



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

Celtic Evensong
with
Holy Communion

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 2022 at 5:30 pm

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

Welcome to St. George's!

View Our Complete Weekly
Worship Schedule on our Website:
StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/worship

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, we are glad you are here. We hope you will find comfort in the beauty of the worship and encouragement in your personal faith journey.

New to St. George's?

Thank you for joining us today!

You can use this bulletin to follow along with the worship service. We use liturgies from the red *Book of Common Prayer*. Hymns are from the blue *Hymnal 1982* and green *Wonder, Love, and Praise*. All are located in your pew. Watch fellow worshippers for when to stand or sit, and please only do what is comfortable for you.

We'd love to get to know you and help get you connected with our parish ministries, formation, and fellowship groups.



Visit StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/connect or scan the QR code and we'll be in touch. You can also fill out the Newcomer Card in your pew and drop it in the offering plate.

Our rector (lead priest), Rev. Joe Hensley, would welcome the chance to speak with you. Please introduce yourself after the worship service. You can also contact him at: joe.hensley@stgeorgesepiscopal.net

Thank You for Your Generous Gifts!

Your financial gifts fund our ministries so we may show the Love of God to all. This month your gifts have helped:

- Host Priestly Ordinations for the Diocese of Virginia
- Develop our Master Plan to make our buildings more accessible and open to all in love



You can make a financial gift:

- **In-person:** place gift in collection plate in the aisle.
- **Online - one-time or recurring:** StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/giving. Or scan the QR code.
- **Text:** 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:
P.O. Box 7127
Fredericksburg, VA 22404 Thank you!

Formation for All Ages: Sundays at 10 am

One way we explore our spirituality is through learning - be it presentations, reading, or even talking with one another during coffee hour.

Why not join us and see for yourself?

Nursery with Amy and Ballu

Nursery care is available for little ones ages 0 - 4 years old during the 9 am and 11:15 am worship services and the 10 am formation hour. Please see an usher for directions to the nursery.

Children

Montessori-based faith exploration
Age 3 - K: Godly Play, a Montessori-based program of stories, wondering, and expressive art or play. In the Godly Play room of the Preschool floor.

Grades 1 - 2: Seasons of the Spirit, an interdenominational program that follows the same schedule of readings used in church, with age-appropriate story and crafts. In the large Preschool room

Grades 3 - 5: Seasons of the Spirit, adapted for older children. In the Youth area on the 3rd floor.

View staff directory on our website:
StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/staff
Or call the church office: 540.373.4133

Youth

An inclusive, welcoming community
Youth Café: Middle schoolers and high schoolers meet up with adult leaders in the small side of Sydnor. We travel in two groups to nearby cafés or rooms in the church for conversation and are back by 11 am.

Youth Group meets for fellowship
5 - 7 pm Sundays on the Youth Floor

Adults

Forum presentation in Sydnor Hall
Sarah Perry and Brad Smith share what's next for Downtown Greens - one of our community partners.

Questions about formation offerings?

General inquiries:
Church Office - 540.373.4133
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Children: age 3 - 5th grade
Rev. Dr. Rosemary Beales
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Young Adults: age 18 - 45
Rev. Ethan Lowery
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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: "What does light talk about?"

St. Thomas Aquinas

"When you recognize her beauty,
the eye applauds, the heart stands in ovation,
and the tongue when she is near
is on its best behavior
it speaks more like light.
What does the light talk about?
I asked a plant that once,
It said, "I am not sure,
but it makes me
grow."

Hymn 686: "Come thou fount of every blessing"

Nettleton

Gather in God's Name

A Prayer for the Evening

Officiant: For the quiet which surrounds us

All: For the peace you promise to us

Officiant: For the stillness in our bodies

All: For the hope within our souls

Thanks be to you, O God.

Officiant: Loving God, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the Breaking of Bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

From Book of Common Prayer, Evening Prayer, p 124

Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The Reading from the Gospel

Luke 16:19 - 31

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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.

the Rev. Dr. Rosemary Beales

Music for Meditation

Pray for the World and the Church

Please stand.

Prayers for Ourselves and Others *Please stand.*

Officiant: Almighty God, you promise to hear us when we pray in Jesus' name. Therefore in confidence we lift up our prayers for ourselves and others.

Leader 1: We pray for those who work through the power of Christ, all who serve others, and all who proclaim justice.

Officiant: God of new life,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader 2: We pray for those who are sick, who are alone, who seek after you; may your Spirit enfold them, and encourage us to offer our care.

Officiant: God of new life,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader 1: We pray for the earth, your Creation, that we might love and serve it as much as it loves and serves us.

Officiant: God of new life,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader 2: We pray for those who have been asked to forgive, and we pray for those who need our forgiveness.

Officiant: God of new life,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader 1: We pray for those whom we love but see no longer; that angels may guide us all into the paths of peace.

Officiant: God of new life,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader 2: We pray to those new to us, and those long known to us; may we grow into the people you long for us to be.

Officiant: God of new life,

All: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: Spirit of God, you have given us grace to lift our common prayer to you; hear now our own prayers in the quiet of our hearts and in the light of candles, and help us hear your promised answer. **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

"O Lord, hear my prayer"

Taize

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me.

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,

Come and listen to me.

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.

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 highest heaven.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our God.

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

The Celebrant proceeds:

We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ. Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea, and sky, we sing to you.

