



**St. George's**  
Episcopal  
Church

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# Maundy Thursday

## April 1, 2021

**Holy Eucharist + Stripping of the Altar**

**7 pm Service**

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

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April 1, 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

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### **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](http://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](http://bit.ly/stgenews).

### **Request Prayer**

We share in each other's joys and concerns. Send us your prayer requests at: [bit.ly/stgprayer](http://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.

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# Worship, Learn, Serve

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**“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

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## **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](http://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.*

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Holy Eucharist + Stripping of Altar at 7 pm

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

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

## Greeting and Welcome

### Prelude

Opening Hymn WLP 729: "As in that upper room"

*Sursum Corda*

1 As in that upper room you left your seat  
and took a towel and chose a servant's part,  
so for today, Lord, wash again my feet,  
who in your mercy died to cleanse my heart.

2 I bow before you, all my sin confessed,  
to hear again the words of love you said;  
and at your table, as your honored guest,  
I take and eat the true and living bread.

3 So in remembrance of your life laid down  
I come to praise you for your grace divine;  
Saved by your cross, and subject to your crown,  
strengthened for service by this bread and wine.

### Kyrie S84

New Plainsong

Kyrie eleison. *sung 3 times*

Christe eleison. *sung 3 times*

Kyrie eleison. *sung 3 times*

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives our sins.

People: **God's mercy endures forever.**

*The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day*

**BCP 274**

Almighty God, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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**The First Reading****Exodus 12:1 - 14a***New Revised Standard Translation*

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.  
How shall I repay the LORD \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?  
I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.  
I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people.  
Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
is the death of his servants.  
O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.  
I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.  
I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people,  
In the courts of the LORD's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

**The Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 11:23 - 26**

*NRSV Translation*

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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Hymn 439: "What wondrous Love is this?"

*Wondrous Love*

**1** What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown for my soul!

**2** To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

**3** And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on!

**The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke    Luke 22:14 - 30**  
**People: Glory to you, O Christ.**

*NRSV translation*

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; or I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves." You are

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those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of our Savior.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Homily

The Rev. Areeta D. Bridgemohan

### Prayers of the People

That we might become the Gospel we proclaim, and trusting in God's steadfast love throughout this season of Lent, let us pray to God as we say, "And we put our trust in You."

For all followers of Christ in every land and nation, for Anglicans around the globe, and for those who seek after God but have not yet been found. That in our words, worship, and work, we will honor the covenant of baptism, we pray to you, O God:

**And we put our trust in You.**

Faithful God, we lift up Michael, our presiding bishop, Susan, Jennifer, and Porter, our bishops, for our clergy and lay leaders, and for all the people of St. George's. That the prayer and fasting of Lent may bring a new springtime of faith in our Church, we pray to you, O God:

**And we put our trust in You.**

For the nations and peoples of the earth, especially our own, and for all who struggle with attraction to control, wealth, and power. That we may become signs and instruments of the Kingdom where all are free, we pray to you, O God:

**And we put our trust in You.**

For all who have no choice but to fast, forced into the silence of their thoughts, who have no home but the Kingdom to come. For those sick and suffering in the pandemic, and for those who are alone, and for all others on our hearts, silently or aloud. *Silence*

We pray to you, O God:

**And we put our trust in You.**

God our promised land, in whom all peoples may find a home, we bless you for the Patawomek and Manahoac people who first knew this land on which our church sits. That we may learn to share this earth, which belongs only to You, and to sit at the feet of our elders, we pray to you, O God:

**And we put our trust in You.**

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God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence things that do not exist, we pray for those who have died, and those who out of Christ's death will be reborn in baptism, that your will for all may be fulfilled. That angels may lead all our beloved into the light of paradise, we pray to you, O God:

**And we put our trust in You.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

Celebrant: Gracious and loving God, you are in the water that restores our soul and in the night when we lose our way. Make your presence known to us as we journey through our days, as we discern and work, as we grieve, pray and hope. Accept the prayers of your people and breathe your life into us as we seek to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.ly/stggive](http://bit.ly/stggive)) or text to give (send a text message with the dollar amount [e.g. \$50] to: 540.701.4133).*

**Offertory Anthem: "Ave verum corpus"**

Mozart

*Translation: Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man. From whose pierced side flowed water and blood: Be our help in the trial of death.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)**

BCP 361

Celebrant: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth:

*The Celebrant proceeds using a Preface of Holy Week*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus S122 (all sing)**

Mason Martens

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

**All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By him and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Invitation to Communion**

**All: Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though we cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine together, we thank you that we have received Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion and resurrection. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we embody your love, be renewed for your service, and be reflections of the awakened and risen Lord. Amen.**

**The Post-communion prayer**

**God of our pilgrimage, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.**

**Refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey,**

**in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Solemn Prayer in place of the blessing during Lent**

**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 lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.**

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1. Go to dark Gethsemane,  
ye that feel the tempter's power;  
your Redeemer's conflict see,  
watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his griefs away,  
learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

2. Follow to the judgment hall;  
view the Lord of life arraigned;  
O the wormwood and gall!  
O the pangs his souls sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
learn of him to bear the cross.

3. Calvary's mournful mountain climb;  
there, adoring at his feet,  
mark the miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete;  
"It is finished!" hear him cry;  
learn of Jesus Christ to die.

### **The Stripping of the Altar**

*The altar and surroundings are stripped completely, and all decorations are removed as we anticipate Jesus' final trials and crucifixion. The altar is washed as we think of preparing Christ's body for burial. The sanctus light, which signifies Christ's presence in the blessed bread and wine in the aumbry wall safe is extinguished. The church remains bare until the Easter Vigil.*

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Peter R. Hallock

Psalm 22: 1-11

ANTIPHON

Psalm 22: 1a

*Organ:* *Everyone:*

My God, my God, why have you for-sak-en me?

*Choir:* 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 upon the praises of Israel.

**ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON**

*Choir:* 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 REPEAT THE ANTIPHON**

*Choir:* 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 kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

**ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON**

*Choir:* 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.

**ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON**

Hymn WLP 826: "Stay with me"

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**Stay with me. Remain here with me. Watch and pray. Watch and pray.**

*You are invited to a moment of silent prayer as we keep watch with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.*

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# 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!

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*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](http://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.](#)

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# Upcoming Fellowship and Formation Events

For details on these events and more visit [stgeorgesepiscopal.net](http://stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

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## 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.

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### 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](mailto: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>.

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# Children and Youth Formation and Fellowship

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**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

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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](#).

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# Serving Today

Thank you to our worship leaders serving today. If you would like to volunteer, contact the church office: [office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net).

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The Rev. William S. Dickinson

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