



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

Good Friday April 2, 2021

12 pm Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer

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

April 2, 2021

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 worshipping online or in person, we are glad you are here.

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.

2nd Sunday Newcomer Welcome:

Newcomers are invited to join us at 5 p.m. on Zoom on April 11, for a chance to meet parishioners, staff, and clergy, ask questions, and learn more about the parish. Contact [Jan Meredith](#) for more information.

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Your generous gifts help fund our ministries and serve the community. Thank you. You can make a one-time or recurring gift electronically or text to give (send a text message with the dollar amount [e.g. \$50] to: 540.701.4133). You can also mail a check to the church office. For assistance, contact Business Manager [Ben Hicks](#).

Easter Gratitude Offering

Thank you to everyone who made a generous offering in gratitude for blessings or in memory/honor of someone. You have blessed St. George's. We will publish the names on Easter and in the following week's newsletter.

Good Friday and Easter Giving

Through the years many Episcopalians traditionally donate the Good Friday Offering to the four dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East to express their support for their ministries in the birthplace of our faith. [Click here to share your gift.](#)

Our Easter Loose Offering will be split between SAWs Virginia and Micah Ecumenical Ministries Street Church. You can make an [online gift here](#) (select "Easter Offering" as the fund) or make your donation by cash or designated check (Easter outreach) at one of our in-person services.

Worship, Learn, Serve

**“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.

Some of our regular offerings for growing in faith:

- Bible Study
- Education for Ministry (EFM)
- Parish Prayer Partners
- Introductory classes to the Episcopal Church and St. George's
- [Racial justice and reconciliation](#) book groups
- Spiritual Book Group
- Sunday adult forums

How are you called to serve? Serving builds our parish and local community as we give thanks to God and follow Christ's example.

A few examples of ways to serve (contact the [church office](#) for more information):

- Children and youth ministries: leading mission trips and Vacation Bible School; teaching Sunday school
 - Community service: The Table: sharing fresh produce in the community every week; Micah Ecumenical Ministries: dinners and hospitality with neighbors who are homeless
 - Leading worship: Worship leaders and server teams
 - Music ministries: Singing and instrumentalists
 - Pastoral care: Extending support and prayer to church members in need
 - Support ministries: Logistics as well as media and technical support for online services
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Weekly Worship

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Stay tuned for updates. As pandemic conditions improve, we are planning to gradually regather for in-person services, first outdoors and eventually indoors, with required face covering and social distancing. We are following the guidance of our Diocese. Through the end of May you can expect the following as a minimum (with more added as we are able).

Sundays:

9 am: Livestream service of the Word: our clergy, lay ministers, and musicians offer readings from scripture, a homily/sermon, hymns and instrumental music, and prayers for the community and the world. Live on YouTube and available afterwards for viewing.

10 am: Adult forum on Zoom: lay leaders, guest speakers and clergy offer discussions on various topics, including the Bible, spiritual authors, and issues in our world. Parish updates are sometimes held at this time also.

www.zoom.us/join or call
929.205.6099

Webinar ID: 392 738 239

Password: 107758

11 am: Zoom Coffee "half-hour" bring your own coffee and connect with other parishioners in an informal conversation facilitated by one of our lay leaders. (same login as formation)

5:30 pm: (3rd Sundays of the month)
Celtic Evensong on YouTube Live.

8 pm: Sung Compline on Facebook
Live via our [Compline Facebook page](#).

Wednesdays

12 pm: Noon Prayer on Facebook Live

Children Formation Videos:
<http://bit.ly/stgchildrenvideos>

For Youth Ministry offerings, please
contact [Hecti Musa](#)

*Children and Youth offerings are
described more fully in the announce-
ments section of the bulletin.*

Good Friday
April 2, 2021
12 pm

from the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and *Enriching Our Worship*, supplemental liturgical materials approved by the Episcopal Church.

We invite you to prepare for worship by observing silence or taking time for private prayer.

The clergy enter in silence. All kneel as able or remain seated for silent prayer.

Celebrant: Blessed be our God.

People: For ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day

BCP 276

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

New Revised Standard Translation

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit

in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:1 - 11 (*spoken*)

BCP 610

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?
O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;
by night as well, but I find no rest.
Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
Our forefathers put their trust in you;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
But as for me, I am a worm and no man,
scorned by all and despised by the people.
All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
"He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,
and you kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
Be not far from me, for trouble is near
And there is none to help.

