

Sunday November 22, 2020

The Twenty-fifth 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.

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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:

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Celebrating Generosity

As of Tuesday, November 17, we have received 220 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



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 for Advent 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.

Thursdays:

12 pm: Noon Prayer on Facebook Live

This service is also live streamed

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.

Greeting and Welcome

Prelude

Hymn 544: "Jesus shall reign wherever the sun"

Duke Street

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun doth his successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more. 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice. 5 Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

3 People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his Name.

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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Ephesians 1:15 - 23

Common English Bible translation (CEB)

Since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, this is the reason that I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers. This power is conferred by the energy of God's powerful strength. God's power was at work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and sat him at God's right side in the heavens, far above every ruler and authority and power and angelic power, any power that might be named not only now but in the future. God put everything under Christ's feet and made him head of everything in the church, which is his body. His body, the church, is the fullness of Christ, who fills everything in every way.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Alleluia: Hymn 632 (st. 1) "O Christ, the Word Incarnate"

Munich

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 25:31 - 46 People: Glory to you, O Christ.

Common English Bible translation (CEB)

"Now when the Human One comes in his majesty and all his angels are with him, he will sit on his majestic throne. All the nations will be gathered in front of him. He will separate them from each other, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right side. But the goats he will put on his left. "Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who will receive good things from my Father. Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world began. I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.' "Then those who are righteous will reply to him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' "Then the king will reply to them, 'I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.' "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Get away from me, you who will receive terrible things. Go into the unending fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels. I was hungry and you didn't give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you didn't give me anything to drink. I was a stranger and you didn't welcome me. I was naked and you didn't give me clothes to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.' "Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and didn't do anything to help you?' Then he will answer, 'I assure you that when you haven't done it for one of the least of these, you haven't done it for me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment. But the righteous ones will go into eternal life."

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Areeta D. Bridgemohan

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 for all nations and for all in authority. For our national leaders in this time of transition. For grace and kindness between neighbors, 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, 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 concludes with the collect for Thanksgiving Day:

Almighty and gracious God, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of all who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Hvfrydol

Hymn 460: "Alleluia, sing to Jesus" 1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph. his the victory alone; Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

2 Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now: Alleluia! he is near us. faith believes, nor questions how: though the cloud from sight received him. Hark! the songs of holy Zion when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise. "I am with you evermore"?

3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay! Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day: Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own: Alleluia! born of Marv. earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne: thou within the veil hast entered. robed in flesh, our great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast

5 Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph. his the victory alone; thunder like a mighty flood: Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

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

Office Note:

The church office will close at 12 pm on Wednesday, November 25 and remain closed November 26 - 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call or text 540.361.8573 to reach clergy.

Vestry interest Meeting Today!

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 at 5 pm today. Contact Joe Hensley for login information.

300th Anniversary - Commemorative Items

Today we will have Christmas Ornaments (\$30) and St. George's notecards (\$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 ad 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.

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 Faulkner Hall. The kits will include Advent wreath materials (candles, platform, and greenery) and resources for prayer at home. Suggested donation of \$10. 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; 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; Aidan, son of Jason Hudson and fiance Sam, grandson of Mary and John Vreeland

Pray for those recently died: Joseph Goyena, *Muriel Sproul*

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

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, *Susan*.

Pray for those in discernment: Kris Boyd.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: St. Bartholomew's, Richmond; St. John's, Richmond.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: Church of Bermuda (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury); The Rt Rev. Nicholas Dill – Bishop of Bermuda

Pray for: Our Little Roses (Honduras); Notre Dame Parish and School (Portau-Prince, Haiti), Père Frantz Cole; Red Door Young Adult Ministry; SAWs Virginia; Rev. Õshin 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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