With the angels of light who envelop us, with all the saints before and beside us, with brothers, sisters, and siblings east and west, we sing to you. And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

Sanctus WLP 850

Jonathan Dimmock

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, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest, the highest.

The Celebrant proceeds:

Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.

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."

Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing, and make us whole.

And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world.

All this we ask through Jesus, our brother: 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

"O Risen Lord"

Ralph R. Stewart

all echo the cantor

O risen Lord, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

O risen Lord, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

**O risen Lord, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

Celebrant: This is the table, not simply 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 God's will that you should meet Love here.

All are welcome at St. George's to receive communion. Please come forward and receive the bread with your hands over each other, palms up. You may then receive the wine if you wish, by taking a sip or intincting (dipping). If you require a gluten free wafer, please hold out your hands palms down or make your need known. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms over your chest. After, please return to your pew by the side aisle.

Music during Communion

After Communion

Please stand.

Blessed be God who calls us together.

Praise to God who makes us one people.

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Blessed be God who alone has called us.

Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

Accept our thanks for all you have done.

Our hands were empty, and you filled them.

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; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Holy, Blessed, and Undivided Trinity, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go into the World

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

Dunedin

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 St. Thomas Aquinas. Worship materials gratefully reproduced from *Iona Community Worship Book* (2001), *Book of Common Prayer* (1979), *A New Zealand Prayer Book* (1997), and *Enriching Our Worship* (1998).

Announcements

For the latest news and events,
sign up for our weekly e-newsletter,
The St. Georgian:
StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/enews

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

As we transition back to our program year schedule, we want to bring back regular coffee hour fellowship. Please contact Jan Meredith (jan.meredith@stgeorgesepiscopal.net) to help with this ministry of hospitality.

Sign up for 3PinF - Parish Prayer Partners in Fall

Our rector, Joe has called the parish to strengthen our net of relationships and invited us all to consider becoming prayer partners as a Fall practice. We will assign someone for whom you will pray. Meanwhile, someone else will be praying for you. You can participate as an individual or with others in your household. The identity of the partners remains secret until a revealing event shortly after the season ends. Each week you will receive an email with encouragement and ways to pray. This season of prayer partners will run from Oct. 10 - Nov. 26. To sign up, contact Jan Meredith by Oct. 2.

Today's Altar Arrangement:

is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cynthia Freeman Branscome by Ginnie and Jim Branscome.

Sunday School and Youth Group Registration

We have resumed resume Sunday School and Youth Group. We ask that parents / guardians register children and youth each year so we have current contact information on file. Please see the sign-up links in the St. Georgian e-newsletter or contact the office 540.373.4133.

Godly Play Training

Telling the stories of our faith to our youngest members can deepen your own spirituality as you grow alongside our children. Learn more about this transformative method at a training session on Oct. 2 at 11 am in the new Godly Play room on the Preschool floor. The training will be led by the Rev. Dr. Rosemary Beales, a certified Godly Play trainer and practitioner. Lunch provided. Please RSVP to Rev. Rosemary (rosemary@stgeorgesepiscopal.net).

Avis Harris ECW Fall Kick Off

Avis Harris ECW invites current and prospective members to a fall kick-off meeting on Wednesday, September 28 in Sydnor Hall. Join us for fellowship at 5:30 pm followed by a business meeting and preview of upcoming programs and service opportunities. ECW membership is open to women of all ages, and we look forward to welcoming new members. For inquiries, contact Vicki Lewis at vlewis007@verizon.net.

St. George's Prayer List

For the most up-to-date list of prayers and thanksgivings, sign up to receive our email prayer list: StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/signup

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 to office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net.

Names remain on the list for 1 month.

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, Michael, and Riley; and for our Vestry.

Those expecting babies:

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

Those recently born:

Those who have died:

Dick Hu, father of Stephen Hu; Lisa Peebles-Chagnon

Those serving our country overseas:

Matthew Martinez, Jeff Bryant

Those attending seminary:

Kris Rose (formerly Boyd)

Those homebound:

Bill Poole, Betty Stephens

Those in convalescence:

Al Sharp, Phyllis Poppen, Beryl Harrison, *Elizabeth Delgado Carpio*

Those with ongoing concerns:

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

Those needing God's grace:

John Vaaler and Mina Sabik, Maddie Stroud and Lydia Bryant, Reed Creaser, Bryce Doxzon, JT Moriarty, Dea Vermilya and family, Paris Swisher, Pat and Jim Davis, Henry, Magdalena Lovejoy, Linda Wollesen, *Lillie*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

La Iglesia de Cristo Rey, Arlington; La Iglesia de San Jose; Arlington; Little Fork, Rixeyville; The Falls Church, Falls Church

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Our Partners: St. George's Episcopal Preschool; 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

If you have a pastoral emergency (e.g. death, hospitalization, loss of job), please text or call 540.361.8573 to reach the clergy. For other pastoral support, feel free to contact clergy directly or one of our lay leaders through the office.

Serving This Sunday

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

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the Rev. Dr. Rosemary Beales

Officiant:

Marilyn Farrington

Chalice Bearer:

Marilyn Farrington

Reader:

Jack Farrington

Greeters

Gina Moriarty

Usher:

Jack Farrington

Prayers:

Musicians:

Michael Cooper-Smyth, tin whistle

Jon Bachman, guitar

Laurel Loch, voice

Achim Loch, piano

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