



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

Celtic Evensong
with
Holy Communion

November 28, 2021 at 5:30 pm

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.

Thank you for continuing to wear your facial covering (such as a mask) during indoor services.

Connect with Us

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/stgnews.

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.

In person donations are welcomed at one of the collection plates in the entryway or in the aisle.

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](#).

Your Gifts at Work

Recently, your gifts to St. George's have helped:

- Produce an Advent daily devotional authored by our college and young adult ministry and members of St. George's, Trinity, and Christ Lutheran
- Create Advent-to-Go bags with resources for observing Advent at home

These and many other ministries happen because of your generosity. Thank you!

Our Annual Giving Campaign for 2022 is Moving

For many years, we have held a campaign each fall inviting households to make an estimate of their giving in the coming year. This year we are moving our campaign to January - February of 2022. In the meantime, we ask you to keep giving and give thanks for every gift in support of our ministry together.



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Formation for All Ages

**“Make me to know your ways,
O Lord; teach me your paths.”
Psalm 25:4**

Learning and Growing in Christ

No matter where you are on your faith journey, there's a place for you here. We offer a number of faith formation opportunities for all ages. You are invited to visit or join at any time.

Adult Formation - 10 am

Episco 101 - Youth Floor: Rev. Bob Miller leads these weekly sessions designed for those new to the church or who want a refresher.

Advent-to-Go Bags - Faulkner Hall

10 am - 12:30 pm: Suggested donation is \$10.

Coming Up:

- 12/5: Coffee Hour

Children's Formation - 10 am

- 11/28: One-room Sunday school in Renwick (for kids up to 5th grade). We'll be starting our Advent program.
- 10-12:30 pm: Distribution of Advent to go bags from Faulkner (as mentioned in the announcement). Suggested donation is \$10.

Youth Formation

Our next youth groups are Dec 5, labyrinth walk at 12:30 pm and at 5 pm tbc, Dec 19 - holiday party

Worship Schedule

Sundays:

- **7:45 am:** spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I.
- **9:00 am:** Holy Eucharist according to the Book of Common Prayer and Enriching Our Worship, a supplemental resource approved by the Episcopal Church. Our jazz band and jazz choir lead the music (This service also livestreamed on YouTube live).
- **11:15 am:** Holy Eucharist Rite II. Our organists and St. George's Choir lead the music.
- **5:30 pm:** Celtic evensong with Holy Eucharist. Our Celtic ensemble and vocalist lead the music
- **8:00 pm:** Sung Compline. This service is offered by our Compline Choir (Facebook Live and in-person).

Daily Office:

The Daily office (Morning and Evening Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer) is offered on Zoom and led by a group of lay persons on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8 am and 5:30 pm. All are welcome.
Meeting ID: 890 4918 9545
Passcode: 638538
Dial in: +1 301 715 8592

Wednesdays:

12 pm: Rite II Eucharist with healing prayer

First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021

from the red Book of Common Prayer
(BCP), *Enriching Our Worship*, and forms
of prayer from around the world.

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

We welcome you to this service, whether you have been here often or if this is your first time. Please use this bulletin as your guide to participate. Please note the announcements about ways to connect and upcoming events. May this time of worship and prayer be a blessing to you.

Prelude

One minute of silence follows the prelude. Please rise or rise in spirit at the ringing of the bell.

Opening Reading: To the home of peace
To the home of peace
to the field of love
to the land where forgiveness and right relationship meet
we look, O God,
with longing for earth's children
with compassion for the creatures
with hearts breaking for the nations and people we love.
Open us to visions we have never known
strengthen us for self-givings we have never made
delight us with a oneness we could never have imagined
that we may truly be born of You
makers of peace

John Phillip Newell

Hymn 56 (St. 1,2): "O come, O come Emmanuel"
All invited to sing while wearing a mask

Veni, veni Emmanuel

Gather in God's Name

Opening sentences from *Iona prayer book*:

Officiant: In the quiet of this place;

People: We wait and watch;

Officiant: In the stillness of the soul;

People: Our hearts awaken to you;

Officiant: For new showings of light;

People: We search in your Spirit, O God.

Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The Reading from the Gospel

Luke 21:25 - 36

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Silence is observed after the reading

Meditation

Two minutes of silence will follow.

Music for Meditation

Pray for the World and the Church

Please stand.

Officiant: Let us offer our prayers to God, pondering in our hearts, like Mary the mother of Jesus, what we are watching and waiting for in this season of Advent.

Prayer Leader 1: We pray for the Church throughout the world, its members and mission. What might we release in order to become the Church we are called to be?

Silence

Prayer Leader 2: We pray for our nation and all the nations of the earth, for our state, region, and localities, and all who hold authority that they may work for the health of all. What is the world we yearn to see, with God's help?

