



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

Celtic Evensong
with
Holy Communion

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 7, 2022 at 5:30 pm

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

August 7, 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 worshipping online or in person, we are glad you are here.

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

Your generous gifts help fund our ministries and serve the community. 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 (StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/giving) 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. Thank you!

Your Gifts at Work

Recently, your gifts have helped:

- Re-open our Nursery for our 10 am worship service
- Prepare Back to School Blessing for August 14

Summer Worship Schedule

Sundays:

Coffee hour is temporarily canceled and masks are required for the 10 am service due to rising infection rates

- **7:45 am:** spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I.
- **10 am:** Holy Eucharist according to the Book of Common Prayer and Enriching Our Worship, a supplemental resource approved by the Episcopal Church. Also livestreamed on YouTube live.
- **5:30 pm:** Celtic evensong with Holy Eucharist. Our Celtic ensemble and vocalist lead the music

Our formation hour for all ages is on break for the summer. Stay tuned for information on special fellowship events.

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

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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: "The Gift"

Mary Oliver

Be still, my soul, and steadfast.
Earth and heaven both are still watching
though time is draining from the clock
and your walk, that was confident and quick,
has become slow.

So, be slow if you must, but let
the heart still play its true part.
Love still as once you loved, deeply
and without patience. Let God and the world
know you are grateful. That the gift has been given.

Hymn 455: "O love of God, how strong and true"

Dunedin

Gather in God's Name

A Prayer for the Evening

Officiant: Move among us, O God, give us life.

All: Let your people rejoice in you.

Officiant: Make our hearts clean within us.

All: Renew us in mind, body and spirit.

Officiant: Give us again the joy of your help.

All: With your spirit of freedom sustain us.

Officiant: O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The Reading from the Gospel

Luke 12:32 - 40

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Silence is observed after the reading

Meditation

the Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

Two minutes of silence will follow.

Music for Meditation

Pray for the World and the Church

Please stand.

Prayers for Ourselves and Others *Please stand.*

Officiant: Let us pray for ourselves and others.

Leader 1: We pray for all who work through the power of Christ, serving the needs of the poor and healing the wounds of injustice, division and materialism in our society.

Officiant: God of new life,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader 2: We pray for the elderly, the sick and the lonely among us: that they may receive comfort, companionship and care from those around them.

Officiant: God of new life,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader 1: We pray that those who have been persecuted or seriously wronged by others may experience warmth and love with Christ, and be able to forgive those who have hurt them.

Officiant: God of new life,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader 2: We pray that when we are discouraged, we may find strength in the signs of a loving and faithful God in those around us, and the joy of the Holy Spirit within us.

Officiant: God of new life,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader 1: We pray for those whom we love but see no longer, those who have gone beyond the veil of this mortal life, that their souls and the souls of all the departed may rest in peace.

Officiant: God of new life,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader 2: We pray for all who have asked for our prayers and for those who have no one to pray for them.

Officiant: God of new life,

All: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: Great Spirit God, we give you thanks for another day on this earth. We give you thanks for this day to enjoy the compassionate goodness of you, our Creator. We acknowledge with one mind our respect and gratefulness to all the sacred cycle of life. Bind us together in the circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and one another. **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

"Bless the Lord, my soul"

Taize

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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 are far off and to those who are 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
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

"There is a longing"

Anne Quigley

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.

There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, O God.

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, 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 your hands across your chest.

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.

The Blessing

And now may the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Go into the World

Hymn 657: "Love Divine, all loves excelling"

Hyfrydol

The Dismissal

Officiant: Go into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor everyone, love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Acknowledgments

The Opening Reading by May Oliver. 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
stgeorgesepiscopal.net

Worshipalooza!

Training Day on August 27

All who currently serve as worship volunteers on Sundays – or those interested in volunteering – are invited to a special training day called Worshipalooza! on Saturday, August 27. All are invited to lunch at noon – which will be served outside. Please call the church office (540.373.4133) to RSVP.

