



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

Good Friday
Sung Passion and
Liturgy of the Day
7 pm

April 15, 2022

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

April 15, 2022

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 having a facial covering ready for indoor services. As COVID infection rates rise again, masks may be required. Please follow the instruction of the clergy.

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.

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



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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 The Episcopal Relief and Development: Supporting the Humanitarian Response to the Crisis in Ukraine and Micah Ecumenical ministries. 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.

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.

Sunday Adult Formation - 10:15 am

In Sydnor Hall and on Zoom.

Our next forum is April 24 for Shrine Mont Sunday! We will unveil our theme and open registration for our annual Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont.

Zoom Meeting Details:

Meeting ID: 832 1668 8396

Passcode: 218382

Dial in: +1 301 715 8592

Children's Formation

Coming up:

4/16: Liturgy of the Light - a special Easter Vigil service for children, ages 3 and up. 5 pm in Sydnor Hall

4/17: Easter Egg Hunt at 10 am!

Our regular Sunday 10 am formation resumes on April 24.

Youth Formation

Youth Group is on break. Stay tuned for information on our next gathering!

Regular Worship Schedule

Sundays:

Coffee hour in Sydnor Hall follows each of our morning services.

- **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.

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Passcode: 638538

Dial in: +1 301 715 8592

Wednesdays:

12 pm: Rite II Eucharist with healing prayer

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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.

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***Chanted by the Choir. Music by William Byrd**The Customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.*

When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples across the Kidron valley where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas procuring a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to befall Him, came forward and said to them, 'Whom do you seek?' They answered Him, 'Jesus of Nazareth.' Jesus said to them, 'I am He.' Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When He said to them, 'I am He', they drew back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, 'Whom do you seek?' And they said, 'Jesus of Nazareth.' Jesus answered them, 'I told you that I am he. So if you seek me, let these men go.' This was to fulfill the word which He had spoken, 'Of those whom Thou gavest Me I lost not one.' Then Simon Peter, having 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 into its sheath. Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?'

So the band of soldiers, and their captain and the officers of the Jews seized Jesus and bound him. First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had given counsel to the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. Simon Peter followed Jesus and so did another disciple. As this disciple was known

to the high priest, he entered the court of the high priest along with Jesus, while Peter stood outside the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the maid who kept the door, and brought Peter in. The maid who kept the door said to Peter, 'Are you not one of this man's disciples?' He said, 'I am not.' Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered him, 'I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing secretly. Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them; they know what I said.' When he had said this, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, 'Is that how you answer the high priest?' Jesus answered him, 'If I have spoken wrongly, bear witness to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?' Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They said to him, 'Are you not one of His disciples?' He denied it and said, 'I am not.' One of the servants of the high priest, a kinsman of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, 'Did I not see you in the garden with him?' Peter again denied it, and at once the cock crowed.

Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the praetorium. It was early. They themselves did not enter the praetorium, so they might not be defiled, but might eat Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, 'What accusation do you bring against this man?' They answered him, 'If this man were not an evil doer, we would not have handed him over to you.' Pilate said to them, 'Take Him yourselves and judge him by your own law.' The Jews said to him, 'It is now lawful for us to put any man to death.' This was to fulfill the word which Jesus had spoken to show by what death He was to die.

Pilate entered the praetorium again, and called Jesus, and said to him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered him, 'Do you say this of your own accord or did others say it to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? Your own nation and chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingship is not of this world. If my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews; but my kingship is not from the world.' Pilate said to him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered him, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice.' Pilate said to him, 'What is truth?'

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, 'I find no crime in Him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover; will you have me to release for you the King of the Jews?' They cried out again, 'Not this man, but Barabbas!' Now Barabbas was a robber. Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed Him in a purple robe; they came up to Him, saying, 'All hail, thou King of the Jews!' and struck him with their hands. Pilate went out again and said to them, 'Behold, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no crime in 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 officers saw him, they cried out, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' Pilate said to them, 'Take Him yourselves and crucify Him; for I find no crime in Him.' The Jews answered him, 'We have a law, and by that law He ought to die because he made Himself the Son of God.'

When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus, 'Where are you from?' But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to Him, 'You will not 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 he who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.' Upon this Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, 'If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend: everyone who makes himself a king speaks against Caesar.' When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, and in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, 'Here is your King!' They cried out, 'Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!' Pilate said to them, 'Shall I crucify your King?' The chief priests answered, 'We have no king but Caesar.' Then he handed Him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; and He went our bearing His own cross to the place called The Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha. There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. The chief priests of the Jews then said to Pilate, 'Do not write, "The King of the Jews", but, "This man said, I am the King of the Jews." ' Pilate answered, 'What I have written I have written.' When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took His garments and made four parts, one for each soldier, also His tunic. But the tunic was without seam, woven from top to bottom. So they said to one another, 'Let us not tear it, but let us cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.' This was to fulfill the Scripture, 'They parted My garments among them, and for My clothing

they cast lots.' So the soldiers did this but standing by 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 near, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold your son.' Then He said to the disciple, 'Behold your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. After this, when Jesus knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), 'I thirst.' A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of vinegar on hyssop and held it to His mouth. When Jesus had received the vinegar, He said, 'It is finished.' and He bowed his head and gave up His spirit. Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the sabbath, (for that sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So 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. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness – his testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth that you may also believe. For these things took place that the scripture might be fulfilled, 'Not a bone of Him shall be broken.' And again another scripture says, 'They shall look on Him whom they have pierced.'