Silence

Prayer Leader 1: We pray for the well-being of the world, for all God's creatures and all that God has made. How might we embrace a sense of wonder at the beauty of God's creation? How might we learn from creation to wait in this season?

Silence

Prayer Leader 2: We lift up to God the concerns of our local community. Where are we to watch for the needs of others as we wait and work for restoration?

Silence

Prayer Leader 1: We ask God to heal us and all who suffer and be with all of us who are in any trouble. Who are the people we wish to name, silently or aloud?

Silence

Prayer Leader 2: We pray for those who have died and all who mourn their loss. As we wait for the coming of Christ, what sorrows and hopes for new life might we offer to God?

Silence

Officiant: Almighty God who has taught us to watch and wait with hopeful anticipation, hear our prayers as we look for the light that has come and is coming again into the world, our savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

If you like, please come forward during the music and light a candle as an embodied symbol of your prayer. Please help us to keep a bit of distance between one another.

Music for Meditation

"De noche iremos"

Taize

De noche iremos, de noche, que para encontrar la fuente.

Solo la sed nos alumbra, solo la sed nos alumbra.

Translation: By night, we hasten in darkness to search for living water.

Only our thirst leads us onwards

Officiant: Let us pray, alternating sides of the church, beginning on this side (lectern/north):

Lectern/north side: Eternal Spirit Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Pulpit/south side: source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all.

Lectern: Loving God, in whom is heaven,
Pulpit: the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

Lectern: The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!
Pulpit: Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Lectern: Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
Pulpit: With the bread we need for today, feed us.

Lectern: In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
Pulpit: In times of temptation and test, spare us.

Lectern: From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
Pulpit: For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.
Amen.

Exchange the Peace

Officiant: Christ has broken down the dividing wall and has proclaimed peace and wholeness to those who were far off and to those who were near. My siblings, brothers, and sisters, the Peace of our Savior Jesus 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.

Prepare the Table

As we prepare to make Eucharist, the holy feast of thanksgiving and grace, we present ourselves and our gifts to God and remember that Jesus said, "Abide in my love...I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete."

It is a joy to gather together this evening, and we especially welcome anyone who is visiting or here for the first time. Please see more information in the bulletin notes and feel free to introduce yourself after the service. There are also printed instructions about receiving communion or a blessing.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. As the table is prepared, we invite you to consider a gift in support of our ministry within and beyond our congregation. Make your offering online (<http://bit.ly/stggive>), in the alms basin provided in the aisle, or by mail to the church. Please note the announcements at the rear of this bulletin. For the latest updates and messages of encouragement, check our website (StGeorgesEpiscopal.net) and subscribe to our email newsletter (<http://bit.ly/stgenews>).

Music for Meditation

Make Eucharist

Please stand.

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And with your spirit

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Holy Ruler of all creation.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our God.

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

The Celebrant proceeds:

O God of mystery and promise, you invite us to discover you in the intimate places of ourselves and our lives. You invite us to discover you within the complexities of our humanity, in passionate and tender loving, in struggle and pain, in confusion and unknowing, in flashes of insight and wisdom. You also call us beyond ourselves to places of imagination, beyond the silent stars, in the deep rhythms of the ocean, in the unending cycles of day and night, seasons of life and death. With saints and ancestors, with the seas and earth and sky, with animals and birds, with our friends and those unknown to us, with all creation we join in the song of your unending glory:

Sanctus:

Mark A. Miller

all invited to sing while wearing a mask

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant proceeds:

We praise you that in Jesus Christ you make known to us the wonder and richness of our humanity. We give thanks for his life-giving love, for his healing touch, for his vulnerability and for his gentleness. Before he gave up his life, he shared his humanity, his flesh and blood with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks for it, broke it and gave it to them saying:

Together

"This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me."

So too after they had eaten, he took wine, gave thanks for it and gave it to them saying:

Together

"This is my blood, poured out in love for you. Do this to remember me."

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Come now, Spirit of God, come upon us and upon this bread and wine. Make us one body, food for the world, one blood to be poured out for the life of all. Touch us with your gentle creativity and fire us with longing for the new age of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus who gave his body that we might be one and his blood that we might find new life. With him, and through him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be to you, O God, all honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: I invite us to pray as Jesus taught his disciples:

People and Celebrant:

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 for ever. Amen.

Break the Bread and Share the Gifts of God

"Emmanuel"

Ralph R. Stewart

all invited to sing while wearing a mask. Echo the cantor

Emmanuel, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Emmanuel, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Emmanuel, you take away the sins of the world,

grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Celebrant: This is the table, not of the Church, but of our God.

It is made ready for those who love God and those who want to love more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is God who invites you.

It is Love's will that those who want God should meet Love here.

