



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

Holy Eucharist

Rite II

11:15 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022

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

May 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.

Due to rising infection rates, masks are required for our 9 am worship service. We highly recommend masks for our other services - especially while singing. We have asked temporarily canceled our coffee hour.

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.



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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.

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.

Your Gifts at Work

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

- Resume our Monday Night Community Dinners to provide fellowship and a hot meal for our neighbors
- Welcome all in the Love of God to our worship services
- Celebrate two baptisms in Eastertide and prepare for more at Pentecost.

These and many other ministries happen because of your generosity.

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

In Sydnor Hall and on Zoom.

Parish Updates: Join our rector and vestry wardens this Sunday for updates on a few processes and projects in our parish (possible improvements for accessibility, staffing searches, and our rector's nomination for bishop).

Zoom Meeting Details:

Meeting ID: 832 1668 8396

Passcode: 218382

Dial in: +1 301 715 8592

Children's Formation - 10 am

Children's formation will meet in Sydnor Hall at 10 am for Community Gathering - parents are welcome to drop off or stay for this time. At 10:10 am all students will walk with teachers: to their class. Please pick up at 11 am in Market Square (at the lower level exit). Masks are required.

Youth Formation - Youth Floor

Join us for a rad time today, 5-7 pm on the Youth Floor. We will be celebrating the end of the school year with an 80's style dance party with special appearance by DJ Lance! Break out your neon, roll those jeans, and crimp that hair! Prizes awarded for "best retro dressed" and more!

Regular Worship Schedule

Sundays:

Coffee hour is temporarily canceled due to rising infection rates

- **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

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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.

Prelude: Meditation

Cecile Chaminade

Hymn 296: "We know that Christ is raised"

Engleberg

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant then continues

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise S278: Gloria in excelsis

William Mathias

Glorify to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Word of God

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect (Prayer) of the Day

BCP 225

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Acts 11:1 - 18 *New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John 13:31 - 35

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

the Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People

In the light of Easter, which upends the world and promises to transform our lives, we pray to God, saying 'Alleluia, hear us.'

Jesus, light of the world, you bless the Church in this place and around the globe. Bring the new light of your gospel to all who search for it.

You are our risen God.

Alleluia, hear us.

Holy Spirit, alive in the risen Christ, you inspire us to love this world as fiercely as you do. Give food to those who hunger, give rest to those who are weary, and demand the same of us.

You are our risen God.

Alleluia, hear us.

Creator of stars and planets and all that lives, you formed this world out of pure love. Give us that same love for this earth, our home, and move us from complacency to action.

You are our risen God.

Alleluia, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, in your sacrifice you show us a different way is possible. Guide our leaders in government, that your abundance might be known to all. Shock us out of war and empower us to demand peace.
You are our risen God.

Alleluia, hear us.

Gentle Shepherd, you came to us as a stranger and left us as a friend. Guide the mind of the Diocese of Virginia as we discern our new shepherd and bishop. Hear the needs of this community, our joys and our prayers, silently or aloud:

The people offer their prayers

You are our risen God.

Alleluia, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, you showed that death is conquered, but we grieve for those who we see no longer. Comfort us, and raise us with them to eternal life.

You are our risen God.

Alleluia, hear us.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Risen Christ, you hear the prayers of your Church and have given us an answer in the light of Easter; open our eyes to see that light, and open our hearts to hear that answer, through the power of your Spirit as one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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) or text to give (send a text message with the dollar amount [e.g. \$50] to: 540.701.4133).

Anthem: Ehre sei dir, Christe

Heinrich Schutz

*Translation: Praise to you, Lord Christ,
who suffered bitter pain on the cross and died for us.
You who reign with the Father in heaven,
lead us poor sinners to paradise.
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.*

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.

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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: S128

William Mathias

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.

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: And now, 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

Fraction Anthem: S155

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gerald Near

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. *and may add*

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The people are seated. An usher will dismiss each pew to receive communion. All are welcome at St. George's to receive communion. As you approach the priest, please hold out your hands over each other palms up to receive a wafer and reverently consume it in your pew. If you require a gluten free wafer, please approach palms down or make your need known. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms over your chest.