Here is the schedule for training:

9 am: Altar Guild – Nave

10 am: Greeters and Ushers (Greeters done early) – Sydnor

11 am: Lectors / Intercessors – Nave

12 pm: Lunch (all invited! Please RSVP to the church office) – Sydnor

1 pm: LEMs and Liturgical Coordinators (Nave)

2 pm: Liturgical Coordinators (continued)

3 pm: Acolytes - Nave

Today's Altar Arrangement:

is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her sister, Wildoran R. Gaythwaite, her brother, Myles W. H. Gaythwaite, her father, Myles Gaythwaite, and her mother, Doris M. Gaythwaite. by Dr. and Mrs. Andre Eglevsky

Now Hiring

We are now hiring three positions to join our ministry staff at St. George's: a part-time Children, Youth, and Families Ministries Assistant, part-time Ministry Assistant, and a full-time Director of Mission and Evangelism. Please share these opportunities with people you know who may be interested. And, please join us in praying for those God is calling to join our staff ministry team. Read the job descriptions and information on applying on our website StGeorgesEpiscopal.net.

Play, Pray, and Wonder – Exploring Children's Spirituality

All are invited to learn more about children's spirituality in three special events, led by our Associate Priest, the Rev. Dr. Rosemary Beales.

Join Rev. Rosemary *today* and on **Sunday August 21** in Sydnor Hall following the 10 am worship service (around 11 am) for a discussion on children's spirituality. No registration is required. Childcare will be available in the nursery (0 - 4 years old). No previous experience with children is required to enjoy these information sessions.

On Saturday, August 20: 10 am - 12 pm, Youth Floor, Rev. Rosemary is hosting a Children's Formation Planning Session for the upcoming program year. All who have volunteered in the past and anyone interested in helping are welcome to attend. Please register to attend.

Back to School Sunday



Back to School Sunday – August 14

Calling teachers and students of all ages! Sunday, August 14 is Back to School Sunday with a special Backpack Blessing during the 10 am service.

Bring your backpack or laptop bag for a blessing during our worship service.

Fellowship time with popsicles and lemonade in Market Square will follow the worship service.

St. George's Prayer List

For the most up-to-date list of prayers and thanksgivings, please sign up to receive our email prayer list: bit.ly/stgenews.

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, 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, and Riley; and for our Vestry.

Pray for those expecting babies:

Matthew and Leilani Blose; Bryan and Lorie Coker O'Neal; Peyton and Philip Carter

Pray for those recently born:

Pray for those who have died:

Charles "Dick" Richardson, father of Tami Morello; Tom Schaible, brother of Karen Pierce; Jack Young, brother of Allyn Young; Julie Quinn, aunt of Caroline Pritchard; *Dennis Martin*; *Richard Hall, cousin of Diane Powell*

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.

St. George's Prayer List

"Prayer is powerful"
James 5:16

Pray for those serving our country overseas:

Ian Patrick Hume, Matthew Martinez, Jeff Bryant

Pray for homebound parishioners:

Bill Poole, Betty Stephens

Pray for those in rehabilitation or in convalescence:

Al Sharp, Dottie Davis, Pastor Mike Byrd, Mathew Cadwallender, Linda Wollesen, Marcella Holland, Melissa Mooney, Susan Hall, *Jay Landis*

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, Alice-Cole Reynolds, John Vaaler and Mina Sabik, Scott Boyd, Maddie Stroud and Lydia Bryant, Austin Reeder, Janet Scherer, Maureen Friedheim, Pat McNeill, Kathleen Poole, John Lesser, Doug Hardy, Reed Creaser, *Linda Martin*

For our seminarian: Kris Boyd

Pray for: St. George's Preschool.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray

for: Ushers, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Readers

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray

for: The Church of the Province of the West Indies

Pray for: 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 Little Roses - Honduras

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@stgeorgesepiscopal.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 This Sunday

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

Officiant:

Kitty Lee Wafle

Candle Set up:

Marilyn Farrington

Sharon Null

Reader:

Ben Wafle

Greeter:

Marilyn Farrington

Sharon Null

Usher:

Mark Jones

Prayer Readers:

Anne Thaxter

Sandy Kenyon

Musicians:

Caroline Pritchard, voice and violin

Stu Whitford, guitar

Achim Loch, piano

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