Those who wish to receive communion may come forward when invited by an usher, staying single file and maintaining a generous distance. To receive the wafer of bread, the body of Christ, extend your open hands and we will gently drop a wafer into your hand without making contact. Gluten free wafers are available; just tell us of your need. Once you have received the wafer, hold it in your hand and return to your seat when you can briefly remove your mask and reverently consume the bread. If you do not wish to receive the bread and would like a blessing, come forward with you hands across your chest, and we will offer a blessing in the name of God.

Music during Communion

After Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Please stand.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew us and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant: God's blessing be with you. Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

Go into the World

Hymn WLP 721: "Signs of endings all around us"
all invited to sing while wearing a mask

Ton-y-Botel

The Dismissal

Officiant: Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be upon you always. **Amen.** *Source: Clare of Assisi*

Postlude

Acknowledgments

The Opening Reading by John Phillip Newell. The Prayer for the Evening is from Iona. Prayer inspired by The Lord's Prayer from A New Zealand Prayer Book, Harper Collins, 1977.

Announcements

For details on these events
and more visit
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Advent-to-Go Bags:

Today 10 am – 12:30 pm

Today from 10 am – 12:30 pm we will be distributing Advent-to-Go bags outside of Faulkner Hall. The bags include devotionals, Advent calendar, crafts, and materials to make your own Advent wreath. There are resources for families of all ages! Suggested donation is \$10.

Winter Coat Drive

Please consider donating new or gently used jackets and coats, toddler through teen sizes, which will be provided to children in need at Hugh Mercer Elementary school. There is a box located in the narthex for winter coat donations. Donations will be collected on Sunday, December 12.

Today's Altar Arrangement:

is given to the Glory of God by Mr. and in loving memory of our parents, Lt. Colonel and Mrs. John H. Irving and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Roth, by Bryn and Dick Roth. And in honor of our 25th wedding anniversary.

#GivingTuesday is November 30 – Support The Table

It's that time of year again when The Table participates in GivingTuesday, a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and You!

On Tuesday, November 30, you will have the chance to make a difference in our community. The Table in Market Square serves our local community by providing fresh, healthy food to anyone who comes to us on Tuesdays. The fresh food goes to the elderly, the disabled, and people who are employed but need a supplemental source of healthy food. In addition to The Table in Market Square, once a month we provide fresh produce to 8 additional Table in the World Sites (TITW). We hope you will join us and be a part of this important work in our community.

Helping our Afghan Allies

St. George's Afghan Allies Ministry, in partnership with Bethany Christian Services, is leading a clothing drive to support Afghan women and children refugees who have recently arrived in Virginia with only the clothes on their backs. While they are safe and awaiting resettlement, they are in need of coats, gloves, hats, and socks in Women's Small and Medium sizes and all Children's sizes. St. George's will be welcoming donations Sunday, November 14, 21, and 28 in the nave (the front entryway of the church).

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Angel Tree

Our yearly ministry returns! St. George's offers gifts for children in our local schools whose families are unable to this Christmas season. Pick up a tag or a few on the First Sunday of Advent (Nov. 28), shop for your gifts, and return them wrapped with the tag clearly visible on Dec. 5 or 12.

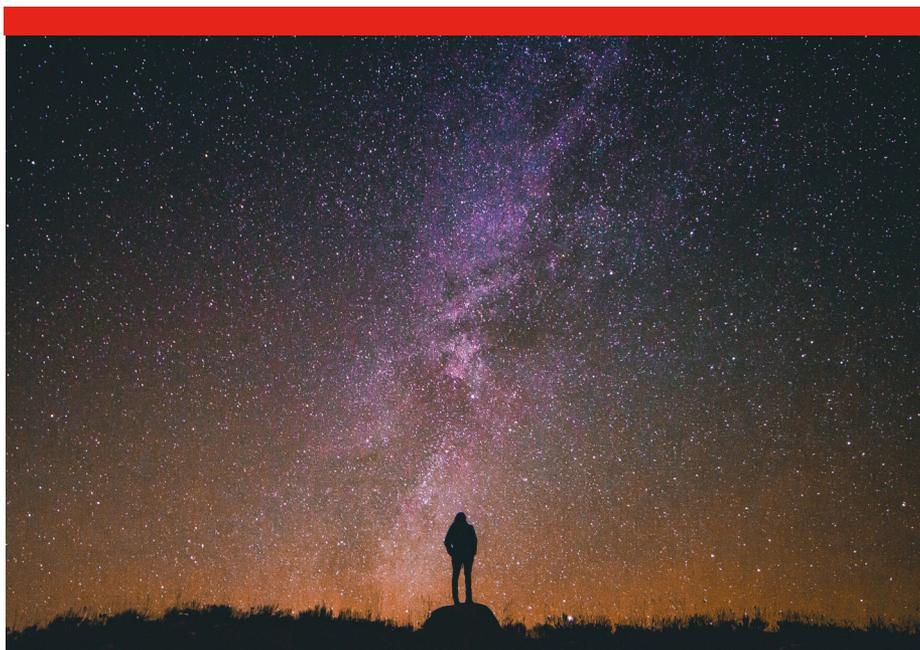
Invitation to serve on St. George's vestry