After this Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him leave. So he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who had as first come to Him by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds' weight. They took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb where no one had ever been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

Thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ who has redeemed us through His Passion from damnation.

After the Passion concludes, a few minutes of silence are observed

The Solemn Collects

BCP 277

Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life.

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 knowledge 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.**

Hymn 172: "Were you there"

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?

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?

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.

Choral Anthem: "Crux fidelis"

John IV, King of Prussia, arr. John Rutter

Translation: Faithful cross, above all other, the one noble tree.

None in foliage, nor in blossom, nor in fruit offers more:

sweetest wood and sweetest iron, sweetest weight is hung on thee!

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 Worship

Palm Sunday – April 10 - with Liturgy of the Palms and the Passion

Services are at 7:45 am, 9 am (also livestreamed on YouTube Live), 11:15 am, 5:30 pm Celtic and 8 pm Compline (also livestreamed on Facebook Live)

Taize Worship – Tuesday, April 12 7 pm

Open your heart for Holy Week with our meditative Taize service at 7 pm (also livestreamed on Facebook Live)

Noon Prayer with Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayer – Wednesday, April 13

Clergy lead a short noon service in our Nave

Maundy Thursday – April 14 at 7 pm - with Foot-washing and Stripping of Altar

Anyone who wishes may have their feet washed – and wash the feet of others. Holy Eucharist and stripping of the altar follows (also livestreamed on YouTube Live).

Good Friday – April 15 at 12 pm and 7 pm

12 pm: We gather in a church that is so bare it even sounds different, following the traditional Prayer Book Good Friday service (also livestreamed on YouTube Live).

2 pm: Ecumenical Stations of the Cross: Micah Ministries churches will gather in front of Micah (1013 Princess Anne St) and then walk through downtown Fredericksburg, pausing at various points to remember Jesus' last moments.

7 pm: Our choir sings the Passion and the chanted words wash over us in the bare nave (also livestreamed on YouTube Live).

Holy Saturday – 8:30 am, 5 pm, 8 pm

8:30 am: Morning Prayer in our Nave (also livestreamed on Facebook Live)

5 pm: Liturgy of the Light in Sydnor Hall – a special Easter Vigil service for children, ages 3 and up. Adults welcome as well. Masks required for this service.

8 pm: The Great Vigil of Easter in the Nave. Experience the wonder of darkness-into-light, dramatic presentations of our Salvation History, and the joy of Easter, with Holy Eucharist.

Easter Sunday, April 17

Micah Churches Ecumenical Sunrise Service: Fredericksburg Fairgrounds (2400 Airport Avenue; outside under cover) at 6:30 am. Joyful Easter Eucharist at 7:45 am, 9 am (also on YouTube Live; masks required for this service only), 11:15 am (also on YouTube Live), and 5:30 pm.

10 am: Our Easter Egg Hunt returns with 2-4 yrs old in the Sydnor Courtyard, K-2 in the Renwick Courtyard, and 3rd-5th grade in the graveyard

Upcoming Fellowship and Formation Events

For details on these events and more visit stgeorgesepiscopal.net

Office Notes

We are re-opening our church office, beginning Monday, April 11. The office will be open Monday - Thursday from 9 am - 3 pm and Friday from 9 am - 12 pm. Please call and make an appointment if you need to stop by outside these regular hours.

Our office will be closed on Good Friday (April 15), Monday, April 18, and Tuesday, April 19. If you have a pastoral emergency and need to speak with clergy, please call or text 540.361.8573.

Easter Egg Hunt Returns!

Our beloved Annual Easter Egg Hunt is back Easter Sunday at 10 am. A big thank you to all of our volunteers helping stuff and hide the eggs. 2-4 years old will search in the Sydnor Courtyard, K-2nd grade in the Renwick Courtyard and 3rd-5th grade in the graveyard.

Concert Series Continues: April 24

Our monthly concert series continues on Sunday, April 24 at 3 pm with music by Laurie Rose Griffith and Peter Mealy with John and Mary Vreeland. Don't miss this eclectic mix of classics, including Crosby, Stills, and Nash, Paul Simon, Stevie Wonder, Neil Young, Seals and Crofts, and more, plus original music. The concert is free with donations accepted at the door.

Shrine Mont Sunday

Join us at the Adult Forum on Sunday, April 24 at 10:15 am (in person or on Zoom) as we unveil the theme for this year's Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont! Bring your favorite memories if you have been to Shrine Mont before, or your questions if you are a first-timer. Registrations will open that day, and everyone who registers and pays in full on Sunday will be entered into a drawing for one free registration for our weekend (October 7-9). Any questions, please contact Danielle Davis at danielle@stgeorgesepiscopal.net.