The Second Reading

Hebrews 10:16 - 25

NRSV Translation

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Passion of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John

John 18:1 - 19:37

NRSV translation

The Customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."

Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew[d] is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in

one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

"They divided my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots."

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows[g] that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. William S. Dickinson

Hymn 474: "When I survey the wondrous cross"

Rockingham

1 When I survey the wondrous cross
where the young Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

The Solemn Collects

BCP 277

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church of Christ throughout the world;

For its unity in witness and service For all bishops and other ministers and the
people whom they serve For Susan and Jennifer, our Bishops, and all the people
of this diocese For all Christians in this community For those about to be baptized

That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in
peace.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful
people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which
we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation
and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority
among them;

For the President of the United States For the Congress and the Supreme Court
For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations For all who serve
the common good

That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

Silence

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide
with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in
tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowl-
edge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;

For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed
For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled
For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish
For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair
For the sorrowful and bereaved
For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger

That God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

Silence

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;

For those who have never heard the word of salvation
For those who have lost their faith
For those hardened by sin or indifference
For the contemptuous and the scornful
For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and persecutors of his disciples
For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others

That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Devotions Before the Cross

A cross is brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people.

Hymn 166: "Were you there"

**1. Were you there when they crucified
my Lord?**

**Were you there when they crucified my
Lord?**

Oh!

**Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.**

**Were you there when they crucified my
Lord?**

**2. Were you there when they nailed him
to the tree?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to
the tree?**

Oh!

**Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.**

**Were you there when they nailed him to
the tree?**

Were you there

**3. Were you there when they pierced
him in the side?**

**Were you there when they pierced him
in the side?**

Oh!

**Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.**

**Were you there when they pierced him
in the side?**

**4. Were you there when they laid him in
the tomb?**

**Were you there when they laid him in
the tomb?**

Oh!

**Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.**

**Were you there when they laid him in
the tomb?**

Spoken Anthem 2

BCP 281

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Hymn 166: "Sing my tongue, the glorious battle"

Pange lingua

**1. Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;
of the mighty conflict sing;
tell the triumph of the victim,
to his cross thy tribute bring.
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer
from that cross now reigns as King.**

**2. Thirty years among us dwelling,
his appointed time fulfilled,
born for this, he meets his passion,
this the Savior freely willed:
on the cross the Lamb is lifted,
where his precious blood is spilled.**

**4. Faithful cross! above all other,
one and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
none in fruit thy peer may be:
sweetest wood and sweetest iron!
sweetest weight is hung on thee.**

**6. Praise and honor to the Father,
praise and honor to the Son
praise and honor to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One:
one in might and one in glory
while eternal ages run.**

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The service concludes in silence.

Holy Week 2021 Schedule

We are excited to share our Holy Week worship schedule with you! Please be sure to make reservations for in-person worship soon!

If you are unable to make a reservation, contact us (540.373.4133).

Palm Sunday - March 28

9 am: In-person Worship with Holy Communion in Market Square and YouTube Live. We will celebrate the Liturgy of the Palms and the Passion. [Reserve seats here.](#)

2 pm: Outdoor Labyrinth Walk at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (25 Chalice Circle). Please wear a mask and sturdy shoes.

Tuesday - March 30

8 pm: Live stream, sung Compline service via our [Compline Choir's Facebook page.](#)

Wednesday - March 31

12 pm: Clergy will lead Noon Prayer via our [Facebook page.](#)

Maundy Thursday - April 1

7 pm: Live stream worship with a sermon, Spiritual Communion, and stripping of the altar. The service will be live streamed via [YouTube Live.](#)

Good Friday - April 2

12 pm: In-person worship with sermon and prayers. Make your [reservations here.](#) The service will also be live streamed via [YouTube Live.](#)

7 pm: The St. George Chamber Choir sings The Passion According to St. John by Heinrich Schütz. This pre-recorded video will premiere on our [Facebook page.](#)

Holy Saturday - April 3

8:30 am: Pastor Joe will live stream Morning Prayer from the Nave via [Facebook Live.](#)

5 pm: Children's Easter Vigil via Zoom. Please contact [Hecti Musa](#) for the login.