We will elect four new members to the vestry at our annual meeting in January. We are looking for a slate of at least six persons willing to serve. A candidate must be a confirmed, adult (16+) member of the parish who contributes financially to the church and attends services regularly. We will be holding interest meetings in December via zoom for potential candidates. Dates to be announced. Contact Joe Hensley or a member of the vestry for additional information.

Commemorative Ornaments

To celebrate our 300th anniversary, we have limited edition, commemorative ornaments designed by a local artist. Purchase yours Nov. 28 from 10 am - 12:30 pm in Faulkner (with Advent-to-Go bags) and during the 10 am coffee hour on Dec. 5. Contact Marilyn Farrington (marilyn.farrington@gmail.com) if you'd like to purchase an ornament outside these times. Cost is \$30 with all proceeds benefiting our Landmark Building Fund.

Advent is Here



Watch. Wait. Wonder.

It's time to watch for miracles. It's time to wait for the birth of the Messiah. It's time to wonder at the unfailing light and love of God. Advent is here.

Please see our Advent and Christmastide practices brochure for a list of personal, family, and group activities and events in addition to our usual schedule of worship and formation on Sundays throughout Advent and Christmas.

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 Ethan, our clergy; for those who are priests and pastors in our community; for our staff—John, Ben, Jan, Nicholas, Amy, Danielle, Lisa, Achim, Laurel, Barbara, and Riley; and for our Vestry.

Pray for those expecting babies:

Andrea Wilkins and Thomas Cunningham, daughter of Marsha Wilkins; Jenny Neff-Norman and Matt Norman; Alison Goss and Robert Mueller, daughter of Curt and Bess Goss

Pray for those recently born:

Ernest Linwood Beaton V (Quint), grandson of Pat Davis and Teri Clark;
Isaac Oliver Baldwin, grandson of Faylee and David (deceased) Hydorn

Pray for those who have died:

Mark Hower, Geraldine Marous, Lucy George, Wayne Morris

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, Dr. Matthew Whitehurst, Trish Stenger, Cindy Hales Tyler, Rebecca Durham, Dr. Ashley Frost.

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Pray for those serving our country overseas:

Ian Patrick Hume, Michael Sweaney, Katrina Martin, Kyle Browne

Pray for homebound parishioners:

Bill Poole, Judy Barton, Betty Stephens, Anne Brooks Brauer;
All persons in care facilities who cannot receive visitors right now.

Pray for those in rehabilitation or in convalescence:

Al Sharp, Kathleen Pool, Dottie Davis, Cary Montague, Deloris Smith, Marion Zimmermann, Mary Smith, Gloria Rodriguez, Mary Davin, Barbara Atkins, Faylee Hydorn, Chris McCrae, Rose Marie Schlemm, Terry Johnson, John Harrison, Pat Davis, Fran, Reid Seims, Linda Hensley, Barbara Backus, Julie Keadle, Wayne Harmon

Pray for those with ongoing concerns:

Arya Holmes, Molly Myers, Dot Morris, Pam Allen, Dick Roth, Tommie Woollen.

Pray for those who need God's grace and assistance:

Norman Marous, Maggie Stiles, Rebecca Eagen, Dwayne, Erin and Micah Harris

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: Christ of Our Redeemer, Aldie; Church of Our Savior, Montpelier

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: The Church of Bangladesh

Pray for: Our Little Roses (Honduras); Notre Dame Parish and School (Port-au-Prince, Haiti), Père Frantz Cole; The House college chaplaincy and young adult ministry; SAWs Virginia; Rev. Ōshin Jennings, No Barriers Zen Temple; Micah Ecumenical Ministries (our work to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God along with other congregations in Fredericksburg).

Pray for: St. George's Preschool.

Serving This Sunday

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

Preacher:

The Rev. Areeta D. Bridgemohan

Celebrant:

The Rev. Areeta D. Bridgemohan

Officiant:

David C. Primmer

Candle Set up:

Hilary and Lou West

Reader:

John Graham

Greeter:

Hilary and Lou West

Usher:

Barbara Atkins

Prayer Readers:

Sandy Kenyon

Anne Thaxter

Musicians:

Natalie Patterson, Flute

Jon Bachman, guitar

Peggy Mathias, voice

Achim Loch, piano

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