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Community Dinner Returns in May!

We are so excited to plan for the return of in-person Community Dinners in conjunction with Micah Ministries. St. George's will be responsible for cooking and serving a hot meal to our neighbors in need on the third Monday of each month beginning in May. We are looking for volunteers to help with cooking, serving, and setup/cleanup. We will also be looking for donations of your yummy desserts to share with our neighbors. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Diane Young and Angela Devine at CommunityDinners@stgeorgesepiscopal.net. Spread the word!

Support SAWs Virginia – Dueling Pigs BBQ

On Saturday, April 23 from 12 pm – 8 pm at Highmark Brewery (390 Kings Highway, Fredericksburg), up to 20 contestants will gather to find out whose pulled pork rules supreme! Proceeds benefit our ministry partner, SAWs Virginia – building handicap accessible ramps for those in need. You can learn more and purchase tickets online: www.duelingpigs.com

Pray for the Election of the 14th Bishop of Virginia

The Diocese of Virginia has announced a slate of nominees for bishop, including our rector, the Rev. Joe Hensley. <https://www.virginiabishopsearch.org/process/announcement-of-slate/> There will be an opportunity to meet and greet the nominees from May 20 - 24 around the Diocese before the election on June 4. Please pray for our Diocese in this time of discernment, for Joe and all the nominees and their families, for Diocesan leaders, and for our parish staff and vestry. May God give us a bishop who is a faithful pastor, caring for God's people and equipping us for our ministries, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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.

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, Will, Rosemary, 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, Marian, and Riley; and for our Vestry.

Pray for those recently born:

Penelope June Solley, daughter of Ben and Sam Solley; Curtis Yeong Mueller, grandson of Curt and Bess Goss

Pray for those who have died:

Debbie D'Alessandro, sister of Lisa Long; Betty Baldwin; Neda Beal, sister of Anna Colopy; Troy Flesicher, son of John and Nancy Fleischer; Karen Daniels; *Jenny Norsworthy, sister of Mary Vreeland*

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, John Sielski.

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Pray for those serving our country overseas:

Ian Patrick Hume, Michael Sweaney, Matthew Martinez, Liam Black, Jeff Bryant

Pray for homebound parishioners:

Bill Poole, Judy Barton, Betty Stephens;
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, Marion Zimmermann, Gloria Rodriguez, Rose Marie Schlemm, Terry Johnson, John Harrison, Julie Keadle, Sandy Brooks, Leilani Blose, Betty Baldwin, Judy Maxfield, Richard Fensterer, Luke Pedersen, John Corderman, Scott Powell, Foncee Coker, Marcia Russell, Nanette Lofaro, Sarah Roeske, Pastor Mike Byrd, Karen Richards

Pray for those with ongoing concerns:

Arya Holmes, Molly Myers, Pam Allen, Dick Roth, Sondra

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

Jim Branscome, Sheri Riggs, Alice-Cole Reynolds, Will, Martha, George Family, John and Mina Sabik, Scott Boyd, Gayle and Glen, Karen Blynn

For our seminarian: Kris Boyd

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: Calvary, Hanover; Clarke Parish (Grace & St. Mary's), Berryville; St. David's, Aylett

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: The Church of North India (United)

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.

Vestry

If you have questions or concerns,
please reach out to our Vestry
(elected lay leaders).

To reach the Vestry, please email: vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net. To reach an individual vestry member, please contact the church office at office@stgeorgesepiscoapl.net or 540.373.4133.

John Graham, 2024
Worship and Music
World Mission

Josue Rivera-Orellano, 2022
Generosity
Preschool

Casey Hu, 2023
Fellowship

Anne Carey O'Connor, 2024
Pastoral Care

Beth Klein, 2023
Youth Formation

Mac Smith, 2024
Newcomers

Jason Kunkler, 2022
Buildings and Grounds

Stuart Whitford, 2022
Connections and Membership

Meghan O'Connor, 2023
Grace in Action
Finance

Jane Yaun, 2023
Junior Warden
Communications
Administration and Personnel

Michele Prout Alston, 2024
Adult Christian Education

Caroline Pritchard, 2022
Senior Warden
Children's Formation
Racial Justice and Healing
Administration and Personnel

Serving Today

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

Clergy:

The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.
The Rev. William S. Dickinson
The Rev. Dr. Rosemary Beales
The Rev. T. Ethan Lowery

Lectors:

Ann Tebbutt

Greeters:

Claire Simpson
Ann Tebbutt

Ushers:

Tommy Thompson
Ron Tebbutt
Nick Calamos

Music:

John Vreeland, piano
St. George Jazz Ensemble Choir

Media Guild:

Nicholas Perron

Counters:

Stuart Whitford
Michele Prout

St. George's Episcopal Church

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