Music During Communion

"Ubi caritas"

Taize

Ubi caritas et amor ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

Translation: Where true charity and love abide, God is there.

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Prayer *Said on Sundays when a LEV visit occurs.*

Celebrant: [Name of LEV], in the name of this congregation of St. George's, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that [name of parishioner] may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: We who are many are truly one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.

The Post-communion prayer

BCP 365

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

A Blessing for Easter

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Savior Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do the will of God; and the blessing of the one, holy and undivided Trinity, the author of creation, the bearer of salvation, and the advocate of life, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn 492: "Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness"

Finnian

The Dismissal

The congregation responds

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: Fanfare

William Mathias

Announcements

For details on these events
and more visit
stgeorgesepiscopal.net

Concert Series Concludes May 22

Our Concert Series concludes on Sunday, May 22 at 3 pm with an Afternoon Organ Concert. St. George's organists – John Vreeland, Achim Loch, and Brooks Kuykendall will perform, featuring works by Bach, Buxtehude, Reger, Brahms, and Wagner. Concert is free with donations accepted at the door.

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. Meet and Greet sessions will occur May 20-24, and the Electing Convention will be 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. Learn more about the process and the nominees at www.virginiabishopsearch.org

Today's Altar Arrangement:

is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Anna and Edna Claire, by Earl and Pat Baughman.

Ascension Day - May 26

Join us at 7 pm on Thursday, May 26 as we celebrate Christ's Ascension with worship and Holy Eucharist.

Summer Schedule Resumes May 29

On Sunday, May 29, we will shift to our "summer schedule" with services at 7:45 am, 10 am, and 5:30 pm. Our Compline service takes a break as well as Sunday school classes.

Save the Date

Pentecost Sunday, June 5:

We will hold our 10 am service on June 5 outside, weather permitting, at the picnic shelter near the canoe launch at Old Mill Park (far end of the parking lot). More information to come.

Congratulations Graduates

We pray God's blessing upon all those who are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school this spring! Please send names of parishioners and the school from which they are graduating to office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net by Tuesday, May 17, so we can include them in our next newsletter.

Memorial Day Prayers



Memorial Day Prayers

During the May 29 worship service, we will include a list of names of veterans who have died in military service to the United States (can be from any time).

If you have a name of a loved one that you would like to add, please send it to the office by Monday, May 23 (office@stgeorgesepticopal.net). Please include name, rank, and branch of service.

Prayer for Memorial Day

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

- Book of Common Prayer, p 839

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 expecting babies:

Matthew and Leilani Blose

Pray for those recently born:

Curtis Yeong Mueller, grandson of Curt and Bess Goss

Pray for those who have died:

Peggy Rampersad; *Bob Friesner;*
Jennifer Nsenkyire, sister of Pam
Asamoah

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, , 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, 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, Zachary Lober

Pray for homebound parishioners:

Bill Poole, Judy Barton, Betty Stephens

**Pray for those in rehabilitation or in
convalescence:**

Al Sharp, Kathleen Pool, Dottie Davis,
Marion Zimmermann, Gloria Rodri-
guez, Rose Marie Schlemm, John
Harrison, Julie Keadle, Sandy Brooks,
Judy Maxfield, Luke Pedersen, John
Corderman, Nanette Lofaro, Pastor
Mike Byrd, Karen Richards, Mathew
Cadwallender, Dennis Martin, Christo-
pher Thomas, Faylee Hydorn, Pat Da-
vis, Lorey Goerlinger, *Linda Wollesen*

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, George Family, John and
Mina Sabik, Scott Boyd, Karen Blynn,
Gita Rampersad, Natasha, Cynthia
Ellis, *Theo Nemeth, Mason Bryant,
Maddie Stroud and Lydia Bryant*

For our seminarian: Kris Boyd

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray
for:** St. James', Richmond; St. Luke's,
Wellington, Alexandria; St. Stephen's,
Richmond

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray
for:** The Scottish Episcopal Church

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 Freder-
icksburg).

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.

Clergy:

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

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the Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

Liturgical Coordinator:

Liz Talbot

Lector:

Connie Smith

Lay Eucharistic Minister:

Liz Talbot

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Josue Rivera-Orellano
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Chamber Ensemble
Choir of St. George's