8 pm: The Great Easter Vigil with Holy Baptism, live streamed from our Nave via [YouTube Live.](#)

Easter Sunday - April 4

7:45 am: Rite I with Holy Communion, Indoor Worship in our nave. Seating is limited. [Reserve seats here.](#)

9 am: Episcopal Service of the Word, live streamed from our Nave via [YouTube Live.](#)

10 am: Adult Formation / Coffee Hour via Zoom. www.zoom.us/join or call 929.205.6099; Meeting ID: 392 738 239 Password: 107758.

11:30 am: Easter Egg Hunt in our graveyard

2 pm: In-person Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion at the Fredericksburg Fairgrounds. The service will be posted online as soon as possible following the service. [Reserve seats here.](#)

Upcoming Fellowship and Formation Events

For details on these events and more visit stgeorgesepiscopal.net

Office Note

Our office is closed on Monday, April 5. If you have a pastoral emergency and need to speak with clergy, please call or text 540.361.8573.

Fredericksburg Area Museum Exhibit

Our 300th Anniversary Celebrations include a special exhibit next door at the Fredericksburg Area Museum. The exhibit opens April 3. Stay tuned for more information on special events for St. Georgians.

Shrine Mont Sunday: April 11

We are planning to return to Shrine Mont for our annual parish weekend, October 8 - 10. Our theme is Reconnect to God's Wonder – *Cast Your Nets*, as we hope to have a chance just to reconnect with each other and explore our common connections. On Sunday, April 11, at 10 am, during the adult forum on Zoom, we will share more about the weekend and open registration.

Reopening The Table

We are so happy to announce that, as of May 4th, The Table will be back in person. We will gather in Market Square for one session each Tuesday 12 pm – 2 pm. If you've been missing volunteering and missing our shoppers, [please fill out this survey](#) and let us know how you can help. More info to come, but spread the word!

300th Anniversary

On April 30 and May 1, we will celebrate the anniversary when St. George's parish was officially established. We will welcome the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry for two events. On April 30, from 7 - 8:30 pm, we will gather on Zoom for an interactive conversation with the Presiding Bishop. On May 1, we will offer a live-streamed Eucharist service commemorating our 300th anniversary at 11 am followed by an unveiling of the Historic Register plaque outside the church. Bishop Curry will preach. If health conditions allow, we will open this event to some in-person attendees.

St. George's Reads Love is the Way

In preparation for Bishop Curry's visit, all parishioners are encouraged to read his newest book, "Love is the Way" in April. We will have two Sunday forums on April 18 and 25 to discuss the book.

Upcoming Fellowship and Formation Events

For details on these events and more visit stgeorgesepiscopal.net

UTO Boxes Ingathering on Easter

We distributed the little blue United Thank Offering boxes as part of the Lent-to-go bags. As you have been thankful and put coins and bills in the box, you are supporting grants for ministry around the Episcopal Church and the world. Bring your box to one of our in-person services on Easter Sunday or to the egg hunt.

Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King (DoK) is a community of women and girls, lay and ordained, joined together by a rule of life, which involves a commitment to service and prayer. The parish is invited to join the DoK for a study of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's new book "Love is the Way" as well as to participate in creating a book composed of a collection of prayers, photography, art, short stories, reflections, inspirational quotes that will be published and available in Advent 2021. For more information, please contact Candace Allshouse (dominiceltic@aol.com).

Media Ministry

We plan to continue livestreaming many of our services and events even after we can regather in-person and will need volunteers to provide basic technical support. Training will be provided. Contact the church office for more information.

Care for College Students

We would like to send cards of encouragement to our college students as the end of the semester approaches. Please contact our young adult missionary, the [Rev. David Casey](#), if you would like to help us with these cards or to provide mailing information for a student.

St. George's Preschool's Spring Scholarship Fundraiser

Green George, Green George, what do you see? I see little Dragons blooming in front of me! Please join us in supporting our little Dragons' scholarship fund by sponsoring our flower garden this year. Our preschool families, both current and alumni, are busy creating art flowers for us to turn into an art collage. Large flowers can be sponsored for \$100, small flowers for \$25 and leaves for \$10. Our fundraiser will run through April 20 and donations can be made to St. George's Preschool by check mailed to St. George's Episcopal Church, PO Box 7127, Fredericksburg, VA 22401 or online. All proceeds will benefit the preschool's scholarship fund. For more information and to take a virtual tour of our preschool, please visit <https://sgpreschool.wordpress.com>.

