



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

The Daily Office at Noon

For the Season of Easter
12 pm - Online Worship

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

Noonday Prayer

From: *The Book of Common Prayer
Daily Prayer for all Seasons
and Enriching Our Worship I,*
Resources from The Episcopal Church
and Online Resources

*Welcome to our online service! We invite you to prepare for worship by observing silence or taking time for private prayer.
We are glad you are here!*

Welcome

Opening sentence: Set your minds on things that are above, and not on things that are on the earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Alleluia. *Colossians 3:2, 3*

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. Alleluia. Amen.

The Psalm

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

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 Readings

One or two of the appointed lessons is read. After each lesson, the reader says, "Here ends the reading". A canticle follows the first reading.

Canticle 12 - A Song of Creation *The following is said in unison.*

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let the earth glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

**Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,
and all that grows upon the earth, ***
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, *
O whales and all that move in the waters.

All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, *
and all you flocks and herds.
O people everywhere, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Meditation

After the second reading, a short meditation may be offered. Then silence is kept for a time.

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) and subscribe to our email newsletter (<http://bit.ly/stgenews>)

The Prayers

God of life and hope,
with faces touched by the light of this day,
and hearts warmed by our prayers and praises,
we come before you to pray
for the needs of our world.

Into the light of Easter,
we lift up those who are struggling with illness,
with despair over their lives, or with
the breakdown of relationships.

May the light of Christ shine upon them.

Into the light of Easter,
we bring those places in our world
where war, violence, poverty and need
are the experiences of everyday life... *these places may be named*

May the light of Christ shine upon them.

Into the light of Easter,
we hold in our hearts the pain
of those suffering violence, bereavement or conflict... *we pray especially for*
May the light of Christ shine upon them.

And into the light of Easter,
we bring ourselves, the private struggles,
the heart's yearnings and the hidden dreams.
May the light of Christ shine upon us.

Christ, our friend and our guide,
pioneer through the shadow of death,
passing through darkness to make it light,
be our companion that we may fear no evil,
and bring us to life and to glory. **Amen.**

Adapted from: ~ written by Ann Siddall, in Lent to Easter liturgies: Year C. Posted on the website of the Stillpoint Spirituality Centre. <http://stillpoint.uniting-churchsa.org.au/> and the New Zealand BCP, <https://anglicanprayerbook.nz/147.html>

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:

O gracious and holy One,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(from: <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-parishes/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer>)

A 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.

(from: <https://www.nhepiscopal.org/worship-liturgy>)

Holy One, in love you created us and called it good: Grant us the deep wisdom of your love that, wherever this day leads, our lives may remain rooted in your goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant: The Spirit dwells in us. Let us bless the Lord.

Reader: Thanks be to God.

In this season of uncertainty and change, please know that although we cannot physically gather, God is ever-present. We are here too. If you would like someone to reach out and pray with you, please submit a request online (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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