bible translation (CEB)

We don't need to write to you about the timing and dates, brothers and sisters. You know very well that the day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. When they are saying, "There is peace and security," at that time sudden destruction will attack them, like labor pains start with a pregnant woman, and they definitely won't escape. But you aren't in darkness, brothers and sisters, so the day won't catch you by surprise like a thief. All of you are children of light and children of the day. We don't belong to night or darkness. So then, let's not sleep like the others, but let's stay awake and stay sober. People who sleep sleep at night, and people who get drunk get drunk at night. Since we belong to the day, let's stay sober, wearing faithfulness and love as a piece of armor that protects our body and the hope of salvation as a helmet. God didn't intend for us to suffer his wrath but rather to possess salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with him. So continue encouraging each other and building each other up, just like you are doing already.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

O Christ, the Word Incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky;
we praise thee for the radiance
that from the scripture's page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew 25:14 - 30

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

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"The kingdom of heaven is like a man who was leaving on a trip. He called his servants and handed his possessions over to them. To one he gave five valuable coins, and to another he gave two, and to another he gave one. He gave to each servant according to that servant's ability. Then he left on his journey. "After the man left, the servant who had five valuable coins took them and went to work doing business with them. He gained five more. In the same way, the one who had two valuable coins gained two more. But the servant who had received the one valuable coin dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. "Now after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five valuable coins came forward with five additional coins. He said, 'Master, you gave me five valuable coins. Look, I've gained five more.' "His master replied, 'Excellent! You are a good and faithful servant! You've been faithful over a little. I'll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.' "The second servant also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two valuable coins. Look, I've gained two more.' "His master replied, 'Well done! You are a good and faithful servant. You've been faithful over a little. I'll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.' "Now the one who had received one valuable coin came and said, 'Master, I knew that you are a hard man. You harvest grain where you haven't sown. You gather crops where you haven't spread seed. So I was afraid. And I hid my valuable coin in the ground. Here, you have what's yours.' "His master replied, 'You evil and lazy servant! You knew that I harvest grain where I haven't sown and that I gather crops where I haven't spread seed? In that case, you should have turned my money over to the bankers so that when I returned, you could give me what belonged to me with interest. Therefore, take from him the valuable coin and give it to the one who has ten coins. Those who have much will receive more, and they will have more than they need. But as for those who don't have much, even the little bit they have will be taken away from them. Now take the worthless servant and throw him outside into the darkness.' "People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

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 grace and kindness as we receive the results of the recent 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).

Blessing of Bibles to be Given to our 3rd Graders

O God who has caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, we ask your blessing upon these Bibles and upon the young people who will receive them. May your Word inspire and challenge them as they grow in your grace and live according to your love. **Amen.**

Hymn 655: "O Jesus, I have promised"

Nyland

1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

3 O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.

2 O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

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

Announcements

For details on these events
and more visit
stgeorgesepiscopal.net

300th Anniversary - Commemorative Items

Today we will have Christmas Ornaments (\$30) and St. George's note-cards (\$15) available for purchase at our in-person 11:15 am service in Market Square. These beautiful custom pieces make a great gift and proceeds go towards our 300th Anniversary Celebrations.

UTO Fall Ingathering

Join together in gratitude to donate to the 2020 UTO Ingathering. The funds collected will provide grants for COVID-19 relief to ministries here and across the globe. Give online (unitedthankoffering.com/give/), text to give (text "INGATHER" to 41444) or send a check to United Thank Offering, DFMS - Protestant Episcopal Church, PO Box 958983, St. Louis, MO 63195-8983.

Giving Tuesday: December 1, 2020

Join in the global giving movement on December 1st by supporting your local food ministry, The Table! You can donate online at St. George's website; on our Facebook page; by text to 540.701.4133 with message: Funds. For more information, please contact Chris Cook at 703.328.1530. Thank you!

Meet Our Curate: Rev. Will

Will's first Sunday was Nov. 1, and he's eager to meet everybody! Since the pandemic prevents us from gathering in person, you're invited to [sign up](#) here for an hour of fellowship on Zoom at one of the times listed. Come as you are, reconnect with some St. Georgian's (or meet some new ones!), and take a break from the hustle and bustle for a bit. If you'd like to get in touch with Will directly, he is always available by email at will.dickinson@stgeorgesepiscopal.net.

Vestry interest Meetings: Nov. 19 & 22

Are you curious about serving on our vestry board of leaders? Current vestry members and our rector will be available for an information session on zoom: Thursday, November 19 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, November 22 at 5 pm. Contact Joe Hensley for login information.

Advent To-Go!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be able to hold our annual Advent wreath making event this year. We are offering Advent to Go kits on the first Sunday of Advent, November 29 from 12 - 2 pm in Sydnor Hall. The kits will include Advent wreath materials (candles, platform, and greenery) and resources for prayer at home. More details to follow. For more information, please contact [Hecti Musa](#).

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, 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, Katie and Eamonn Sheil, daughter of Mary and Bob Ryan.

Pray for those recently born:

Ellee Moss, daughter of Jeppy and Catherine Moss and granddaughter of Champe and Ranny Corbin and Jeppy and Karen Moss.

Pray for those recently died:

Joseph Goyena

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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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, Marion Zimmerman, George Barnick, Bill Poole, Barbara Perry, Anne Irving, Jim Weber, Jennifer Dorigatti, Barbara Willis, Chris Forzano, Nancy Behrmann, Drew Gundlach, Anne Lloyd.

Pray for those with ongoing concerns:

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

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, Matthew P, Keith, Anne, Hunter, and Addison Darlak, *Sandra Bock, Neda Beal, Family of Joseph Goyena.*

Pray for those in discernment: Kris Boyd.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we

pray for: Clergy and Lay Delegates and Alternates to Annual Convention and members of all Diocesan Committees

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we

pray for: Church of Ceylon (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury), The Rt Rev. Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey - Bishop of Colombo
The Rt Rev. Keerthisiri Fernando - Bishop of Kurunegala

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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