Children and Youth Formation and Fellowship

Due to the pandemic, we have moved our children and youth formation primarily to an online format.

Children's Formation

Videos available on Sundays at 8 am, YouTube channel.

Our children's formation is open to students pre-K3 to 5th grade. Currently, we are offering weekly pre-recorded formational videos, and a monthly pre-recorded children's homily led by one of our clergy for families to enjoy together. We are also offering a children's gathering via Zoom the first Sunday of every month, as an opportunity for the children to see each other and share some time together. Please contact [Hecti Musa](#) if you would like the Zoom link.

Youth Group

Sundays at 5pm, Zoom;

Currently, our youth group meets on Sundays at 5pm via Zoom. We gather for conversations about faith and issues affecting our lives, and to connect with friends. While it has been difficult to gather for our usual in-person fun over the past year, we have had a few opportunities to have fun in-person and hope to continue to have more in the coming months.

Mission Trip

Traditionally, St. George's rising 8th - 12th graders go on an annual mission trip during the summer. This year, we're going to offer exciting week-long opportunities to serve. More details to come. If you are interested or have any questions please contact [Hecti Musa](#).

Youth in Global Community

In March, a group of 11th and 12th grade high school girls and their moms travel to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in NYC. We begin our preparation for this trip in the fall. In our meetings, we learn about issues that confront women and girls nationally and worldwide and our response as people of faith. Contact [Sheryl Stroud Bryant](#) for more information and to join us next Fall.

Volunteers Needed

There is always an opportunity to get involved! The St. George's children and youth need volunteers for in-person events in the coming months. Please contact [Hecti Musa](#) or call 540.373.4133

Pastoral Care at St. George's is a shared ministry of the clergy and the laity. By walking with each other through times of joy and times of sorrow, we share the love of Christ with all. If you need support or encouragement, please consider reaching out to one of our pastoral care ministries listed below.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV)

During the pandemic, Lay Eucharistic Visitors have been authorized to make short visits to homebound parishioners to share in the Eucharist, with observance of practices to ensure safety of all involved. If you are interested in serving or in receiving a visit, please contact the office or clergy.

One Body Response Team (OBRT)

The members of this team care for those in our community by providing home visits, meals, phone calls, cards and offering transportation needs. During the pandemic, this ministry team offers connection through phone calls and cards. To sign up as a recipient of OBRT, please contact the office or clergy.

Prayer Group and Prayer Chain

The prayer group prays for those on our prayer lists and any other requests received. The Prayer Chain ministers pray for any prayer requests received. To be added to the Prayer Chain as a prayer chain minister or if you have a request, please email [Ann Tebbutt](#). To be added to the prayer list, please contact the office or clergy.

Personal Prayer Ministry

Personal prayer ministers respond to the needs of parishioners who request prayer by listening and providing intercessory prayer, mostly during services. During the pandemic, personal prayer ministers are available to pray with you by phone or pray for you based on [prayer requests received online](#).

Prayer Shawl and Quilt Ministries

These ministry teams provide hand-made knitted prayer shawls or quilts to support members dealing with trying and significant life events. Shawls and quilts are mantles of healing and comfort and prayers are said for the recipient in the making of the shawl or quilt. To receive a prayer shawl or quilt, please contact the office or clergy.

Stephen Ministry

Ministers are trained caregivers who provide confidential care to people in need of spiritual support through Christ's love. Ministers meet regularly with their care receivers and pray for them. They provide non-judgmental listening. To request the companionship of a Stephen minister, please contact clergy.

Drop-in Grief Support Group (Trinity Episcopal)

For those facing various types of grief, this monthly meeting shares experiences and learn about ways to deal with grief. To learn more about it, please contact [Randall Clingenpeel](#).

Serving Today

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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The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.
The Rev. William S. Dickinson
The Rev. David P. Casey, O.P.

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The Rev. William S. Dickinson

Lector:

Chris Dorle

Altar Guild:

Vicki Harrison
Barbara Blose

Music:

Lisa Bogardus
Dick Juergens
Christine Knights
Steve Short
John Vreeland

Greeter:

Pat Baughman
Jennifer Woollven

Usher:

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